

FOOT CLAIMS

FOOT C&P EXAMINATION GUIDE

An orthopedic blueprint for service connection, examination evidence, functional loss, and the current rating schedule.

STRUCTURAL FIELD REFERENCE

FOUR POINTS TO UNDERSTAND

DIAGNOSIS

IDENTIFY EACH FOOT CONDITION

Do not let flatfoot, plantar fasciitis, hallux valgus, and injury residuals collapse into one label.

SIDE

REPORT LEFT, RIGHT, OR BOTH

Laterality is built directly into several foot rating criteria.

TREATMENT

EXPLAIN RESPONSE TO SUPPORTS

State what orthotics, shoes, therapy, injections, and surgery changed or failed to change.

FUNCTION

DESCRIBE LOAD-BEARING LIMITS

Document standing, walking, running, stairs, balance, footwear, work, and flare-related limits.

Use the regulation in effect for the rating period. Measure functional loss accurately, keep distinct manifestations separate, and avoid compensating the same symptom twice.