

KNEE CLAIMS

KNEE EVIDENCE GUIDE

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

STRUCTURAL FIELD REFERENCE

FOUR POINTS TO UNDERSTAND

ROM

RANGE OF MOTION IN DEGREES

Record flexion and extension, pain onset, repeated-use results, and estimated flare loss.

STABILITY

STRUCTURE AND PRESCRIPTIONS

Document ligament or patellar diagnosis, surgery, recurrent instability, and provider-prescribed devices.

MENISCUS

LOCKING, PAIN, EFFUSION

Use imaging, surgical records, examination findings, and a contemporaneous symptom log.

NEXUS

SERVICE OR SECONDARY LINK

A medical opinion should address injury history, gait, the opposite limb, and other medically relevant causes.

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