

KNEE CLAIMS

KNEE REPLACEMENT RATING GUIDE

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



STRUCTURAL FIELD REFERENCE

FOUR POINTS TO UNDERSTAND

5055

IDENTIFY THE PROCEDURE AND DATE

Total replacement and resurfacing have specific post-procedure rules and timing.

RESIDUAL

RATE CHRONIC RESIDUALS

Severe painful motion, weakness, and intermediate residuals require different analyses.

HISTORY

PRESERVE OPERATIVE RECORDS

Surgical reports, follow-up visits, rehabilitation, devices, and residual limitations matter.

OTHER

CHECK DISTINCT RESIDUALS

Scars, instability, or other manifestations may require separate analysis without pyramiding.

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