



KNEE CLAIMS

KNEE 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

HISTORY

REPORT THE LONGITUDINAL PATTERN

Explain onset, treatment, surgery, instability, devices, falls, and progression.

MOTION

EXPECT MEASURED TESTING

The report should record flexion, extension, pain, repetition, and applicable Correia testing.

FLARE

DESCRIBE WORST-DAY FUNCTION

Give frequency, duration, triggers, and the additional motion or activity lost.

CHECK

REVIEW EVERY KNEE DOMAIN

Confirm stability, meniscus, replacement, ankylosis, assistive devices, and occupational impact were addressed.

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

