



KNEE CLAIMS

MENISCUS AND SEPARATE KNEE RATINGS

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

STRUCTURAL FIELD REFERENCE

FOUR POINTS TO UNDERSTAND

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DISLOCATED MENISCUS: 20 PERCENT

Requires frequent episodes of locking, pain, and effusion into the joint.

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SYMPTOMATIC REMOVAL: 10 PERCENT

Applies after removal of semilunar cartilage when residual symptoms remain.

STACK

DISTINCT SYMPTOMS MAY BE SEPARATE

Meniscal, instability, flexion, and extension ratings can coexist when manifestations do not overlap.

LIMIT

NO DUPLICATE COMPENSATION

The same pain or functional loss cannot be counted under multiple codes.

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

