



KNEE CLAIMS

PAINFUL MOTION AND KNEE FLARE-UPS

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



STRUCTURAL FIELD REFERENCE

FOUR POINTS TO UNDERSTAND

4.59

PAINFUL MOTION

Section 4.59 can support at least the minimum compensable joint rating when its requirements are met.

SHARP

ESTIMATE FLARE-RELATED LOSS

An examiner should use available information, including lay reports, to estimate additional loss during flare-ups when feasible.

CORREIA

TEST MOTION CORRECTLY

Joint testing should address active, passive, weight-bearing, and non-weight-bearing motion when possible.

DETAIL

FREQUENCY, DURATION, SEVERITY

Describe what changes during repeated use and flare-ups, not only pain on the examination day.

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

