

California Workers Compensation Impairment & Disability Rating Specialists

Lower Extremities Guide to Appropriate Combination of Evaluation Methods – AMA Guides, Table 17-2, pg. 526

Open boxes indicate impairment derived from these methods can be combined at the lower extremity level.

**X = Do Not Use these methods together for evaluating (calculating) a single impairment.**

0 = See Specific Instructions for Complex Regional Pain Syndromes (CRPS) of the Lower Extremities.

Evaluation Methods ↓↔	Amputation	Arthritis	CRPS	DBE	Hip / Knee Replacement	Gait Derangement	Limb Length Discrepancy	Muscle Atrophy	Muscle Strength	PND Motor	PND Sensory	ROM Ankylosis	Skin Loss	Vascular	Excess Pain
Amputation Sec 17.2i, p 545						X	X	X	X						
Arthritis Sec 17.2h, p 544						X		X	X			X			
(CRPS) Complex Regional Pain Syndromes Sec 17.2m, p 553						X		X	0	X	X	0		X	X
(DBE) Diagnosis Based Sec 17.2j, p 545 Table 17-33, p 546						X		X	X			X			
(DBE) Hip / Knee Replacement Tables 17-34 & 17-35, pgs 548-549						X		X	X			X			X
Gait Derangement Sec 17.2c, p 529	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Limb Length Discrepancy Sec 17.2b, p 528	X					X									
Muscle Atrophy Sec 17.2d, p 530	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X			
Muscle Strength Sec 17.2e, p 531	X	X	0	X	X	X		X		X	X	X			X
Peripheral Nerve Injury (PND) Motor Loss Sec 17.2L, p 550			X			X		X	X						
(PND) Sensory Table 17-37, p 552			X			X		X	X						X
ROM Sec 17.2f, p 533 Ankylosis Sec 17.2g, p 538		X	0	X	X	X		X	X						
Skin Loss / Osteomyelitis Sec 17.2k, p 550						X									
Vascular Sec 17.2n, p 552			X			X									
Excess Pain Chap 18 & 05PDRS			X		X	X			X		X				