

Media Report 15 JULY 2022

This weeks media reports will cover and answer great questions veterans are still asking and local Media Articles and An illness or injury can have an impact on your ability to adjust to life after service. We all need healthcare services. The Treatment benefits program provides coverage for a variety of benefits and services to help you get—and stay healthy.

Federal apology today for racism faced by all-Black Canadian unit in First World War

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/maple-leaf/defence/2022/06/no2-construction-battalion-national-apology-event.html>

Determining Impairment Assessments of Musculoskeletal Lower Limb Conditions

Selection of Tables

The tables that may be used to rate impairment from musculoskeletal lower limb conditions are:

Table	Loss of Function	Other Impairment
Table 17.9	Loss of Function - Lower Limbs	This table is used to rate impairment from musculoskeletal conditions which impact on the function of the lower limbs as a whole.
Table 17.10	Loss of Function - Lower Limb - Hip	This table is used to rate impairment from musculoskeletal conditions affecting the active range of motion of the hip.
Table 17.11	Loss of Function - Lower Limb - Knee	This table is used to rate impairment from musculoskeletal conditions affecting the active range of motion of the knee.
Table 17.12	Loss of Function - Lower Limb - Ankle	This table is used to rate impairment from musculoskeletal conditions affecting the active range of motion of the ankle.
Table 17.13	Loss of Function - Lower Limb - Feet and Toes	This table is used to rate impairment from musculoskeletal conditions of the feet and toes.
Table 17.14	Other Impairment - Fractures of Lower Limbs	This table is used to rate impairment from fractures of the lower limbs.
Table 17.15	Other Impairment - Lower Limb - Amputations	This table is used to rate impairment from lower limb amputations.
Table 17.16	Other Impairment - Osteomyelitis - Lower Limbs	This table is used to rate impairment from osteomyelitis of the lower limbs.
Chart 3	Optimal Position of Joint Ankylosis - Lower Limbs	This chart provides values for the optimal position of an ankylosed joint of the lower limb.
Chart 4	Average Range of Joint	This chart provides values for the average range of

Motion - Lower Limb motion of specific joints of the lower limb.

Loss of Function - Lower Limb

[Table 17.9](#) provides criteria for evaluating the ability to use the lower limbs as a functional unit for performing every day activities such as walking and standing. Only one rating may be selected for the lower limbs as a unit. If more than one rating is applicable, the ratings are compared and the highest selected.

This table is used to rate specific conditions which include the following:

- brain injury or disease which affects the function of one or both lower limb(s)
- spinal cord injury or disease which affects the function of one or both lower limb(s)
- complex regional pain syndromes Type 1 and Type 2 of the lower limb(s)
- compartment syndrome of the lower limb(s)
- peripheral neurological conditions affecting the lower limb(s) which are not rated from [Table 20.5](#) contained within [Chapter 20](#), Neurological Impairment.

In cases of spinal cord injury or disease, refer to the instructions provided in the introduction of this chapter.

If more than one condition of the lower limb(s) is to be rated from [Table 17.9](#), the conditions are bracketed for assessment purposes.

When entitled lower limb conditions result in permanent impairment of other organ systems, a consequential entitlement decision is required. If awarded, the resulting impairment of that organ system(s) will be rated using the applicable body system specific table(s).

If non-entitled conditions or conditions rated within another chapter/table of the Table of Disabilities are contributing to the overall impairment, then the PCT must be applied to arrive at the rating which is due to the entitled condition(s) rated within this table.

Loss of Function - Lower Limb - Hip

[Table 17.10](#) is used to rate impairment from musculoskeletal conditions of the hip. Only one rating may be selected for each hip. If more than one rating is applicable, the ratings are compared and the highest selected.

If more than one hip condition of the same limb is to be rated from [Table 17.10](#), the conditions are bracketed for assessment purposes.

When entitled lower limb hip conditions result in permanent impairment of other organ systems, a consequential entitlement decision is required. If awarded, the resulting impairment of that organ system(s) will be rated using the applicable body system specific table(s).

If non-entitled conditions or conditions rated within another chapter/table of the Table of Disabilities are contributing to the overall impairment, then the PCT must be applied to arrive at the rating which is due to the entitled condition(s) rated within this table.

Loss of Function - Lower Limb - Knee

[Table 17.11](#) is used to rate impairment from musculoskeletal conditions of the knee. Only one rating may be selected for each knee. If more than one rating is applicable, the ratings are compared and the highest selected.

If more than one knee condition of the same limb is to be rated from [Table 17.11](#), the conditions are bracketed for assessment purposes.

When entitled lower limb knee conditions result in permanent impairment of other organ systems, a consequential entitlement decision is required. If awarded, the resulting impairment of that organ system(s) will be rated using the applicable body system specific table(s).

If non-entitled conditions or conditions rated within another chapter/table of the Table of Disabilities are contributing to the overall impairment, then the PCT must be applied to arrive at the rating which is due to the entitled condition(s) rated within this table.

Loss of Function - Lower Limb - Ankle

[Table 17.12](#) is used to rate impairment from musculoskeletal conditions of the ankle. Only one rating may be selected for each ankle. If more than one rating is applicable, the ratings are compared and the highest selected.

If more than one ankle condition of the same limb is to be rated from [Table 17.12](#), the conditions are bracketed for assessment purposes.

When entitled lower limb ankle conditions result in permanent impairment of other organ systems, a consequential entitlement decision is required. If awarded, the resulting impairment of that organ system(s) will be rated using the applicable body system specific table(s).

If non-entitled conditions or conditions rated within another chapter/table of the Table of Disabilities are contributing to the overall impairment, then the PCT must be applied to arrive at the rating which is due to the entitled condition(s) rated within this table.

Loss of Function - Lower Limb - Feet and Toes

[Table 17.13](#) is used to rate impairment from musculoskeletal conditions of the feet and toes. Only one rating may be selected **for each foot** from [Table 17.13](#).

If more than one rating is applicable, the ratings are compared and the highest selected.

If more than one foot and/or toe condition of the same limb is to be rated from [Table 17.13](#), the conditions are bracketed for assessment purposes.

When entitled lower limb feet and toe conditions result in permanent impairment of other organ systems, a consequential entitlement decision is required. If awarded, the resulting impairment of that organ system(s) will be rated using the applicable body system specific table(s).

If non-entitled conditions or conditions rated within another chapter/table of the Table of Disabilities are contributing to the overall impairment, then the PCT must be applied to arrive at the rating which is due to the entitled condition(s) rated within this table.

Other Impairment - Fractures of Lower Limbs

[Table 17.14](#) is used to rate impairment from fractures of the lower limbs. One rating may be selected for each entitled condition. If more than one rating is applicable for an entitled condition, the ratings are compared and the highest selected.

If a fracture is intra-articular, the applicable joint table is also used to rate the impairment.

When entitled fractures of the lower limbs result in permanent impairment of other organ systems, a consequential entitlement decision is required. If awarded, the resulting impairment of that organ system(s) will be rated using the applicable body system specific table(s).

If non-entitled conditions or conditions rated within another chapter/table of the Table of Disabilities are contributing to the overall impairment, then the PCT must be applied to arrive at the rating which is due to the entitled condition(s) rated within this table.

Other Impairment - Lower Limb - Amputations

[Table 17.15](#) is used to rate impairment from lower limb amputations. All lower limb amputations regardless of the cause (e.g. vascular, trauma, or infection), are rated from this table. Only one rating may be selected for each lower limb from [Table 17.15](#). If more than one rating is applicable, the ratings are compared and the highest selected.

When previously entitled conditions are later removed by a newly entitled amputation, the new rating is based on [Table 17.15](#) - Other Impairment - Lower Limb - Amputations. However, in rare cases, if there is more than one entitled condition of a lower limb, the sum of the ratings could be higher than the amputation rating. In these cases, the ratings for the previously entitled conditions that applied immediately prior to the amputation are to be maintained. When entitled lower limb amputations result in permanent impairment of other organ systems, a consequential entitlement decision is required. If awarded, the resulting impairment of that organ system(s) will be rated using the applicable body system specific table(s).

When a non-entitled amputation removes a previously entitled condition(s), the rating for the entitled condition(s) that applied immediately prior to the amputation is to be maintained.

If non-entitled conditions or conditions rated within another chapter/table of the Table of Disabilities are contributing to the overall impairment, then the PCT must be applied to arrive at the rating which is due to the entitled condition(s) rated within this table.

Other Impairment - Osteomyelitis - Lower Limbs

Table 17.16 is used to rate impairment from osteomyelitis of the lower limbs. One rating may be selected for each area of osteomyelitis. If more than one rating is applicable for an area, the ratings are compared and the highest selected.

When entitled osteomyelitis of the lower limbs result in permanent impairment of other organ systems, a consequential entitlement decision is required. If awarded, the resulting impairment of that organ system(s) will be rated using the applicable body system specific table(s).

If non-entitled conditions or conditions rated within another chapter/table of the Table of Disabilities are contributing to the overall impairment, then the PCT must be applied to arrive at the rating which is due to the entitled condition(s) rated within this table.

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As the enhanced Forward Presence (eFP) Latvia framework nation (FN), Canada's contribution to the security of the Baltic Nations and Poland (3B +P) goes well beyond regional troop commitments. Canada is committed to investing in key infrastructure requirement that will greatly benefit eFP Latvia's operations, thus increasing deterrence. Those investments aimed at infrastructure improvements are implemented at the Latvian base, Camp Ādaži, where the eFP is stationed

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