

THE KNEE AND LEG

	Rating
5256 Ankylosis of knee:	
Ankylosed in more than 45 degrees of flexion	60
Ankylosed in flexion, between 21 and 45 degrees	50
Ankylosed in flexion, between 11 and 20 degrees	40
Ankylosed in full extension, or in flexion between zero and 10 degrees	30
5257 Knee instability:	
Documented instability that is not correctable by bracing and that interferes with activities of daily living	30
Documented instability that is correctable by bracing, but that interferes at times with activities of daily living and prevents activities such as running and jumping	20
Documented instability that is correctable by bracing and that does not interfere with activities of daily living, but at times may interfere with activities such as running and jumping	10
Note: Combine with an evaluation for pain (under § 4.59) when appropriate.	
5258 Injury of meniscus (semilunar cartilage) of knee (pre- or post-operatively):	
With episodes of giving way, locking, or joint effusion that interfere at times with activities of daily living and prevent activities such as running and jumping	20
With episodes of giving way, locking, or joint effusion that do not interfere with activities of daily living, but that at times interfere with activities such as running and jumping	10
Alternatively, depending on the specific findings, evaluate based on instability, degenerative arthritis, etc., under the appropriate diagnostic code.	
Note: Combine an evaluation under diagnostic code 5258 with an evaluation for pain (under § 4.59) when appropriate.	
5260 Limitation of flexion of knee (normal full flexion is 140 degrees):	
Flexion limited to 30 degrees	30
Flexion limited to 60 degrees	20
Flexion limited to 90 degrees	10
5261 Limitation of extension of knee (normal full extension is zero degrees):	
Extension is limited to more than minus 30 degrees (lacks more than 30 degrees of full extension)	50
Extension is limited to between minus 16 and 30 degrees (lacks 16 to 30 degrees of full extension)	30
Extension is limited to between minus 5 and 15 degrees (lacks 5 to 15 degrees of full extension)	10
5262 Nonunion or malunion of fracture of tibia or fibula:	
Nonunion, with loose motion, requiring brace	40
Asymptomatic nonunion	30
Symptomatic malunion with either more than 10 degrees of angulation in the varus-valgus plane or more than 15 degrees of angulation in the anterior-posterior plane	20
Symptomatic malunion with neither more than 10 degrees of angulation in the varus-valgus plane nor more than 15 degrees of angulation in the anterior-posterior plane	10
5265 Aseptic necrosis (or avascular necrosis or osteonecrosis) of the femoral head:	
With collapse of the femoral head, and requiring constant ambulatory support	60
With collapse of the femoral head, and requiring intermittent ambulatory support	40
Without collapse of the femoral head	10
Note: Combine an evaluation under diagnostic code 5265 with an evaluation of pain under § 4.59 when appropriate. Alternatively, evaluate as limitation of motion of the hip, combined with an evaluation for pain under § 4.59 when appropriate, if that would result in a higher evaluation.	
5266 Patellar fracture and instability:	
Symptomatic nonunion of fracture of patella; or patellectomy; or recurrent patellar dislocation occurring six or more times during the past 12-month period	30
Patellofemoral subluxation (partial or incomplete dislocation of the patella) occurring three or more times per month during the past 12-month period; or recurrent patellar dislocation occurring three to five times during the past 12-month period ..	20
Patellofemoral subluxation occurring one to two times per month during the past 12-month period; or recurrent patellar dislocation occurring one or two times during the past 12-month period	10
Note: The evaluation criteria for diagnostic code 5266 encompass pain, so a separate evaluation for pain under § 4.59 is not warranted.	
5267 Patellofemoral pain syndrome (chondromalacia of patella, retropatellar pain syndrome, patellofemoral syndrome):	
Evaluate based on pain under § 4.59.	

THE ANKLE

	Rating
5270 Ankylosis of the ankle:	
Ankylosed in more than 40 degrees of plantar flexion; or ankylosed in more than 10 degrees of dorsiflexion; or ankylosed with abduction, adduction, inversion or eversion deformity	40
Ankylosed in 30 to 40 degrees of plantar flexion; or ankylosed in zero to 10 degrees of dorsiflexion	30
Ankylosed in less than 30 degrees of plantar flexion	20
5271 Limitation of motion of the ankle:	
Less than 5 degrees passive dorsiflexion; or less than 10 degrees passive plantar flexion	20
Less than 15 degrees passive dorsiflexion; or less than 30 degrees passive plantar flexion	10
5272 Ankylosis of subtalar or tarsal joint:	
In poor weightbearing position (not in plantograde position)	20
In good weightbearing position (no varus, no valgus)	10
5273 Malunion of calcaneus (os calcis) or talus:	
Deformity of the talocalcaneal joint or spreading of the calcaneus deforming the weightbearing surface of the heel	30