

Ortho AME Summary and PD Worksheet

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AME Information

Specialty	Orthopedic Surgery
Evaluator	David Chen, MD
Role	Agreed Medical Evaluator (orthopedics) for applicant and defense.
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Report Date	06/20/2025

Body Part Findings and Causation

Body Part	AME Opinion
Lumbar spine	Industrial lumbar strain superimposed on pre-existing degenerative disc disease and prior 2018 industrial injury.
Left knee	Industrial medial meniscus tear with arthroscopic partial meniscectomy; ongoing mild symptoms.
Left hip	Industrial strain largely resolved by MMI with no ratable impairment.
Right shoulder	At most a temporary strain related to bracing; resolved by the time of evaluation; no ratable industrial impairment.

Apportionment Summary

Body Area	Industrial %	Pre-existing / Prior Claim %	Notes
Lumbar spine	70%	30%	Thirty percent attributed to prior 2018 industrial lumbar claim and underlying degenerative changes.
Left knee	100%	0%	No prior industrial left knee injury documented.

Impairment Estimates (Simulated)

Body Area	Approx. WPI Before Apportionment	After Apportionment	Comments
Lumbar spine	8% WPI	Approximately 5–6% WPI	Reduced by 30% to account for prior industrial injury and degenerative disc disease.
Left knee	6% WPI	6% WPI	Residual pain and functional limits after partial medial meniscectomy.
Combined	Approx. 13–14% WPI	Approx. low-teens WPI	Consistent with internal estimate of low-to-mid-teens permanent disability.

PD Rating Worksheet (Internal Estimate)

Combined WPI (post-apportionment)	Low-teens range.
Estimated PD % Range	Mid-teens permanent disability used for reserving and PD advances.
PD Rate	\$290.00 per week.
Future Medical	Open for lumbar spine and left knee; left hip resolved; right shoulder not industrial.