

Typically, one method will adequately characterize the impairment and its impact on the ability to perform ADL. In some cases, however, more than one method needs to be used to accurately assess all features of the impairment. When more than one rating method is used, the individual impairment ratings are combined using the Combined Values Chart (p. 604).

Avoid combining methods that rate the same condition. Selecting the optimal approach or combining several methods requires judgment and experience. A careful examination and review of supporting material is essential to produce accurate and consistent results. If more than one method can be used, the method that provides the higher rating should be adopted.

17.2a Converting From Lower Extremity to Whole Person Impairment

To make this chapter easier to use, the tables in this chapter show the impairment percentages of the whole person, the lower extremity, and the specific lower extremity part together. The whole person impairments are not in parentheses; the lower limb impairment percents are in parentheses (); and, when applicable, the specific part impairments are in brackets []. To calculate the lower extremity impairment percent from a specific part impairment percent (eg, foot), multiply by 0.7. To calculate whole person impairment from a lower extremity impairment, multiply by 0.4. These values are shown in Table 17-3.

Table 17-3 Whole Person Impairment Values Calculated From Lower Extremity Impairment

% Impairment of		% Impairment of		% Impairment of	
Lower Extremity	Whole Person	Lower Extremity	Whole Person	Lower Extremity	Whole Person
0 = 0		34 = 14		68 = 27	
1 = 0		35 = 14		69 = 28	
2 = 1		36 = 14		70 = 28	
3 = 1		37 = 15		71 = 28	
4 = 2		38 = 15		72 = 29	
5 = 2		39 = 16		73 = 29	
6 = 2		40 = 16		74 = 30	
7 = 3		41 = 16		75 = 30	
8 = 3		42 = 17		76 = 30	
9 = 4		43 = 17		77 = 31	
10 = 4		44 = 18		78 = 31	
11 = 4		45 = 18		79 = 32	
12 = 5		46 = 18		80 = 32	
13 = 5		47 = 19		81 = 32	
14 = 6		48 = 19		82 = 33	
15 = 6		49 = 20		83 = 33	
16 = 6		50 = 20		84 = 34	
17 = 7		51 = 20		85 = 34	
18 = 7		52 = 21		86 = 34	
19 = 8		53 = 21		87 = 35	
20 = 8		54 = 22		88 = 35	
21 = 8		55 = 22		89 = 36	
22 = 9		56 = 22		90 = 36	
23 = 9		57 = 23		91 = 36	
24 = 10		58 = 23		92 = 37	
25 = 10		59 = 24		93 = 37	
26 = 10		60 = 24		94 = 38	
27 = 11		61 = 24		95 = 38	
28 = 11		62 = 25		96 = 38	
29 = 12		63 = 25		97 = 39	
30 = 12		64 = 26		98 = 39	
31 = 12		65 = 26		99 = 40	
32 = 13		66 = 26		100 = 40	
33 = 13		67 = 27			