

## AMA Criteria for Impairment Associated with Station and Gait Disorders

Overview: The level of impairment associated with a disorder affecting station or gait can be estimated based on the AMA criteria.

Parameters:

(1) ability to rise and stand

(2) ability to walk

<b>Ability to Rise and Stand</b>	<b>Ability to Walk</b>	<b>Percent Whole Person Impairment</b>
normal	normal	0%
normal	walks but has difficulty with elevations grades stairs or long distances	1 - 9%
with mild difficulty	walks some distance with difficulty but without assistance; limited to walking on level surfaces	10 - 19%
with moderate difficulty	cannot walk without assistance	20 - 39%
cannot stand without help mechanical support and/or an assistive device	severely impaired	40 - 60%

References:

Cocchiarella L Andersson GBJ (editors). Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment Fifth Edition. American Medical Association. 2001. (Table 13-15 page 336).