

## AMA Criteria for Permanent Impairment Associated with Disease of the Aorta

Overview: Disease of the aorta may result in permanent impairment for an individual. The AMA has developed criteria for determining the severity of this impairment.

Parameters:

(1) symptom severity and progression

(3) status after aortic surgery

<b>Symptom Severity and Progression</b>	<b>Status After Aortic Surgery</b>	<b>Percent Impairment of the Whole Person</b>
asymptomatic during ordinary activities; mild and unlikely to progress	NA	0 – 9%
asymptomatic during ordinary activities; may progress	asymptomatic; low risk for future aortic disease as consequence of surgery	10 – 29%
mild to moderate symptoms despite medication	mild to moderate symptoms; or at risk for recurrence of aortic disease	30 – 49%
moderate to severe symptoms despite medication; interferes with activities of daily living	moderate to severe symptoms; or high risk of recurrence of aortic disease	50 – 100%

References:

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