

# WorkSafeNB

**Disability Duration Guidelines** 

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WorkSafeNB's disability duration guidelines are based on Presley Reed's 5<sup>th</sup> edition of The Medical Disability Advisor.

#### Disability Duration Guidelines vs. Healing Times

'Disability duration' is not the same as 'healing time'. 'Disability duration' refers to the interval of time from accident to when 75% of persons are able to return to pre-accident work. The disability duration of an injury is often shorter than the healing time. For example, the disability duration for strains and sprains is 3 to 4 weeks. The healing time is 12 weeks. For information on healing times refer to our document on *Expected Healing Times*.

#### Return to Work

The guidelines give an estimate of the approximate time required for workers to return to work after various work-related injuries and treatments. It should be emphasized that the maximum time given is not necessarily a definite RTW date, but rather the time when questions should be asked as to why the worker has not returned to work (see *Factors Influencing Disability Duration*). The questions may be answered by medical reporting, discussion with the treating physician or it may be necessary to call the worker in for an independent examination. These guidelines are specific to the injured part (e.g. fracture, tendon rupture, etc.) yet take into account that the worker need not lose time away from work if modified or alternate job duties are available or work duties may be safely performed using uninjured limbs, without compromising treatment.

# Recovery Time

Many factors influence recovery time (e.g., psychosocial considerations, age, associated medical conditions, complications, and treatment including surgery and medications). It is important that these are taken into account when using these guidelines. Refer to *Factors Influencing Disability Duration* section for more information. These guidelines were prepared based on information from:

- The Medical Disability Advisor Workplace Guidelines for Disability Duration by Presley Reed, M.D., Fifth Edition, 2005
- External clinical experience
- WorkSafeNB experience

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These Disability Duration Guidelines are not intended to provide strict rules for these conditions in all workers.

Disability duration may vary from these guidelines if, in the judgement of the treating physician or a Medical Advisor, variance is warranted:

- to meet the health care needs of the worker;
- to fall within generally accepted principles of the New Brunswick health care community.

These guidelines are specific to the injured part (e.g. fracture, tendon rupture, etc.) yet take into account that the worker need not lose time away from work if modified or alternate job duties are available or work duties may be safely performed using uninjured limbs, without compromising treatment.

#### Acknowledgement

Modifications to these guidelines have and will continue to be made based upon WorkSafeNB's experience and the recommendations of its Medical and Consulting staff.

#### **Job Classifications**

The job classifications in the tables are taken from the U.S. Department of Labor's Dictionary of Occupational Titles, and are comparable to those classifications as found in the National Occupational Classification Career Handbook (NOC-CH).

SEDENTARY WORK - Exerting up to 10 pounds of force occasionally and/or a negligible amount of force frequently or constantly to lift, carry, push, pull or otherwise move objects, including the human body. Sedentary work involves sitting most of the time, but may involve walking or standing for brief periods of time. Jobs are sedentary if walking and standing are required only occasionally and all other sedentary criteria are met.

LIGHT WORK - Exerting up to 20 pounds of force occasionally and/or up to 10 pounds of force frequently, and/or negligible amount of force constantly to move objects. Physical demand requirements are in excess of those for sedentary work. Light work usually requires walking or standing to a significant degree. However, if the use of the arm and/or leg controls require exertion of forces greater than that for sedentary work, and the worker sits most of the time, the job is rated light work.

MEDIUM WORK - Exerting up to 50 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 20 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects.

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HEAVY WORK - Exerting up to 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects.

VERY HEAVY WORK - Exerting in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or in excess of 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or in excess of 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects.

#### **Factors Influencing Disability Duration**

#### A. GENERAL FACTORS

Some important factors that may influence duration of disability include:

#### **Psychological Factors**

- motivation to return to work
- attitude of employer towards employee
- availability of co-worker to help out
- pre-existing psychological condition(s), e.g., somatization, depression
- prior experience with injury/illness
- belief that non-specific pain is harmful
- dependence on others to do things for them (external locus of control)
- fear-avoidance behaviour
- job dissatisfaction

#### Age

• age may contribute to the course/progress of recovery /healing

#### **Complications**

• medical complications resulting from the primary condition and/or subsequent therapeutic procedures

#### Medication

• medications can restrict the type of work an individual can safely perform

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#### **Individual Variation**

There may be different durations of disability among workers with the same injury/illness or undergoing the same treatment because of:

- severity of the condition
- multiple areas involved
- individual response to treatment
- the course of recovery
- late diagnosis
- whether treatment is medical or surgical
- presence of pre-existing or personal condition(s) (e.g., spondylolysis, osteoarthritis)

#### Other factors

- primary care physician fails to establish expectation early on, that the patient will be able to get back to some form of work in the future
- multiple workers' compensation claims
- litigation for personal conditions
- expectation that passive treatment rather than active participation in treatment is best approach
- language or communication barriers
- lack of modified or transitional work
- participates in hobbies that involve the injured area

#### B. FRACTURES

Factors that may influence duration of disability:

- age
- the specific fracture
- the stability of the fracture
- direction and degree of displacement
- degree of comminution
- extent of articular damage
- severity of associated soft tissue injury (nerves, blood vessels, tendons and ligaments)
- promptness, method and adequacy of treatment
- duration of immobilization
- presence of complications
- surgical treatment

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- life style/occupational requirements
- pre-existing or incidental condition(s) e.g. osteoporosis

#### C. DISLOCATIONS

Factors that may influence duration of disability:

- which joint is involved
- direction and degree of displacement
- severity of associated damage to ligaments, tendons, or articular surfaces
- neurovascular damage
- type and promptness of treatment
- life style/occupational requirements
- pre-existing or incidental condition(s)

#### D. SPRAINS AND STRAINS

Factors that may influence duration of disability:

- severity of the injury
- location
- need for surgical repair
- timing of surgical repair
- promptness of treatment
- life style/occupational requirements
- pre-existing or incidental condition(s)

#### E. AMPUTATIONS

Factors that may influence duration of disability:

- an underlying disease process
- the particular limb or digit amputated
- whether dominant or non-dominant hand/arm is involved
- complications
- life style/occupational requirements
- pre-existing or incidental condition(s)

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# F. PROCEDURES

Factors that may influence duration of disability:

- the condition for which the procedure is done
- whether dominant or non-dominant hand/arm is involved
- complications
- joint involved
- lifestyle/occupational requirements
- pre-existing or incidental condition(s)

# **General Miscellaneous – Soft Tissue Injuries**

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#### **Bursitis:**

Job Classification	RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work0 days - 2 weeksLight Work0 days - 2 weeksMedium Work0days - 4 weeksHeavy Work3 days - 4 weeksVery Heavy Work3 days - 4 weeks

#### **Open Wounds: Finger or hand (without complication)**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 days - 1 weeksLight Work1 days - 1 weeksMedium Work1 days - 2 weeksHeavy Work1 days - 2 weeksVery Heavy Work1 days - 2 weeks

#### **Open Wounds: Finger (with complication and/or tendon involvement)**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

Very Heavy Work

3 days- 2 weeks

1 weeks – 3 weeks

1 weeks – 6 weeks

1 weeks- 8 weeks

1 weeks – 8 weeks

#### **Open Wounds: Hand (with complication and/or tendon involvement)**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work3 days- 4 weeksLight Work1 weeks - 4weeksMedium Work1 weeks- 8 weeksHeavy Work3 weeks- 12 weeksVery Heavy Work3 weeks - 12 weeks

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**Open Wounds: Foot** 

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1days- 1 weeksLight Work1 days - 1 weeksMedium Work1 days- 2 weeksHeavy Work1 days- 4 weeksVery Heavy Work1 days - 4 weeks

Contusion: usually not disabling

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work0 days - 3 daysLight Work0 days - 3 daysMedium Work0 days - 1 weeksHeavy Work0 days - 1 weeksVery Heavy Work0 days - 1 weeks

**Crush Injury:** 

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

By report if return to more than 4 weeks

#### **Complications of Trauma or Surgical Procedures**

- 1. Deep vein thrombosis
- 2. Pulmonary embolus
- 3. Fat emboil
- 4. Infection

#### **Nerve Injuries of Extremities:**

There are usually other injuries involved with major nerve injuries (i.e. crush injury). The return to work date will often depend on the severity of the combined injuries. Permanent clinical impairment would be anticipated, but should not be assessed before at least 24 months post injury or post last surgery. Medical Advisor referral imperative.

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# **Arthroscopy - Diagnostic:**

Job Classification	RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 day - 1 weekLight Work1 day - 2 weeksMedium Work1 day - 2 weeksHeavy Work1 day - 2 weeksVery Heavy Work1 day - 2 weeks

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Finger: any level

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 weeks - 6 weeksLight Work1 weeks - 6 weeksMedium Work2 weeks - 7 weeksHeavy Work2 weeks - 9 weeksVery Heavy Work3 weeks - 13 weeks

Thumb: any level

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work2 weeks – 9 weeksLight Work3 weeks - 9 weeksMedium Work3 weeks – 11 weeksHeavy Work5 weeks - indefiniteVery Heavy Work5 weeks - indefinite

# **Upper Extremity Dislocations**

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#### Acromioclavicular (AC) Joint:

Job Classification	RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 weeks - 3 weeksLight Work2 weeks - 4 weeksMedium Work3 weeks - 6 weeksHeavy Work6 weeks - 12 weeksVery Heavy Work6 weeks - 12 weeks

Includes all sprains (Grade I-III) treated non-surgically.

#### **Sternoclavicular (SC) Joint (open):**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

Sedentary Work

3 days - 3 weeks

1 weeks - 10 weeks

2 weeks - 13 weeks

2 weeks - 17 weeks

# Glenohumeral Joint: traumatic anterior and posterior and first time dislocation

(different for multidirectional instability and for multiple dislocations)

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 week - 4 weeksLight Work3 weeks - 8 weeksMedium Work3 weeks - 8 weeksHeavy Work5 weeks - 12 weeksVery Heavy Work5 weeks - 13 weeks

# **Elbow:**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 weeks - 2 weeksLight Work1 weeks - 4 weeksMedium Work2 weeks - 6 weeksHeavy Work2 weeks - 8 weeksVery Heavy Work2 weeks - 13 weeks

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#### Wrist: includes distal radial ulnar joint

Job Classification	RTW Minimum/Maximum
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Sedentary Work1 days - 9 weeksLight Work1 days - 9 weeksMedium Work8 weeks - 12 weeksHeavy Work10 weeks - 16 weeksVery Heavy Work10 weeks - 24 weeks

#### Finger or Hand: closed

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

#### Finger or Hand: open

# Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

1 day - 1 week

1 day - 2 weeks

1 day - 2 weeks

1 day - 3 weeks

6 weeks - 12 weeks

#### Glenohumeral Joint Instability: recurrent dislocation and/or subluxation

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary / Light Work1 days - 2 weeksMedium Work1 week - 3 weeksHeavy / Very Heavy Work1 week - 4 weeks

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Clavicle: shaft

Sedentary Work1 weeks – 4 weeksLight Work2 week – 6 weeksMedium Work3 weeks – 12 weeksHeavy Work6 weeks – 16 weeksVery Heavy Work6 weeks – 26 weeks

Scapula:

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work3 days - 3 weeksLight Work1 week - 4 weeksMedium Work2 weeks - 6 weeksHeavy Work4 weeks - 8 weeksVery Heavy Work6 weeks - 12 weeks

#### **Humerus** (distal):

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work 1 week - 4 weeks
Light Work 2 weeks - 13 weeks
Medium Work 9 weeks - 21 weeks
Heavy Work 17 weeks - 34 weeks
Very Heavy Work 17 weeks - 39 weeks

#### **Humerus** (proximal):

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work5 days - 10.5 weeksLight Work2 weeks - 13 weeksMedium Work6 weeks - 15 weeksHeavy Work12 weeks - indefiniteVery Heavy Work14 weeks - indefinite

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**Radius: shaft** 

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

Sedentary Work

4 weeks - 13 weeks

4 weeks - 17 weeks

8 weeks - 21 weeks

10 weeks - 24 weeks

Ulna: shaft

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

Sedentary Work

3 days - 3 weeks

1 week - 13 weeks

4 weeks - 17 weeks

8 weeks - 21 weeks

10 weeks - 24 weeks

Radius and Ulna: shaft

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

Sedentary Work

3 days - 3 weeks

1 week - 13 weeks

4 weeks - 17 weeks

8 weeks - 21 weeks

10 weeks - 24 weeks

**Colles Fracture:** 

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

Sedentary Work

1 week - 13 weeks

9 weeks - 21 weeks

17 weeks - 34 weeks

17 weeks - 39 weeks

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Carpal Bones: including scaphoid

Sedentary Work3 days - 2 weeksLight Work3 days - 4 weeksMedium Work4 week - 17 weeksHeavy Work6 weeks - 26 weeksVery Heavy Work6 weeks - 26 weeks

# **Metacarpal Bones:**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 day - 4 weeksLight Work1 week - 4 weeksMedium Work2 weeks - 6 weeksHeavy Work3 weeks - 12 weeksVery Heavy Work4 weeks - 16 weeks

#### Phalanges (closed with internal fixation or open):

# Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work 1 day - 6 weeks
Light Work 1 day - 6 weeks
Medium Work 2 weeks - 8 weeks
Heavy Work 4 weeks - 10 weeks
Very Heavy Work 4 weeks - 16 weeks

# **Phalanges: (open with internal fiaxtion)**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

3 days - 6 weeks

3 weeks - 8 weeks

4 weeks - 10 weeks

4 weeks - 16 weeks

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# **Carpal Tunnel Syndrome: no surgery**

Job Classification	RTW Minimum/Maximum
Sedentary Work	0  days - 3  weeks
Light Work	0  days - 3  weeks
Medium Work	0 days – 4 weeks
Heavy Work	0 days - 6 weeks
Very Heavy Work	0 days - 9 weeks

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# **Tendon Repairs/Transfers:**

Job Classification	RTW Minimum/Maximum
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Sedentary Work 6 weeks - 14 weeks
Light Work 8 weeks - 14 weeks
Medium Work 10 weeks - 14 weeks
Heavy Work 10 weeks - 14 weeks
Very Heavy Work 10 weeks - 14 weeks

#### **Tenolysis/Tendon Releases:**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 weeks - 4 weeksLight Work2 weeks - 6 weeksMedium Work4 weeks - indefiniteHeavy Work4 weeks - indefiniteVery Heavy Work4 weeks - indefinite

#### Repair of Rotator Cuff and/or Biceps Tendon Tear(s): arthroscopic

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary / Light Work 1 week - 3 weeks
Medium Work 4 weeks - 8 weeks
Heavy / Very Heavy Work 8 weeks- 12 weeks

# Repair of Rotator Cuff and/or Biceps Tendon Tear(s): open repair

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary / Light Work 4 weeks - 10 weeks
Medium Work 6 weeks - 12 weeks
Heavy / Very Heavy Work 10 weeks - 20 weeks

<sup>\*</sup> Disability may be permanent if work requires arms overhead

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# **Decompression Surgery for Impingement syndrome: arthroscopic or open arthrotomy**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary / Light Work 1 week - 3 weeks

Medium Work 4 weeks- 18 weeks

Heavy / Very Heavy Work 8 weeks - 12 weeks

#### Radial Head/Neck Resection: (arthroplasty elbow)

# Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work2 weeks – 8weeksLight Work2 weeks – 8 weeksMedium Work3 weeks – 10 weeksHeavy Work4 weeks – 12 weeksVery Heavy Work4 weeks – 16 weeks

#### **Ulnar Nerve Transposition:**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 week - 6 weeksLight Work1 week - 6 weeksMedium Work4 weeks - indefiniteHeavy Work4 weeks - indefiniteVery Heavy Work6 weeks - indefinite

# Shoulder Repair- Glenohumeral Dislocation: recurrent

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 week - 4 weeksLight Work2 weeks - 4 weeksMedium Work6 weeks - 12 weeksHeavy Work12 weeks - 26 weeksVery Heavy Work12 weeks - 26 weeks

<sup>\*</sup> Disability may be permanent if work requires arms overhead

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#### **Carpal Tunnel Release:**

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

1 day – 6 weeks

3 days - 6 weeks

2 weeks - 8 weeks

4 weeks – 12 weeks

4 weeks - 12 weeks

4 weeks - 12 weeks

# **Carpal Fusion:**

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work 8 weeks - 12 weeks
Light Work 12 weeks - 16 weeks
Medium Work 12 weeks - 16 weeks

Heavy Work By report
Very Heavy Work By report

#### **Fusion of Metacarpal - Phalangeal (MP) Joint of Thumb:**

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work 6 weeks - 10 weeks
Light Work 6 weeks - 10 weeks
Medium Work 10 weeks - 14 weeks

Heavy Work By report
Very Heavy Work By report

#### **Fusion of Interphalangeal Joints of Finger and Thumb:**

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work 1 week - 6 weeks
Light Work 1 week - 6 weeks
Medium Work 4 weeks - 8 weeks

Heavy Work By report
Very Heavy Work By report

#### Acromioclavicular (AC) Excision (Mumford):

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

Sedentary Work

2 weeks - 4 weeks

4 week - 6 weeks

6 weeks - 8 weeks

8 weeks - 10 weeks

10 weeks - 12 weeks

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# Acromioclavicular (AC) Joint Surgical Reduction : (Grade IV - VI AC Separation)

10 weeks - 12 weeks

Job ClassificationRTW Minimum/MaximumSedentary Work2 weeks - 8 weeksLight Work6 weeks - 8 weeksMedium Work8 weeks - 10 weeksHeavy Work10 weeks - 12 weeks

Injured arm should be relatively immobile for 6 weeks to allow for good soft tissue healing.

Very Heavy Work

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#### **Shoulder:**

Job Classification	RTW Minimum/Maximum
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Sedentary Work0 days - 1.5 weeksLight Work1 days - 1.5 weeksMedium Work1 week- 4 weeksHeavy Work2 weeks - 12 weeksVery Heavy Work2 weeks - 12 weeks

#### Elbow:

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work 1 days - 1 weeks
Light Work 1 days - 1 weeks
Medium Work 3 days - 2 weeks
Heavy Work 1 weeks - 4 weeks
Very Heavy Work 2 weeks - 6 weeks

#### Wrist (first or second degree):

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

Very Heavy Work

1 days - 1 weeks
1 days - 2 weeks
1 week- 4 weeks
2 weeks - 5 weeks
3 weeks - 6 weeks

#### Wrist (third degree):

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

1 days - 4 weeks

2 week- 6 weeks

3 weeks - 8 weeks

4 weeks - 12 weeks

#### Fingers (interphalangeal joint):

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary / Medium Work 1 days – 3 weeks Heavy / Very Heavy Work 2 week - 5 weeks

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#### Fingers (metacarpophalangeal joint):

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary / Medium Work 1 days – 4 weeks Heavy / Very Heavy Work 1 week - 6 weeks

#### Tendonitis, Epicondylitis: medial/lateral

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work0 days - 4 weeksLight Work1 days - 4 weeksMedium Work1 week - 8 weeksHeavy Work2 weeks - 8 weeksVery Heavy Work2 weeks - 8 weeks

# Thumb (interphalangeal joint):

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary / Medium Work 1 days – 5 weeks Heavy / Very Heavy Work 1 week - 6 weeks

# Thumb (metacarpophalangeal joint):

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary / Medium Work 1 days - 6 weeks Heavy / Very Heavy Work 2 week - 8 weeks

#### **Biceps Tendonitis: long head**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary 1 days – 1 weeks
Light Work 1 days – 2 weeks
Medium Work 3 days – 4 weeks
Heavy 3 days – 4 weeks
Very Heavy Work 3 days - 6 weeks

<sup>\*</sup> Depends on joint injured, severity and whether dominant or non-dominant hand is involved

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<sup>\*</sup>Depends on severity of symptoms, whether dominant and extremity involved.

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# Rotator Cuff Tendonitis/Strain: 1st to 3rd degree

Job Classification	RTW Minimum/Maximum
Sedentary Work	1 weeks - 4 weeks
Light Work	3 weeks - 8 week
Medium Work	3 weeks - 8 weeks
Heavy Work	5 weeks - 12 weeks
Very Heavy Work	5 weeks - 13 weeks

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# **Hip Disarticulation:**

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work 3 months - 1 year

Light WorkBy reportMedium WorkBy reportHeavy WorkBy reportVery Heavy WorkBy report

#### **Amputation of a Lower Extremity:**

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work 6 weeks - 12 weeks
Light Work 12 weeks - 24 weeks
Medium Work 16 weeks - indefinite
Heavy Work 16 weeks - indefinite
Very Heavy Work 16 weeks - indefinite

#### Foot:

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work6 weeks - 12 weeksLight Work12 weeks - 24 weeksMedium Work16 weeks - indefiniteHeavy Work16 weeks - indefiniteVery Heavy Work16 weeks - indefinite

#### Toes:

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 week – 4 weeksLight Work1 week – 4 weeksMedium Work2 weeks – 6 weeksHeavy Work3 weeks – indefiniteVery Heavy Work4 weeks - indefinite

# **Lower Extremity Dislocations**

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#### **Hip Joint:**

Job Classification	RTW Minimum/Maximum
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Sedentary Work3 weeks - 4 weeksLight Work3 weeks - 4 weeksMedium Work4 weeks - 6 weeksHeavy Work6 weeks - 12 weeksVery Heavy Work6 weeks - 16 weeks

#### **Knee Joint:**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 week – 4 weeksLight Work2 weeks – 6weeksMedium Work17 weeks – 32 weeksHeavy Work23 weeks – 39 weeksVery Heavy Work26 weeks - indefinite

#### Patella (closed):

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 week – 4 weeksLight Work2 weeks - 6 weeksMedium Work2 weeks – 6 weeksHeavy Work6 weeks – 8 weeksVery Heavy Work6 weeks - 8 weeks

#### Patella (open):

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work2 weeks - 6 weeksLight Work2 weeks - 8 weeksMedium Work3 weeks - 12 weeksHeavy Work6 weeks - 24 weeksVery Heavy Work6 weeks - 24 weeks

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#### **Tarso-Metatarsal Joint:**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 day - 3 weeksLight Work2 weeks - 10 weeksMedium Work4 weeks - 26 weeksHeavy Work6 weeks - 26 weeksVery Heavy Work6 weeks - 26 weeks

**Toes:** metatarsophalangeal joint

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

1 day - 3 days

1 week - 2 weeks

2 weeks - 4 weeks

Very Heavy Work

2 weeks - 6 weeks

**Toes:** tarsometatarsal joint

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 day - 3 weeksLight Work2 weeks - 10 weeksMedium Work4 weeks - 26 weeksHeavy Work6 weeks - 26 weeksVery Heavy Work6 weeks - 26 weeks

# **Lower Extremity Fractures**

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**Pelvis: Minor Fracture** 

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work2 weeks – 8 weeksLight Work4 weeks – 12 weeksMedium Work6 weeks – 16 weeksHeavy Work8 weeks – 20 weeksVery Heavy Work12 weeks - 20 weeks

**Pelvis: Major Fracture** 

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

By report

Acetabulum:

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work 10 weeks - 13 weeks
Light Work 10 weeks - 16 weeks
Medium Work 12 weeks - 16 weeks
Heavy Work 16 weeks - 24 weeks
Very Heavy Work 16 weeks - 24 weeks

#### Hip: head, neck including subtrochanter region:

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work4 weeks - 12 weeksLight Work8 weeks - 16 weeksMedium Work8 weeks - 16 weeks

Heavy Work By report
Very Heavy Work By report

Femur: shaft

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work2 weeks - 12 weeksLight Work4 weeks - 26 weeksMedium Work17 weeks - 32 weeksHeavy Work23 weeks - 39 weeksVery Heavy Work26 weeks - indefinite

#### **Lower Extremity Fractures**

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# Intra-Articular Fractures of the knee: distal femur and proximal tibia

Job Classification	RTW Minimum/Maximum
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Sedentary Work 4 weeks - 6 weeks
Light Work 20 weeks - 26 weeks
Medium Work 24 weeks - 36 weeks

Heavy Work By report
Very Heavy Work By report

#### Patella:

## Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 week - 4 weeksLight Work2 weeks - 6 weeksMedium Work2 weeks - 8 weeksHeavy Work3 weeks - 13 weeksVery Heavy Work4 weeks - 16 weeks

Tibia: shaft

# Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work 2 weeks - 12 weeks
Light Work 4 weeks - 26 weeks
Medium Work 17 weeks - 32 weeks
Heavy Work 23 weeks - 39 weeks

Very Heavy Work By report

Fibula: shaft

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 day - 2 weeksLight Work1 week - 4 weeksMedium Work3 weeks - 10 weeksHeavy Work10 weeks - 12 weeksVery Heavy Work12 weeks - 16 weeks

# **Lower Extremity Fractures**

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**Ankle (Closed Reduction):** 

Unimalleolar: Lateral or medial malleolus (excluding flake fractures):

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

1 day - 2 weeks

1 week - 4 weeks

3 weeks - 10 weeks

10 weeks - 12 weeks

12 weeks - 16 weeks

**Ankle (Open Reduction):** 

Unimalleolar: Lateral or medial malleolus (excluding flake fractures):

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work 2 weeks - 6 weeks
Light Work 8 weeks - 12 weeks
Medium Work 10 weeks - 14 weeks
Heavy Work 12 weeks - 16 weeks
Very Heavy Work 12 weeks - 16 weeks

Ankle:

Bimalleolar:

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 week - 6 weeksLight Work2 weeks - 8 weeksMedium Work6 weeks - 16 weeksHeavy Work8 weeks - 24 weeksVery Heavy Work10 weeks - 24 weeks

# **Lower Extremity Fractures**

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Ankle:

Trimalleolar:

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

2 weeks - 6 weeks

12 weeks - 16 weeks

16 weeks - 20 weeks

20 weeks - 24 weeks

Very Heavy Work

20 weeks - 36 weeks

# Trimalleolar fracture with diastasis of the inferior tibiofibular joint:

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work 6 weeks - 8 weeks
Light Work 20 weeks - 24 weeks
Medium Work 20 weeks - 24 weeks
Heavy Work 20 weeks - 24 weeks
Very Heavy Work 20 weeks - 24 weeks

Talus:

**Body Fracture, Undisplaced:** 

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 week - 2 weeksLight Work6 weeks - 8 weeksMedium Work8 weeks - 10 weeksHeavy Work10 weeks - 12 weeksVery Heavy Work10 weeks - 16 weeks

Talus:

**Body Fracture, Displaced and comminuted:** 

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

2 weeks – 4 weeks

12 weeks – 16 weeks

16 weeks – 24 weeks

20 weeks – 32 weeks

Very Heavy Work

20 weeks – 32 weeks

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**Calcaneus: Undisplaced** 

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

Sedentary Work

8 weeks - 12 weeks

12 weeks

12 weeks

**Calcaneus: Displaced** 

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work 6 weeks - 12 weeks
Light Work 12 weeks - 26 weeks
Medium Work 12 weeks - 26 weeks

Heavy Work By report
Very Heavy Work By report

**Navicular (undisplaced):** 

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Sedentary Work} & 1 \text{ day} - 3 \text{ days} \\ \text{Light Work} & 1 \text{ day} - 3 \text{days} \\ \end{array}$ 

Medium Work3 weeks - 16 weeksHeavy Work10 weeks - 24 weeksVery Heavy Work10 weeks - 32 weeks

Navicular (displaced):

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 week - 2 weeksLight Work6 weeks - 8 weeksMedium Work8 weeks - 16 weeksHeavy Work16 weeks - 24 weeksVery Heavy Work16 weeks - 32 weeks

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#### **Cuboid or Cuneiform:**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 day - 3 daysLight Work1 day - 3daysMedium Work2 weeks - 6 weeksHeavy Work6 weeks - 84 weeksVery Heavy Work8 weeks - 16 weeks

#### 1st Metatarsal:

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work 1 day - 3 days
Light Work 6 weeks - 12 weeks
Medium Work 10 weeks - 16 weeks
Heavy Work 8 weeks - 24 weeks
Very Heavy Work 8 weeks - 24 weeks

# 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Metatarsal:

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

1 week - 2 weeks

3 weeks - 5 weeks

6 weeks - 10 weeks

10 weeks - 12 weeks

Very Heavy Work

10 weeks - 16 weeks

## **Phalanges of the Foot:**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 day - 2 weeksLight Work3 days - 3 weeksMedium Work2 weeks - 4 weeksHeavy Work4 weeks - 6 weeksVery Heavy Work4 weeks - 6 weeks

# **Lower Extremity Miscellaneous**

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# **Achilles Tendon Rupture: for surgical intervention**

Job Classification	RTW Minimum/Maximum
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Sedentary Work1 day - 1 weekLight Work1 week - 4 weeksMedium Work4 weeks - 12 weeksHeavy Work6 weeks - 22 weeksVery Heavy Work8 weeks - 26 weeks

#### **Plantar Fasciitis:**

# Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

O days - 1 week

1 days - 1.5 weeks

3 days - 2 weeks

Very Heavy Work

3 days - 2 weeks

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## **Menisectomy (open):**

Job Classification	RTW Minimum/Maximum
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Sedentary Work1 week - 6 weeksLight Work1 week - 7 weeksMedium Work3 weeks - 8 weeksHeavy Work5 weeks - 12 weeksVery Heavy Work5 weeks - 18 weeks

#### **Menisectomy (arthroscopic):**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 week – 4 weeksLight Work1 week – 5 weeksMedium Work2 weeks – 8 weeksHeavy Work3 weeks – 12 weeksVery Heavy Work4 weeks – 18 weeks

#### Meniscal Repair: repair of meniscal tear

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 week - 6 weeksLight Work2 weeks -12 weeksMedium Work4 weeks - 13 weeksHeavy Work6 weeks - 20 weeksVery Heavy Work8 weeks - 26 weeks

#### Lateral Retinacular Release: recurrent patellar dislocation

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work3 days - 1 weekLight Work2 weeks - 3 weeksMedium Work2 weeks - 3 weeksHeavy Work2 weeks - 3 weeks

Very Heavy Work By report

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#### **Patellectomy:**

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work2 weeks - 4 weeksLight Work2 weeks - 6 weeksMedium Work3 weeks - 8 weeksHeavy Work6 weeks or by report

Very Heavy Work By report

#### **Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) Reconstruction/Replacement:**

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

Sedentary Work

3 weeks - 10 weeks

3 weeks - 14 weeks

26 weeks - indefinite

26 weeks - indefinite

26 weeks - indefinite

Return to very heavy repetitive work may take 9-12 months.

Functional brace may/will be required for heavy and very heavy work and for medium work on uneven terrain and/or rotational activity.

#### **Ankle Ligament Reconstruction (Evans Repair):**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

Sedentary Work

2 weeks - 4 weeks

6 weeks - 8 weeks

8 weeks - 12 weeks

8 weeks - 14 weeks

12 weeks - 16 weeks

#### **Hip Replacement:**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work 4 weeks - 12 weeks
Light Work 6 weeks - 20 weeks
Medium Work 12 weeks - 26 weeks
Heavy Work Indefinite – indefinite
Very Heavy Work Indefinite

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Osteotomy of Tibia: requires Medical Advisor review

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work 4 weeks - 6 weeks
Light Work 6 weeks - 8 weeks
Medium Work 8 weeks - 12 weeks
Heavy Work 12 weeks - 24 weeks
Very Heavy Work 12 weeks - 24 weeks

#### **Arthroplasty of Knee / Total Knee Replacement:**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work2 weeks - 6 weeksLight Work3 weeks - 12 weeksMedium Work12 weeks - indefiniteHeavy WorkIndefinite - indefiniteVery Heavy WorkIndefinite - indefinite

# **Arthroplasty of Ankle:**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 week - 6 weeksLight Work3 weeks - 12 weeksMedium Work12 weeks - indefiniteHeavy WorkIndefinite - indefiniteVery Heavy WorkIndefinite - indefinite

## **Lower Extremity Soft Tissue Injuries**

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# **Knee: medial and lateral collateral ligaments**

Job Classification	RTW Minimum/Maximum
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Sedentary Work1 day - 1 weekLight Work1 day - 1 weekMedium Work3 days - 3 weeksHeavy Work3 days - 6 weeksVery Heavy Work3 days - 6 weeks

# Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) Tear (without surgery) and Posterior Cruciate Ligament Tear (PCL):

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

Sedentary Work

4 weeks - 4 weeks

6 weeks - 6 weeks

8 weeks - 8 weeks

8 weeks - 12 weeks

8 weeks - 12 weeks

8 weeks - 12 weeks

#### **Ankle:** (first or second-degree)

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work0 days - 1 weekLight Work1 day - 1 weekMedium Work3 days - 2 weeksHeavy Work1 week - 4 weeksVery Heavy Work1 week - 4 weeks

## **Ankle:** (third-degree)

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 day - 1 weekLight Work1day - 4 weeksMedium Work1 week - 6 weeksHeavy Work2 weeks - 10 weeksVery Heavy Work2 weeks - 10 weeks

# **Head Trunk and Spine Dislocations**

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Temporomandibular Joint(s): TMJ

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Any Work 0 days - 2 days

**Spondylolysis:** 

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 day - 2 weeksLight Work1day - 4 weeksMedium Work6 weeks - 13 weeksHeavy Work6 weeks - 17 weeksVery Heavy Work9 weeks - 26 weeks

**Spondylolisthesis** (traumatic):

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work0 days - 1 weekLight Work0 days - 3 weeksMedium Work0 days - 6 weeksHeavy Work0 days - 12 weeksVery Heavy Work0 days - 16 weeks

# **Head Trunk and Spine Fractures**

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Skull (closed):

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work3 days - 3 weeksLight Work1 week - 4 weeksMedium Work1.5 weeks - 5 weeksHeavy Work2 weeks - 6 weeksVery Heavy Work2 weeks - 6 weeks

Skull: Compound, comminuted or depressed fracture

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

By report

Maxilla:

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Any Work 1 week - 6 weeks

If job requires verbal communication, modified duties may be required. Minimum return to work 1 week for all levels.

Mandible:

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Any Work 1 week - 6 weeks

For fracture management of jawbone go to Head/Trunk/Spine Surgical/Therapeutic/Diagnostic Procedures section.

Nose:

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 day - 1 weekLight Work1 day - 1 weekMedium Work1 day - 1 weekHeavy Work1 day - 2 weeksVery Heavy Work1 day - 2 weeks

# **Head Trunk and Spine Fractures**

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#### Rib:

Job Classification	RTW Minimum/Maximum
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Sedentary Work3 days - 3 weeksLight Work1 week - 4 weeksMedium Work2 weeks - 6 weeksHeavy Work3 weeks - 8 weeksVery Heavy Work3 weeks - 10 weeks

#### **Sternum:**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 week – 4 weeksLight Work1 week – 6 weeksMedium Work2 weeks – 13 weeksHeavy Work6 weeks – 17 weeksVery Heavy Work8 weeks - 26 weeks

## **Vertebrae:** single vertabra (mild to moderate deformity)

Fracture secondary to osteoporosis

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work3 weeks - 6 weeksLight Work6 weeks - 8 weeksMedium Work10 weeks - 12 weeksHeavy WorkIndefinite - indefiniteVery Heavy WorkIndefinite - indefinite

Compression Fractures: vertebral bodies (Requires Medical Advisor review).

## **Head Trunk and Spine – Miscellaneous**

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Coccyx Disorder: Coccydynia following direct trauma

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Any work 0 days - 1 week

**Herniated Disc: Conservative medical treatment** 

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work 0 weeks - 4 weeks
Light Work 0 weeks - 4 weeks
Medium Work 4 weeks - 8 weeks

Heavy Work By report
Very Heavy Work By report

Nerve Root and Plexus Disorders: including arachnoiditis/scarring

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Medical Advisor opinion recommended when nerve root and plexus disorders first diagnosed on medical reporting

Paralytic Syndrome: Post traumatic or post procedural

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Medical Advisor opinion recommended when paralytic syndrome first

diagnosed on medical reporting

**Spinal Cord Injury:** 

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Medical Advisor opinion based

on medical reporting

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Spinal Osteoarthritis: Degenerative joint disease, spondylosis - post traumatic or post surgical

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Medical Advisor opinion recommended when Spinal Osteoarthritis first diagnosed on medical reporting.

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Mandible: wired

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work 1 week - 4 weeks
Light Work 1 week - 4 weeks
Medium Work 3 weeks - 6 weeks
Heavy Work 6 weeks - 8 weeks
Very Heavy Work 6 weeks - 8 weeks

If job requires verbal communication, modified duties may be required.

Repair of Vertebral Fracture: surgical instrumental e.g. rods, screws

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Medical Advisory opinion based on medical reporting if layoff

exceeds 16 weeks.

**Lysis of Adhesions of Spinal Cord and Nerve Roots:** 

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Medical Advisory opinion based on medical reporting if layoff

exceeds 12 weeks.

**Disectomy (lumbar):** 

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 day - 6 weeksLight Work1 week - 8 weeksMedium Work2 weeks - 12 weeksHeavy Work13 weeks - 26 weeksVery Heavy Work17 weeks - 26 weeks

**Disectomy (cervical):** 

Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work1 week - 8 weeksLight Work3 weeks - 8 weeksMedium Work6 weeks - 12 weeksHeavy Work13 weeks - 26 weeksVery Heavy Work17 weeks - 26 weeks

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## **Disectomy (thoracic):**

# Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Medium Work

Medium Work

Sedentary Work

2 weeks – 8 weeks

3 weeks – 8 weeks

6 weeks - 12 weeks

Indefinite - indefinite

# **Microdiscetomy:**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work 4 weeks - 6 weeks
Light Work 4 weeks - 6 weeks
Medium Work 6 weeks - 10 weeks

Heavy / Very Heavy Work By report

# **Spinal Fusion: Single Fusion**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

2 weeks - 8 weeks

6 weeks - 8 weeks

10 weeks - 26 weeks

21.5 weeks - indefinite

26 weeks - indefinite

## **Spinal Fusion: Lumbar**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work6 weeks – 12 weeksLight Work8 weeks – 12 weeksMedium Work10 weeks – 16 weeksHeavy Work12 weeks – indefiniteVery Heavy Work12 weeks – indefinite

## **Spinal Fusion: Thoracic**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work

Light Work

Medium Work

Heavy Work

Sedentary Work

6 weeks – 12 weeks

8 weeks – 12 weeks

10 weeks – 16 weeks

Indefinite – indefinite

Indefinite – indefinite

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# Hernia Surgery: laparascopic or Shouldice inguinal or femoral herniorrhaphy

Job Classification	RTW Minimum/Maximum
Sedentary Work	2 days – 2 weeks
Light Work	5 days – 2 weeks
Medium Work	2 weeks − 4 weeks
Heavy Work	3 weeks − 6 weeks
Very Heavy Work	4 weeks − 8 weeks

# **Neurostimulator Implants: insertion**

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work	0 weeks - 2 weeks
Light Work	0 weeks - 2 weeks
Medium Work	0 weeks - 2 weeks

Heavy / Very Heavy Work By report

# **Coccygectomy:**

# Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work	1 day - 1 week
Light Work	1 day −1 week
Medium Work	3  days - 2  weeks
Heavy Work	3 days – 6 weeks
Very Heavy Work	3 days – 68 weeks

# **Head Trunk and Spine Soft Tissue Injuries**

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**Temporomandibular Joint Disorders (TMJD):** No time loss from work usually anticipated

# Cervical: e.g. Whiplash or non-whiplash soft tissue injuries without nerve root involvement

Job Classification	RTW Minimum/Maximum
Sedentary Work	1 day - 1 week
Light Work	1 day −1 week
Medium Work	3 days − 2 weeks
Heavy Work	3 days – 6 weeks
Very Heavy Work	3 days – 68 weeks

# Lumbosacral (unstable lumbosacral fracture without neurologic deficit):

Job Classification	RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work	3 weeks − 13 weeks
Light Work	6 weeks – 17 weeks
Medium Work	13  weeks - 26  weeks
Heavy Work	Indefinite – indefinite
Very Heavy Work	Indefinite - indefinite

# Sacroiliac:

#### Job Classification RTW Minimum/Maximum

Sedentary Work	0 weeks - 2 weeks
Light Work	0 weeks - 3 weeks
Medium Work	0 weeks - 4 weeks
Heavy Work	2 weeks - 4 weeks

Very Heavy Work

Medical Advisor opinion based

on medical reporting if lay off

exceeds 4 weeks.