

VA MATH

VA math can be very confusing. This is a brief example of how VA math works for compensation ratings:

Lets say you have VA ratings of:

50% for a back condition

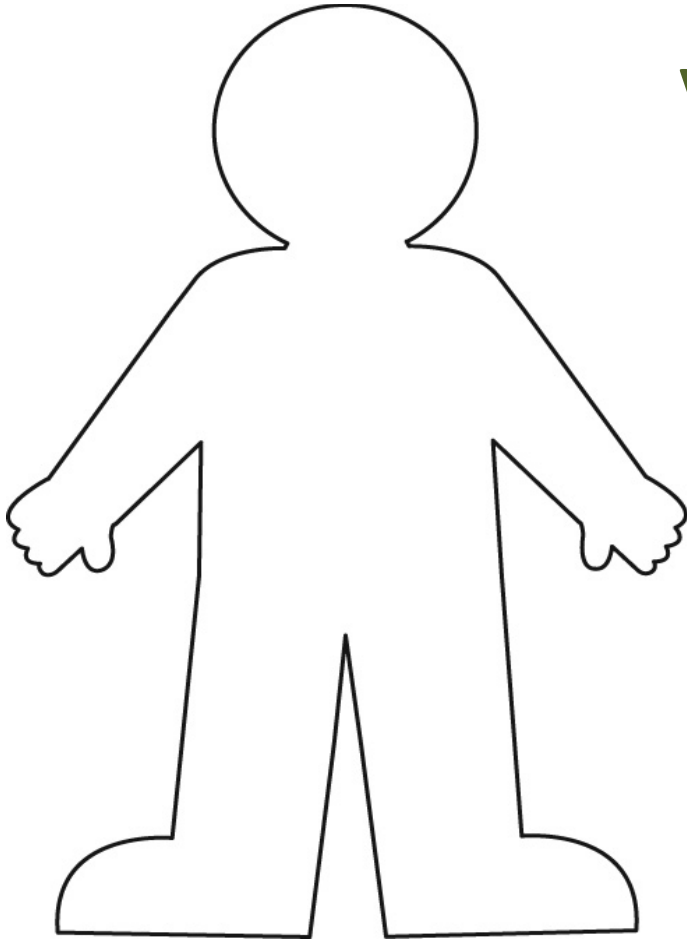
50% for Sleep Apnea

30% for knees

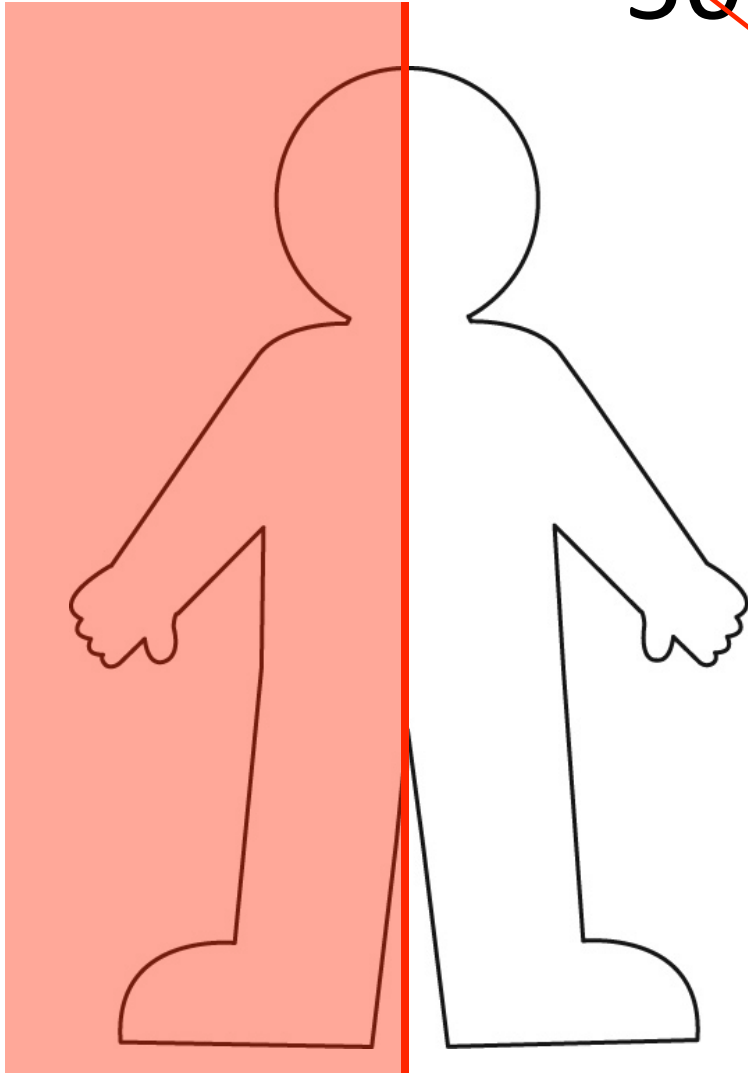
HERE'S WHY

50+50+30 does not equal

130%



$$\cancel{50} + 50 + 30 = ?$$



The VA will only apply the rating to the part of the body that is considered healthy or whole.

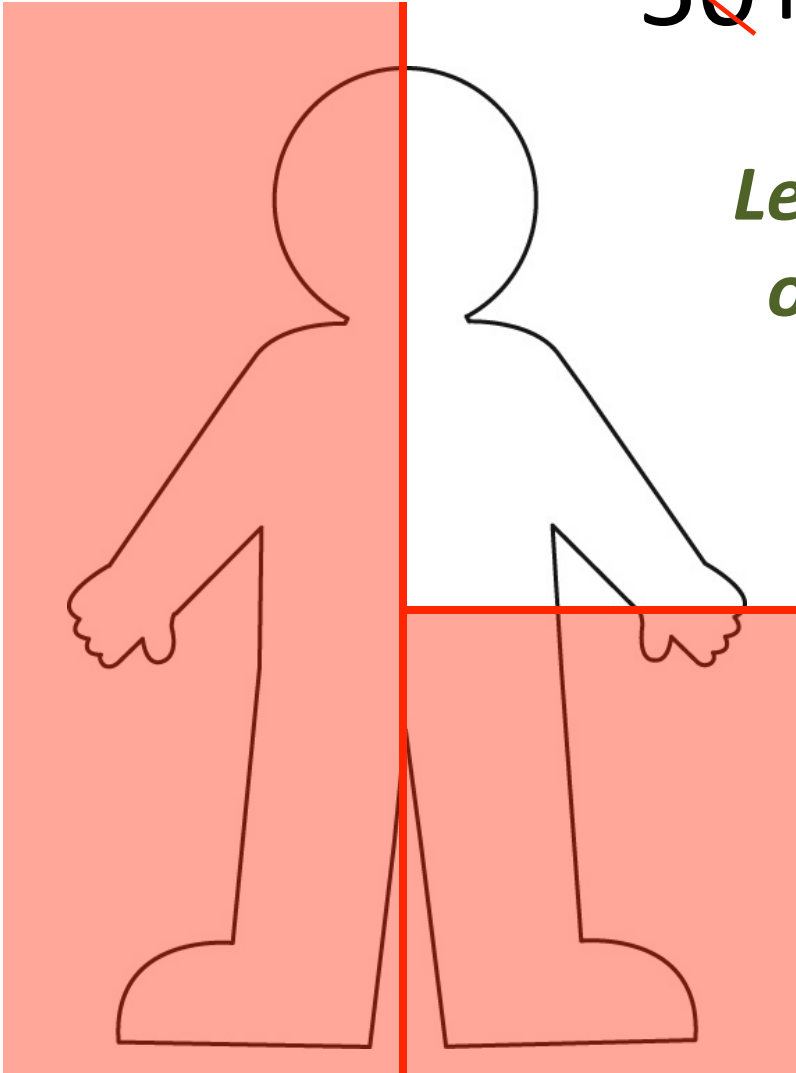
Subtract
First 50%
for back condition

Now 50% of the body is considered healthy

~~50+50+30=?~~

*Let's take the next rating
of 50% for sleep Apnea*

The next 50% is applied
only to the 50% left.
50% of 50% = 25%.
Leaving only 25% of the
body healthy.



~~50+50+30=?~~

*Let's take the next rating
of 30% for Knees*

Since only 25% of the body is considered healthy, the next rating of 30% is only applied to the 25% left which equals 7.5%

50% + 25% + 7.5% = 82.5%

VA rounds up/down so

82.5 = 80% rating

