



Social Security (Tables for the Assessment of Work-related Impairment for Disability Support Pension) Determination 2011

Table 10 – Digestive and Reproductive Function

Introduction to Table 10

- Table 10 is to be used where the person has a permanent condition resulting in functional impairment related to digestive or reproductive system functions.
- Digestive conditions may include diseases that affect the mouth, salivary glands, oesophagus, stomach, intestines (small or large intestine), pancreas, liver, gall bladder, bile ducts, rectum or anus.
- Reproductive system conditions may include gynaecological diseases (e.g. severe and intractable endometriosis, ovarian cancer) and conditions of the male reproductive system (e.g. testicular cancer).
- Table 13 (Continence Function) is to be used for a person who requires continence and ostomy care (that is, a person with an ileostomy or colostomy).
- The diagnosis of the condition must be made by an appropriately qualified medical practitioner.
- Self-report of symptoms alone is insufficient.
- There must be corroborating evidence of the person’s impairment.
- Examples of corroborating evidence for the purposes of this Table include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a report from the person’s treating doctor;
 - a report from a medical specialist (such as a gastroenterologist, a gynaecologist, an urologist or an oncologist) confirming diagnosis of a digestive or reproductive system condition;
 - results of investigations (such as X-Rays or other imagery, endoscopy or colonoscopy).
- Symptoms of digestive conditions include, but are not limited to, pain, discomfort, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, constipation, reflux, heartburn, indigestion or fatigue.
- Personal care needs associated with digestive conditions include, but are not limited to, the need to take medications when symptoms occur, care of special feeding equipment (e.g. Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy (PEG) button or special feeding tube), special diets or feeding solutions, strategies to relieve pain, additional toileting and personal hygiene needs.
- Symptoms associated with reproductive system conditions include, but are not limited to, pain, fatigue, menorrhagia or dysmenorrhea.
- Personal care needs associated with reproductive system conditions include, but are not limited to, strategies to relieve pain or more frequent menstrual care.

Points	Descriptors
0	<p><i>There is no functional impact on work-related or daily activities due to symptoms or personal care needs associated with a digestive or reproductive system condition.</i></p> <p>(1) The person is not usually interrupted at work or other activity by symptoms or personal care needs associated with a digestive or reproductive system condition.</p>

5	<p><i>There is a mild functional impact on work-related or daily activities due to symptoms or personal care needs associated with a digestive or reproductive system condition.</i></p> <p>(1) At least one of the following applies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the person's attention and concentration at a task are sometimes (on most days) interrupted or reduced by pain or other symptoms or personal care needs associated with the digestive or reproductive system condition; or (b) the person is sometimes (i.e. less than once per month) absent from work, education or training activities due to the digestive or reproductive system condition.
10	<p><i>There is a moderate functional impact on work-related or daily activities due to symptoms or personal care needs associated with a digestive or reproductive system condition.</i></p> <p>(1) At least two of the following apply to the person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the person's attention and concentration on a task are often (at least once a day but not every hour) interrupted or reduced by pain or other symptoms or personal care needs associated with the digestive or reproductive system condition; (b) the person is unable to sustain work activity or other tasks for more than 2 hours without a break due to symptoms of the digestive or reproductive system condition; (c) the person is often (once per month) absent from work, education or training activities due to the digestive or reproductive system condition.
20	<p><i>There is a severe functional impact on work-related or daily activities due to symptoms or personal care needs associated with a digestive or reproductive system condition.</i></p> <p>(1) At least two of the following apply to the person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the person's attention and concentration at a task is frequently (at least once every hour) interrupted or reduced by pain or other symptoms or personal care needs associated with the digestive or reproductive system condition; (b) the person is unable to sustain work activity or other tasks for a total of more than 3 hours a day, even with regular breaks, due to symptoms of the digestive or reproductive system condition; (c) the person's condition may affect the comfort or attention of co-workers; (d) the person is frequently (twice or more per month) absent from work, education or training activities due to the digestive or reproductive system condition.

30	<p><i>There is an extreme functional impact on work-related or daily activities due to symptoms or personal care needs associated with a digestive or reproductive system condition.</i></p> <p>(1) At least two of the following apply to the person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the person's attention and concentration at a task are continually interrupted or reduced by pain or other symptoms or care needs associated with the digestive or reproductive system condition (e.g. pain or other symptoms are present all or most of the time);(b) the person is unable to sustain work activity or other task for more than 1 hour without a break due to symptoms of the digestive or reproductive system condition;(c) the nature of the person's condition is likely to affect co-workers adversely;(d) the person is rarely able to attend work, education or training activities due to the digestive or reproductive system condition.
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