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THE FOOT—Continued

	Rat- ing
Moderate; weight-bearing line over or medial to great toe, inward bowing of the tendo achillis, pain on manipulation and use of the feet, bilateral or unilateral .....	10
Mild; symptoms relieved by built-up shoe or arch support .....	0
5277 Weak foot, bilateral: A symptomatic condition secondary to many constitutional conditions, characterized by atrophy of the musculature, disturbed circulation, and weakness: Rate the underlying condition, minimum rating .....	10
5278 Claw foot (pes cavus), acquired: Marked contraction of plantar fascia with dropped forefoot, all toes hammer toes, very painful callosities, marked varus deformity: Bilateral .....	50
Unilateral .....	30
All toes tending to dorsiflexion, limitation of dorsiflexion at ankle to right angle, shortened plantar fascia, and marked tenderness under metatarsal heads: Bilateral .....	30
Unilateral .....	20
Great toe dorsiflexed, some limitation of dorsiflexion at ankle, definite tenderness under metatarsal heads: Bilateral .....	10
Unilateral .....	10
Slight .....	0
5279 Metatarsalgia, anterior (Morton's disease), unilateral, or bilateral .....	10
5280 Hallux valgus, unilateral: Operated with resection of metatarsal head .....	10
Severe, if equivalent to amputation of great toe ..	10
5281 Hallux rigidus, unilateral, severe: Rate as hallux valgus, severe. Note: Not to be combined with claw foot ratings.	
5282 Hammer toe: All toes, unilateral without claw foot .....	10
Single toes .....	0
5283 Tarsal, or metatarsal bones, malunion of, or nonunion of: Severe .....	30
Moderately severe .....	20
Moderate .....	10
NOTE: With actual loss of use of the foot, rate 40 percent.	
5284 Foot injuries, other: Severe .....	30
Moderately severe .....	20
Moderate .....	10
NOTE: With actual loss of use of the foot, rate 40 percent.	

THE SKULL

	Rat- ing
5296 Skull, loss of part of, both inner and outer tables: With brain hernia .....	80
Without brain hernia: Area larger than size of a 50-cent piece or 1.140 in <sup>2</sup> (7.355 cm <sup>2</sup> ) .....	50
Area intermediate .....	30

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	Rat- ing
Area smaller than the size of a 25-cent piece or 0.716 in <sup>2</sup> (4.619 cm <sup>2</sup> ) .....	10
NOTE: Rate separately for intracranial complications.	

THE RIBS

	Rat- ing
5297 Ribs, removal of: More than six .....	50
Five or six .....	40
Three or four .....	30
Two .....	20
One or resection of two or more ribs without regeneration .....	10
NOTE (1): The rating for rib resection or removal is not to be applied with ratings for purulent pleurisy, lobectomy, pneumonectomy or injuries of pleural cavity.	
NOTE (2): However, rib resection will be considered as rib removal in thoracoplasty performed for collapse therapy or to accomplish obliteration of space and will be combined with the rating for lung collapse, or with the rating for lobectomy, pneumonectomy or the graduated ratings for pulmonary tuberculosis.	

THE COCCYX

	Rat- ing
5298 Coccyx, removal of: Partial or complete, with painful residuals .....	10
Without painful residuals .....	0

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§ 4.73 Schedule of ratings—muscle injuries.

NOTE: When evaluating any claim involving muscle injuries resulting in loss of use of any extremity or loss of use of both buttocks (diagnostic code 5317, Muscle Group XVII), refer to § 3.350 of this chapter to determine whether the veteran may be entitled to special monthly compensation.