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## Orthopedic Impairments

Documentation requirements for an individual requesting services due to any type of orthopedic impairment must be completed by a physician, physiatrist, orthopedist, or other medical specialist with the experience or expertise in the domain for which he/she is diagnosing. Comprehensive documentation must be submitted that includes:

1. A clear statement of the existence of a medically determinable orthopedic impairment;
2. A written report of:
  - A detailed medical history
  - Results of a complete physical examination
  - Medical evidence consisting of medical signs, symptoms (duration, -incidence and severity) and laboratory findings
  - Proof of a substantial reduction in previous levels of movement
  - Results of diagnostic test battery performed to rule out other causes of symptoms
3. A description of the condition's current functional impact on learning or other major activity relevant to the academic experience;
4. A statement addressing the individual's requested accommodation(s), including rationale as to why these accommodation(s) are warranted\*;
5. A statement regarding the use of any corrective devices or other rehabilitative measures, including medication that may or may not mitigate the orthopedic impairment.

\* Any request for an extension of time on examinations based on the impairment should be supported by evidence that reflects a measurable decline in pre-morbid functioning.