



The term “Whole Body” refers to a little known policy within the SSA rules. This policy essentially states that SSA must consider the effects of all alleged severe impairments in determining the claimant’s final RFC. However, SSA will only consider impairments that are brought to their attention. It’s your job as a Disability Advocate **The Whole Body Principle** to make sure all serious impairments are considered. This is critical to winning or losing your case.

The main reason Disability Associates Advocates win up to 90% of the cases they represent is because of our usage of the Whole Body principle. Each alleged impairment condition results in one or more limitations. When all limitations are added together, the result is a more limited individual. The more limited the individual, the less capable he/she will be of performing work. Therefore, use the Whole Body Principle in every case to create more limiting RFCs than those originally considered by SSA.

Using the Whole Body Principle, identify all severe impairments in the claimant’s medical evidence. Then consider each condition individually and identify all its limitations. Add all the limitations together to formulate an RFC and present this data in your formal argument. Any decision that involves an RFC will be allowed or denied based on Medical-Vocational factors.