

The Award sets out findings of fact and conclusions of law in some detail and it is not necessary to repeat those herein. The Board adopts those findings and conclusions as its own.

The Administrative Law Judge awarded claimant a 17 percent impairment to the right upper extremity based upon the combined opinions of Dr. Brown and Dr. Villanueva. Dr. Villanueva found claimant to have suffered a 13 percent impairment to the upper extremity, utilizing the American Medical Ass'n, *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* (4th ed.). Dr. Brown, on the other hand, found claimant to have suffered a 21 percent impairment to the upper extremity, after Dr. Brown assessed claimant a 6 percent impairment to the shoulder based upon loss of range of motion, a 6 percent impairment to the shoulder based upon crepitus, and a 10 percent impairment to the upper extremity based upon her carpal tunnel syndrome. The Administrative Law Judge, in considering both opinions, found neither to be sufficiently persuasive to outweigh the other. Therefore, the Administrative Law Judge combined the two ratings, finding claimant entitled to a 17 percent impairment to the right upper extremity. The Board affirms that finding.

AWARD

WHEREFORE, it is the finding, decision, and order of the Appeals Board that the Award of Administrative Law Judge Pamela J. Fuller dated September 22, 2003, should be, and is hereby, affirmed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this ____ day of January 2004.

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- D. Shane Bangerter, Attorney for Respondent
- Pamela J. Fuller, Administrative Law Judge
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