

## Impairment Scale of Allen Following Amputation or Injury of a Fingertip

Overview: Allen evaluated outcome after fingertip injury or amputation using 14 measures of function or cosmesis. The author is from the Leicestershire Royal Infirmary in England.

Objective measures:

- (1) light touch
- (2) pincer grip with finger
- (3) joint stiffness
- (4) pain sensitivity
- (5) 2-point discrimination (normal 3 mm)

Subjective measures:

- (6) tenderness
- (7) cold sensitivity
- (8) disability
- (9) satisfaction with result

Cosmetic measures:

- (10) pulp
- (11) skin
- (12) fissuring
- (13) pigmentation
- (14) nail growth

<b>Change</b>	<b>Points</b>
none normal	0
slight	1
moderate	2
severe	3

<b>Satisfaction with Result</b>	<b>Points</b>
very good	0
good	1
acceptable	2
poor	3

total score = SUM(points for all 14 measures)

Interpretation:

- minimum score: 0
- maximum score: 42
- The higher the score the more extensive the impairment following injury.

References:

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