

## **SSA's Listing Addressing Systemic Sclerosis**

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has developed a specific listing addressing criteria considered when assessing Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income entitlement based on systemic sclerosis. If an individual's impairment meets, or is equivalent to the listing laid out below, the Administration will direct a finding of disability. Please note, however, individuals suffering from systemic sclerosis can still be found disabled even if their conditions do not exactly fit the Administration's criteria in the below listing. In such instances, age and vocational background are often crucial factors in such claims.

**14.04 Systemic sclerosis (scleroderma)** As described in [14.00D3](#). With:

**A.** Involvement of two or more organs/body systems, with:

1. One of the organs/body systems involved to at least a moderate level of severity; and
2. At least two of the constitutional symptoms or signs (severe fatigue, fever, malaise, or involuntary weight loss).

OR

**B.** With one of the following:

1. Toe contractures or fixed deformity of one or both feet, resulting in the inability to ambulate effectively as defined in [14.00C6](#); or
2. Finger contractures or fixed deformity in both hands, resulting in the inability to perform fine and gross movements effectively as defined in [14.00C7](#); or
3. Atrophy with irreversible damage in one or both lower extremities, resulting in the inability to ambulate effectively as defined in [14.00C6](#); or
4. Atrophy with irreversible damage in both upper extremities, resulting in the inability to perform fine and gross movements effectively as defined in [14.00C7](#).

OR

**C.** Raynaud's phenomenon, characterized by:

1. Gangrene involving at least two extremities; or

2. Ischemia with ulcerations of toes or fingers, resulting in the inability to ambulate effectively or to perform fine and gross movements effectively as defined in [14.00C6](#) and [14.00C7](#);

OR

**D.** Repeated manifestations of systemic sclerosis (scleroderma), with at least two of the constitutional symptoms or signs (severe fatigue, fever, malaise, or involuntary weight loss) and one of the following at the marked level:

1. Limitation of activities of daily living.
2. Limitation in maintaining social functioning.
3. Limitation in completing tasks in a timely manner due to deficiencies in concentration, persistence, or pace.