

OSWESTRY LOW BACK DISABILITY INDEX QUESTIONNAIRE

Patient's Name _____ Date _____

This questionnaire has been designed to give the doctor information as to how your low back pain has affected your ability to manage in everyday life. Please answer every section and mark in each section only ONE box which applies to you. We realize you may consider that two of the statements in any one section relate to you, but please just mark the box which MOSTLY CLOSELY describes your problem.

Section 1 – Pain Intensity

- I have no pain at the moment.
- The pain is very mild at the moment.
- The pain is moderate at the moment.
- The pain is fairly severe at the moment.
- The pain is very severe at the moment.
- The pain is the worst imaginable at the moment.

Section 2 – Personal Care (Washing, Dressing, etc.)

- I can look after myself normally without causing extra pain.
- I can look after myself normally but it causes extra pain.
- It is painful to look after myself and I am slow and careful.
- I need some help but manage most of my personal care.
- I need help every day in most aspects of self care.
- I do not get dressed, I wash with difficulty and stay in bed.

Section 3 – Lifting

- I can lift heavy weights without extra pain.
- I can lift heavy weights but it gives extra pain.
- Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor, but I can manage if they are conveniently positioned, for example, on a table.
- Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights, but I can manage light to medium weights if they are conveniently positioned.
- I can lift very light weights.
- I cannot lift or carry anything at all.

Section 4 – Walking

- Pain does not prevent me from walking any distance.
- Pain prevents me from walking more than one mile.
- Pain prevents me from walking more than one-half mile.
- Pain prevents me from walking more than one-quarter mile.
- I can only walk using a stick or crutches.
- I am in bed most of the time and have to crawl to the toilet.

Section 5 – Sitting

- I can sit in any chair as long as I like.
- I can only sit in my favorite chair as long as I like.
- Pain prevents me from sitting more than one hour.
- Pain prevents me from sitting more than 30 minutes.
- Pain prevents me from sitting more than 10 minutes.
- Pain prevents me from sitting at all.

Section 6 – Standing

- I can stand as long as I want without extra pain.
- I can stand as long as I want but it gives extra pain.
- Pain prevents me from standing more than one hour.
- Pain prevents me from standing more than 30 minutes.
- Pain prevents me from standing more than 10 minutes.
- Pain prevents me from standing at all.

Section 7 – Sleeping

- My sleep is never disturbed by pain.
- My sleep is occasionally disturbed by pain.
- Because of pain, I have less than 6 hours of sleep.
- Because of pain, I have less than 4 hours of sleep.
- Because of pain, I have less than 2 hours of sleep.
- Pain prevents me from sleeping at all.

Section 8 – Sex Life (if applicable)

- My sex life is normal and causes me no extra pain.
- My sex life is normal but causes me some extra pain.
- My sex life is nearly normal but is very painful.
- My sex life is nearly normal but is very painful.
- My sex life is severely restricted by pain.
- Pain prevents any sex life at all.

Section 9 – Social Life

- My social life is normal and gives me no extra pain.
- My social life is normal but increases the degree of pain.
- Pain has no significant effect on my social life apart from limiting by more energetic interests, e.g. dancing.
- Pain has restricted my social life and I do not go out as often.
- Pain has restricted my social life to my home.
- I have no social life because of pain.

Section 10 – Traveling

- I can travel anywhere without extra pain.
- I can travel anywhere but it gives me extra pain.
- Pain is bad but I manage journeys over 2 hours.
- Pain is bad but I manage journeys less than 1 hour.
- Pain restricts me to short necessary journeys under 30 minutes.
- Pain prevents me from traveling except to the doctor or hospital.

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