

OSWESTRY DISABILITY INDEX

Name: _____ Age: _____ Date: _____ Raw Score: _____

Please complete this questionnaire by circling *one* answer in each section. It is designed to give us information as to how your back (or leg) trouble has affected your ability to manage in everyday life.

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| <p>SECTION 1 – Pain Intensity</p> <p>A. I have no pain at the moment. B. The pain is very mild at the moment. C. The pain is moderate at the moment. D. The pain is fairly severe at the moment. E. The pain is very severe at the moment. F. The pain is the worst imaginable at the moment.</p> | <p>SECTION 6 –Standing</p> <p>A. I can stand as long as I want without extra pain. B. I can stand as long as I want but it gives me extra pain. C. Pain prevents me from standing for more than one hour. D. Pain prevents me from standing for more than half an hour. E. Pain prevents me from standing for more than ten minutes. F. Pain prevents me from standing at all.</p> |
| <p>SECTION 2 – Personal Care</p> <p>A. I can look after myself normally without causing extra pain. B. I can look after myself normally but it is painful. C. It is painful to look after myself and I am slow and careful. D. I need some help but manage most of my personal care. E. I need help every day in most aspects of self care. F. I do not get dressed, wash with difficulty and stay in bed.</p> | <p>SECTION 7 – Sleeping</p> <p>A. My sleep is never disturbed by pain. B. My sleep is occasionally disturbed by pain. C. Because of pain I have less than 6 hours sleep. D. Because of pain I have less than 4 hours sleep. E. Because of pain I have less than 2 hours sleep. F. Pain prevents me from sleeping at all.</p> |
| <p>SECTION 3 – Lifting</p> <p>A. I can lift heavy weights without extra pain. B. I can lift heavy weights but it gives extra pain C. Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor but I can manage if they are conveniently positioned, e.g., on a table. D. Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights but I can manage light to medium weights if they are conveniently positioned. E. I can lift only very light weights. F. I cannot lift or carry anything at all.</p> | <p>SECTION 8 – Social Life</p> <p>A. My social life is normal and gives me no extra pain. B. My social life is normal but increases the degree of pain. C. Pain has no significant effect on my social life apart from limiting my more energetic interests, e.g. dancing, etc. D. Pain has restricted my social life and I do not go out as often. E. Pain has restricted social life to my home. F. I have no social life because of pain.</p> |
| <p>SECTION 4 –Walking</p> <p>A. Pain does not prevent me walking any distance. B. Pain prevents me walking more than one mile. C. Pain prevents me walking more than a quarter of a mile. D. Pain prevents me from walking more than 100 yards. E. I can only walk using a stick or crutches. F. I am in bed most of the time and have to crawl to the toilet.</p> | <p>SECTION 9 – Traveling</p> <p>A. I can travel anywhere without pain. B. I can travel anywhere but it gives extra pain. C. Pain is bad but I manage journeys over two hours. D. Pain restricts me to journeys of less than one hour. E. Pain restricts me to journeys of less than 30 minutes. F. Pain prevents me from traveling except to receive treatment.</p> |
| <p>SECTION 5 –Sitting</p> <p>A. I can sit in any chair as long as I like. B. I can sit in my favorite chair as long as I like. C. Pain prevents me from sitting for more than one hour. D. Pain prevents me from sitting for more than half an hour. E. Pain prevents me from sitting for more than ten minutes. F. Pain prevents me from sitting at all.</p> | <p>SECTION 10 – Changing Degree of Pain</p> <p>A. My pain is rapidly getting better. B. My pain fluctuates, but overall is definitely getting better. C. My pain seems to be getting better, but improvement is slow at present. D. My pain is neither getting better nor worse. E. My pain is gradually worsening. F. My pain is rapidly worsening.</p> |

Patient Signature _____ Date _____