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OSWESTRY LOW BACK PAIN DISABILITY INDEX QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer each section by circling **ONLY the ONE CHOICE** that most applies to you **RIGHT NOW**.

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| <p>SECTION 1 – Pain Intensity</p> <p>A. The pain comes and goes and is very mild. B. The pain is mild and does not vary much. C. The pain comes and goes and is moderate. D. The pain is moderate and does not vary much. E. The pain comes and goes and is severe. F. The pain is severe and does not vary much.</p> | <p>SECTION 6 – Walking</p> <p>A. Pain does not prevent me walking any distance. B. Pain prevents me walking more than 1 mile. C. Pain prevents me walking more than ½ of a mile. D. Pain prevents me walking more than ¼ of a mile. E. I can only walk using a cane or on crutches. F. I am in bed most of the time and have to crawl to the toilet.</p> |
| <p>SECTION 2 – Personal Care (Washing, Dressing, etc.)</p> <p>A. I would not have to change my way of washing or dressing in order to avoid pain. B. I do not normally change my way of washing or dressing even though it causes some pain. C. Washing and dressing increases the pain, but I manage not to change my way of doing it. D. Washing and dressing increases the pain and I find it necessary to change my way of doing it. E. Because of the pain, I am unable to do some washing and dressing without help. F. Because of the pain, I am unable to do some washing and dressing without help.</p> | <p>SECTION 7 – Lifting</p> <p>A. I can lift heavy weights without extra pain. B. I can lift heavy weights, but it causes extra pain. C. Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor. D. Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor, but I can manage if they are conveniently positioned (i.e. on a table). E. Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights, but I can manage light to medium weights if they are conveniently positioned. F. I can lift only very light weights, at the most.</p> |
| <p>SECTION 3 – Sleeping</p> <p>A. I get no pain in bed. B. I get pain in bed, but it does not prevent me from sleeping well. C. Because of pain, my normal nights sleep is reduced by less than one quarter. D. Because of pain, my normal nights sleep is reduced by less than one half. E. Because of pain, my normal nights sleep is reduced by less than three quarter. F. Pain prevents me from sleeping at all.</p> | <p>SECTION 8 – Standing</p> <p>A. I can stand as long as I want without extra pain. B. I have some pain while standing, but it does not increase with time. C. I cannot stand for longer than 1 hour without increasing pain. D. I cannot stand for longer than ½ hour without increasing pain. E. I cannot stand for longer than 10 minutes without increasing pain. F. I avoid standing, because it increases the pain straight away.</p> |
| <p>SECTION 4 – Sitting</p> <p>A. I can sit in any chair as long as I like without pain. B. I can only sit in my favorite chair as long as I like. C. Pain prevents me from sitting for more than 1 hour. D. Pain prevents me from sitting for more than ½ hour. E. Pain prevents me from sitting for more than 10 minutes. F. Pain prevents me from sitting at all.</p> | <p>SECTION 9 – 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> |
| <p>SECTION 5 – Social Life</p> <p>A. My social life is normal and gives me no pain. B. My social life is normal, but increases the degree of my pain. C. Pain has no significant effect on my social life apart from limiting my more energetic interests ex: dancing. D. Pain has restricted my social life and I do not go out very often. E. Pain has restricted my social life to my home. F. I hardly have any social life because of the pain.</p> | <p>SECTION 10 – Traveling</p> <p>A. I get no pain while traveling. B. I get some pain while traveling, but none of my usual forms of travel make it any worse. C. I get some pain while traveling, but it does not compel me to seek alternative forms of travel. D. I get extra pain while traveling which compels me to seek alternative forms of travel. E. Pain restricts all form of travel. F. Pain prevents all forms of travel except that done lying down.</p> |

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