

# MODIFIED OSWESTRY LOW BACK PAIN DISABILITY QUESTIONNAIRE<sup>1</sup>

## Section 1: To be completed by patient

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of days of back pain: \_\_\_\_\_ (this episode)

## Section 2: To be completed by patient

This questionnaire has been designed to give your therapist information as to how your back pain has affected your ability to manage in every day life. Please answer every question by placing a mark on the line that best describes your condition today. We realize you may feel that two of the statements may describe your condition, but **please mark only the line which most closely describes your current condition.**

### Pain Intensity

- The pain is mild and comes and goes.
- The pain is mild and does not vary much.
- The pain is moderate and comes and goes.
- The pain is moderate and does not vary much.
- The pain is severe and comes and goes.
- The pain is severe and does not vary much.

### Personal Care (Washing, Dressing, etc.)

- I do not have to change the way I wash and dress myself to avoid pain.
- I do not normally change the way I wash or dress myself even though it causes some pain.
- Washing and dressing increases my pain, but I can do it without changing my way of doing it.
- Washing and dressing increases my pain, and I find it necessary to change the way I do it.
- Because of my pain I am partially unable to wash and dress without help.
- Because of my pain I am completely unable to wash or dress without help.

### Lifting

- I can lift heavy weights without increased pain.
- I can lift heavy weights but it causes increased pain
- Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off of the floor, but I can manage if they are conveniently positioned (ex. on a table, etc.).
- Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off of the floor, but I can manage light to medium weights if they are conveniently positioned.
- I can lift only very light weights.
- I can not lift or carry anything at all.

### Walking

- I have no pain when walking.
- I have pain when walking, but I can still walk my required normal distances.
- Pain prevents me from walking long distances.
- Pain prevents me from walking intermediate distances.
- Pain prevents me from walking even short distances.
- Pain prevents me from walking at all.

### Sitting

- Sitting does not cause me any pain.
- I can only sit as long as I like providing that I have my choice of seating surfaces.
- Pain prevents me from sitting for more than 1 hour.
- Pain prevents me from sitting for more than 1/2 hour.
- Pain prevents me from sitting for more than 10 minutes.
- Pain prevents me from sitting at all.

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**Standing**

- I can stand as long as I want without increased pain.
- I can stand as long as I want but my pain increases with time.
- Pain prevents me from standing more than 1 hour.
- Pain prevents me from standing more than 1/2 hour.
- Pain prevents me from standing more than 10 minutes.
- I avoid standing because it increases my pain right away.

**Sleeping**

- I get no pain when I am in bed.
- I get pain in bed, but it does not prevent me from sleeping well.
- Because of my pain, my sleep is only 3/4 of my normal amount.
- Because of my pain, my sleep is only 1/2 of my normal amount.
- Because of my pain, my sleep is only 1/4 of my normal amount.
- Pain prevents me from sleeping at all.

**Social Life**

- My social life is normal and does not increase my pain.
- My social life is normal, but it increases my level of pain.
- Pain prevents me from participating in more energetic activities (ex. sports, dancing, etc.)
- Pain prevents me from going out very often.
- Pain has restricted my social life to my home.
- I have hardly any social life because of my pain.

**Traveling**

- I get no increased pain when traveling.
- I get some pain while traveling, but none of my usual forms of travel make it any worse.
- I get increased pain while traveling, but it does not cause me to seek alternative forms of travel.
- I get increased pain while traveling which causes me to seek alternative forms of travel.
- My pain restricts all forms of travel except that which is done while I am lying down.
- My pain restricts all forms of travel.

**Employment/Homemaking**

- My normal job/homemaking activities do not cause pain.
- My normal job/homemaking activities increase my pain, but I can still perform all that is required of me.
- I can perform most of my job/homemaking duties, but pain prevents me from performing more physically stressful activities (ex. lifting, vacuuming)
- Pain prevents me from doing anything but light duties.
- Pain prevents me from doing even light duties.
- Pain prevents me from performing any job or homemaking chores.

**Section 3: To be completed by physical therapist/provider**

**SCORE: Initial** \_\_\_\_\_%    **Subsequent** \_\_\_\_\_%    **Subsequent** \_\_\_\_\_%    **Discharge** \_\_\_\_\_%

**Number of treatment sessions:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Diagnosis/ICD-9 Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Neck Disability Index

*This questionnaire has been designed to give the doctor information as to how your neck pain has affected your ability to manage in everyday life. Please answer every section and mark in each section only the 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 most closely describes your problem.*

### Section 1 – Pain Intensity

- I have no pain at the moment. (0)
- The pain is very mild at the moment. (1)
- The pain is moderate at the moment. (2)
- The pain is fairly severe at the moment. (3)
- The pain is very severe at the moment. (4)
- The pain is the worst imaginable at the moment. (5)

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

- I can look after myself normally without causing extra pain. (0)
- I can look after myself normally but it causes extra pain. (1)
- It is painful to look after myself and I am slow and careful. (2)
- I need some help but manage most of my personal care. (3)
- I need help every day in most aspects of self care. (4)
- I do not get dressed, I wash with difficulty and stay in bed. (5)

### Section 3 – Lifting

- I can lift heavy weights without extra pain. (0)
- I can lift heavy weights but it gives extra pain. (1)
- Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor, but I can manage if they are conveniently positioned, for example on a table. (2)
- Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights, but I can manage light to medium weights if they are conveniently positioned. (3)
- I can lift very light weights. (4)
- I cannot lift or carry anything at all. (5)

### Section 4 – Reading

- I can read as much as I want to with no pain in my neck. (0)
- I can read as much as I want to with slight pain in my neck. (1)
- I can read as much as I want with moderate pain in my neck. (2)
- I cannot read as much as I want because of moderate pain in my neck. (3)
- I can hardly read at all because of severe pain in my neck. (4)
- I cannot read at all. (5)

### Section 5 – Headaches

- I have no headaches at all. (0)
- I have slight headaches that come infrequently. (1)
- I have moderate headaches which come infrequently. (2)
- I have moderate headaches which come frequently. (3)
- I have severe headaches which come frequently. (4)
- I have headaches almost all the time. (5)

### Section 6 – Concentration

- I can concentrate fully when I want to with no difficulty. (0)
- I can concentrate fully when I want to with slight difficulty. (1)
- I have a fair degree of difficulty in concentrating when I want to. (2)
- I have a lot of difficulty in concentrating when I want to. (3)
- I have a great deal of difficulty in concentrating when I want to. (4)
- I cannot concentrate at all. (5)

### Section 7 – Work

- I can do as much work as I want to. (0)
- I can do my usual work, but no more. (1)
- I can do most of my usual work, but no more. (2)
- I cannot do my usual work. (3)
- I can hardly do any work at all. (4)
- I cannot do any work at all. (5)

### Section 8 – Driving

- I can drive my car without any neck pain. (0)
- I can drive my car as long as I want with slight pain in my neck. (1)
- I can drive my car as long as I want with moderate pain in my neck. (2)
- I cannot drive my car as long as I want because of moderate pain in my neck. (3)
- I can hardly drive at all because of severe pain in my neck. (4)
- I cannot drive my car at all. (5)

### Section 9 – Sleeping

- I have no trouble sleeping. (0)
- My sleep is slightly disturbed (less than 1 hour sleepless). (1)
- My sleep is mildly disturbed (1-2 hours sleepless). (2)
- My sleep is moderately disturbed (2-3 hours sleepless). (3)
- My sleep is greatly disturbed (3-5 hours sleepless). (4)
- My sleep is completely disturbed (5-7 hours sleepless). (5)

### Section 10 – Recreation

- I am able to engage in all my recreation activities with no neck pain at all. (0)
- I am able to engage in all my recreation activities, with some pain in my neck. (1)
- I am able to engage in most, but not all, of my usual recreation activities because of pain in my neck. (2)
- I am able to engage in a few of my usual recreation activities because of pain in my neck. (3)
- I can hardly do any recreation activities because of pain in my neck. (4)
- I cannot do any recreation activities at all. (5)

**0-4 No disability**

**5-14 Mild disability**

**15-24 Moderate disability**

**25-34 Severe disability**

**> 35 Complete disability**