

MODIFIED OSWESTRY LOW BACK QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: _____

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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 in the **ONE** box that best describes your condition today. You may feel that two of the statements may describe your condition, **but please mark only the box which most closely describes your current condition.**

Section 1 - Pain Intensity

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

Section 2 - Personal Care

- I do not have to change my way of washing or dressing to avoid pain.
- I do not normally change my way of washing or dressing even though it causes me pain.
- Washing and dressing increase the pain, but I manage not to change my way of doing it.
- Washing and dressing increases the pain and I find it necessary to change my way of doing it.
- Because of the pain I am unable to do some washing and dressing without help.
- Because of the pain I am unable to do any washing and dressing without help.

Section 3 - Lifting (skip if you have not attempted lifting since the onset of your low back pain)

- I can lift heavy weights without extra low back pain.
- I can lift heavy weights but it causes extra pain.
- Pain prevents me lifting heavy weights off the floor.
- Pain prevents me lifting heavy weights off the floor, but I can manage if they are conveniently positioned, e.g. on a table.
- Pain prevents me lifting heavy weights but I can manage light to medium weights if they are conveniently positioned.
- I can only lift light weights at the most.

Section 4 - Walking

- I have no pain walking.
- I have some pain on walking, but I can still walk my required to 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.

Section 5 - Sitting

- Sitting does not cause me any pain.
- I can sit as long as I need provided I have my choice of sitting surfaces.
- Pain prevents me from sitting more than 1 hour.
- Pain prevents me from sitting more than 1/2 hour.
- 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 pain.
- I have some pain while standing, but it does not increase with time.
- I cannot stand for longer than 1 hour without increasing pain.
- I cannot stand for longer than 1/2 hour without increasing pain.
- I cannot stand for longer than 10 minutes without increasing pain.
- I avoid standing because it increases the pain immediately.

Section 7 - Sleeping

- I have no pain while in bed.
- I have pain in bed, but it does not prevent me from sleeping well.
- Because of pain I sleep only 3/4 of normal time.
- Because of pain I sleep only 1/2 of normal time.
- Because of pain I sleep only 1/4 of normal time.
- Pain prevents me from sleeping at all.

Section 8 - Social Life

- My social life is normal and gives me no pain.
- My social life is normal, but increases the degree of pain.
- Pain prevents me from participating in more energetic activities e.g. sports, dancing.
- Pain prevents me from going out very often.
- Pain has restricted my social life to my home.
- I hardly have any social life because of pain.

Section 9 - Traveling

- I get no pain while traveling.
- I get some pain while traveling, but none of my usual forms of travel make it any worse.
- I get some pain while traveling, but it does not compel me to seek alternative forms of travel.
- I get extra pain while traveling that requires me to seek alternative forms of travel.
- Pain restricts all forms of travel.
- Pain prevents all forms of travel except that done lying down.

Section 10 - Employment/Homemaking

- My normal job/homemaking duties do not cause pain.
- My normal job/homemaking duties cause me extra 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 e.g. lifting, vacuuming, etc.
- 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 chore.

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