



PHYSICAL THERAPY

PAIN QUESTIONNAIRE (REVISED OSWESTRY)

Please Read: This questionnaire is designed to enable us to understand how much your pain has affected your ability to manage everyday activities. Please answer each Section by circling the **ONE CHOICE** that most applies to you. We realize that you may feel more than one statement may relate to you, but **PLEASE CIRCLE THE ONE CHOICE THAT MOST CLOSELY DESCRIBES YOUR PROBLEM RIGHT NOW.**

SECTION 1 – Pain Intensity

- 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.

SECTION 2 – Personal Care

- 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 increase the pain, but I manage not to change my way of doing it.
- D. Washing and dressing increase the pain and I find it necessary to change my way of doing it.
- E. Due to pain I am unable to do some washing and dressing without help.
- F. Due to pain I am unable to do any washing or dressing without help.

SECTION 3 –Lifting

- 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 weight off the floor, but I can manage if they are conveniently positioned, e.g. on a table.
- E. Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights, but I manage light to medium weights if they are conveniently positioned.
- F. I can only lift very light weights, at the most.

SECTION 4 – Walking

- A. Pain does not prevent me from walking any distance.
- B. Pain prevents me from walking more than one mile.
- C. Pain prevents me from walking more than ½ mile.
- D. Pain prevents me from walking ¼ mile.
- E. I can only walk while using a cane or on crutches.
- F. I am in bed most of the time and have to crawl to the toilet.

SECTION 5 – Sitting

- 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 more than one hour.
- D. Pain prevents me from sitting more than ½ hour.
- E. Pain prevents me from sitting more than 10 minutes.
- F. Pain prevents me from sitting at all.

SECTION 6 – Standing

- A. I can stand as long as I want without 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 right away.

SECTION 7 – Sleeping

- A. Pain does not prevent me from sleeping well.
- B. I can sleep well only by using medications.
- C. Even when I take medications I have less than 6 hours sleep.
- D. Even when I take medications I have less than 4 hours sleep.
- E. Even when I take medications I have less than 2 hours sleep.
- F. Pain prevents me from sleeping at all.

SECTION 8 – Social Life

- A. My social life is normal and gives me no 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 restricts my social life and I do not go out very often.
- E. Pain restricts my social life to my home.
- F. I have hardly any social life due to pain.

SECTION 9 – Traveling

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

SECTION 10 – Changing Degree of Pain

- 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.

