

REVISED OSWESTRY LOW BACK PAIN DISABILITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name _____ Date ____/____/____ File # _____
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This questionnaire helps us to understand how much your **LOW BACK PAIN** has affected your ability to perform everyday activities. Please check only **ONE** box in each section that most clearly describes your problem right now.

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 (Washing, Dressing, etc.)

- I would not have to change my way of washing or dressing in order to avoid pain.
- I do not normally change my way of washing or dressing even though it causes some pain.
- Washing and dressing increase the pain, but I manage not to change the way of doing it.
- Washing and dressing increase 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

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

SECTION 4 – Walking

- I have no pain on walking.
- I have some pain on walking but it does not increase with distance.
- I cannot walk more than one mile without increasing pain.
- I cannot walk more than ½ mile without increasing pain.
- I cannot walk more than ¼ mile without increasing pain.
- I cannot walk at all without increasing pain.

SECTION 5 – Sitting

- I can sit in any chair as long as I like without pain.
- I can sit in my favorite chair as long as I like.
- Pain prevents me from sitting more than 1 hour.
- Pain prevents me from sitting more than ½ hour.
- Pain prevents me from sitting more than 10 minutes.
- I avoid sitting because it increases pain immediately.

SECTION 6 – Standing

- I can stand as long as I want without pain.
- I have some pain on standing, but it does not, increase with time.
- I cannot stand for longer than one hour without increasing pain.
- I cannot stand for longer than ½ 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 get no pain in bed.
- I get pain in bed but it does not prevent me from sleeping well.
- Because of pain, my normal night's sleep is reduced by less than ¼.
- Because of pain, my normal night's sleep is reduced by less than ½.
- Because of pain, my normal night's sleep is reduced by less than ¾.
- 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 has no significant effect on my social life apart from limiting my more energetic interests, e.g., dancing, etc.
- Pain has restricted my social life and I do not go out very often.
- Pain has restricted my social life to my home.
- I have hardly 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 extra pain while traveling, but it does not compel me to seek alternative forms of travel.
- I get extra pain while traveling which compels 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 – Changing Degree of Pain

- My pain is rapidly getting better.
- My pain fluctuates, but overall is definitely getting better.
- My pain seems to be getting better, but improvement is slow.
- My pain is neither getting better nor getting worse.
- My pain is gradually worsening.
- My pain is rapidly worsening.