

## NECK PAIN DISABILITY INDEX QUESTIONNAIRE

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

<p><i>SECTION 1 - Pain Intensity</i></p> <p>A I have no pain at the moment. B The pain is very mild at the moment. C The pain is moderate at the moment. D The pain is fairly severe at the moment. E The pain is very severe at the moment. F The pain is the worst imaginable at the moment.</p>	<p><i>SECTION 6 - Concentration</i></p> <p>A I can concentrate fully when I want to with no difficulty. B I can concentrate fully when I want to with slight difficulty. C I have a fair degree of difficulty in concentrating when I want to. D I have a lot of difficulty in concentrating when I want to. E I have a great deal of difficulty in concentrating when I want to. F I cannot concentrate at all.</p>
<p><i>SECTION 2 - Personal Care (Washing, Dressing, etc.)</i></p> <p>A I can look after myself normally without causing extra pain. B I can look after myself normally, but it causes extra pain. C It is painful to look after myself and I am slow and careful. D I need some help, but manage most of my personal care. E I need help every day in most aspects of self care. F I do not get dressed, I wash with difficulty and stay in bed.</p>	<p><i>SECTION 7 - Work</i></p> <p>A I can do as much work as I want to. B I can only do my usual work, but no more. C I can do most of my usual work, but no more. D I cannot do my usual work. E I can hardly do any work at all. F I cannot do any work at all.</p>
<p><i>SECTION 3 - Lifting</i></p> <p>A I can lift heavy weights without extra pain. B I can lift heavy weights, but it gives extra pain. C Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor, but I can manage if they are conveniently positioned, for example, on a table. D Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights, but I can manage light to medium weights if they are conveniently positioned. E I can lift very light weights. F I cannot lift or carry anything at all.</p>	<p><i>SECTION 8 - Driving</i></p> <p>A I can drive my car without any neck pain. B I can drive my car as long as I want with slight pain in my neck. C I can drive my car as long as I want with moderate pain in my neck. D I cannot drive my car as long as I want because of moderate pain in my neck. E I can hardly drive at all because of severe pain in my neck. F I cannot drive my car at all.</p>
<p><i>SECTION 4 - Reading</i></p> <p>A I can read as much as I want to with no pain in my neck. B I can read as much as I want to with slight pain in my neck. C I can read as much as I want to with moderate pain in my neck. D I cannot read as much as I want because of moderate pain in my neck. E I cannot read as much as I want because of severe pain in my neck. F I cannot read at all.</p>	<p><i>SECTION 9 - Sleeping</i></p> <p>A I have no trouble sleeping. B My sleep is slightly disturbed (less than 1 hour sleepless). C My sleep is mildly disturbed (1-2 hours sleepless). D My sleep is moderately disturbed (2-3 hours sleepless). E My sleep is greatly disturbed (3-5 hours sleepless). F My sleep is completely disturbed (5-7 hours)</p>
<p><i>SECTION 5 - Headaches</i></p> <p>A I have no headaches at all. B I have slight headaches which come infrequently. C I have moderate headaches which come infrequently. D I have moderate headaches which come frequently. E I have severe headaches which come frequently. F I have headaches almost all the time.</p>	<p><i>SECTION 10 - Recreation</i></p> <p>A I am able to engage in all of my recreational activities with no neck pain at all. B I am able to engage in all of my recreational activities with some pain in my neck. C I am able to engage in most, but not all of my recreational activities because of pain in my neck. D I am able to engage in a few of my recreational activities because of pain in my neck. E I can hardly do any recreational activities because of pain in my neck. F I cannot do any recreational activities at all.</p>

**COMMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

## SCORING TECHNIQUE FOR NECK DISABILITY INDEX

1. Each of the 10 sections is scored separately (0 to 5 points each) and then added up (max. total = 50).

*EXAMPLE:*

Section 1. Pain Intensity	Point Value
A. _____ I have no pain at the moment	0
B. _____ The pain is very mild at the moment	1
C. _____ The pain is moderate at the moment	2
D. _____ The pain is fairly severe at the moment	3
E. _____ The pain is very severe at the moment	4
F. _____ The pain is the worst imaginable	5

2. If all 10 sections are completed, simply double the patients score.

3. If a section is omitted, divide the patient's total score by the number of sections completed times 5.

*FORMULA:*                     $\frac{\text{PATIENT'S SCORE}}{\# \text{ OF SECTIONS COMPLETED}} \times 5 \times 100 = \text{ \% DISABILITY}$

*EXAMPLE:*

If 9 of 10 sections are completed, divide the patient's score by 9 X 5 = 45; if.....

Patient's Score:                    22

Number of sections completed:    9 (9 X 5 = 45)

$22/45 \times 100 = 48 \text{ \% disability}$

Reference: Fairbanks CT, Couper C, Davies JB, O'Brien JP. The Oswestry low back pain disability questionnaire. *Physio Ther* 1980;66:271-273.