

## Modified Oswestry Neck Pain Disability Questionnaire<sup>a</sup>

This questionnaire has been designed to give your therapist information as to how your neck pain has affected your ability to manage in everyday life. Please answer every question by placing a mark in the **one** box 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 box that most closely describes your current condition.**

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### Pain Intensity

- I can tolerate the pain I have without having to use pain medication.
- The pain is very mild at the moment.
- The pain is moderate at the moment.
- The pain is fairly severe at the moment.
- The pain is very severe at the moment.
- The pain is the worst imaginable at the moment.

### Personal Care (e.g., Washing, Dressing)

- I can take care of myself normally without causing increased pain.
- I can take care of myself normally, but it increases my pain.
- It is painful to take care of myself, and I am slow and careful.
- I need help, but I am able to manage most of my personal care.
- I need help every day in most aspects of my care.
- I do not get dressed, I wash with difficulty, and I stay in bed.

### 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 the floor, but I can manage if the weights 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 lift only very light weights.
- I cannot lift or carry anything at all.

### Reading

- I can read as much as I want with no pain in my neck.
- I can read as much as I want with slight pain in my neck.
- I can read as much as I want with moderate pain in my neck.
- I cannot read as much as I want because of moderate pain in my neck.
- I can hardly read at all because of moderate pain in my neck.
- I cannot read at all.

### Headaches

- I have no headaches at all.
- I have slight headaches which come infrequently.
- I have moderate headaches which come infrequently.
- I have moderate headaches which come frequently.
- I have severe headaches which come frequently.
- I have headaches almost all the time.

### Concentration

- I can concentrate fully when I want with no difficulty.
- I can concentrate fully when I want with slight difficulty.
- I have a fair degree of difficulty in concentrating when I want.
- I have a lot of difficulty in concentrating when I want.
- I have a great deal of difficulty in concentrating when I want.
- I cannot concentrate at all.

### Work

- I can do as much work as I want.
- I can only do my usual work, but no more.
- I can do most of my usual work, but no more.
- I cannot do my usual work.
- I can hardly do any work at all.
- I cannot do any work at all.

### Driving

- I can drive my car without any neck pain.
- I can drive my car as long as I want with slight pain in my neck.
- I can drive my car as long as I want with moderate pain in my neck.
- I cannot drive my car as long as I want because of moderate pain in my neck.
- I can hardly drive at all because of severe pain in my neck.
- I cannot drive my car at all.

*Please complete questionnaire on other side.*

**Sleeping**

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

**Recreation**

- I am able to engage in all of my recreation activities with no pain in my neck.
- I am able to engage in all of my recreation activities with some pain in my neck.
- I am able to engage in most, but not all of my recreation activities because of pain in my neck.
- I am able to engage in only a few of my recreation activities because of pain in my neck.
- I can hardly do any recreation activities because of pain in my neck.
- I cannot do any recreation activities at all.

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**Score:** /50 x 100 = \_\_\_\_ % points

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**Scoring:** For each section the total possible score is 5: if the first statement is marked the section score = 0, if the last statement is marked it = 5. If all ten sections are completed the score is calculated as follows:

Example:  $\frac{16 \text{ (total scored)}}{50 \text{ (total possible score)}} \times 100 = 32\%$

If one section is missed or not applicable the score is calculated:

$\frac{16 \text{ (total scored)}}{45 \text{ (total possible score)}} \times 100 = 35.5\%$

Minimum Detectable Change (90% confidence): 10%points (Change of less than this amount may be attributed to error in the measurement.)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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