

## NECK 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 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 related to you, but **PLEASE JUST CIRCLE THE ONE CHOICE THAT MOST CLOSELY DESCRIBES YOUR PROBLEM RIGHT NOW.**

**SECTION 1--Pain Intensity**

- A. I have no pain at the moment
- B. The pain is mild at the moment.
- C. The pain comes and goes and is moderate.
- D. The pain is moderate and does not vary much.
- E. The pain is severe but comes and goes.
- F. The pain is severe and does not vary much.

**SECTION 6 -- Concentration**

- 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.

**SECTION 2--Personal Care (Washing, Dressing, etc.)**

- A. I can look after myself 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.

**SECTION 7--Work**

- 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.

**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 but I can 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.

**SECTION 8--Driving**

- A. I can drive my car without 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 my car at all because of severe pain in my neck.
- F. I cannot drive my car at all.

**SECTION 4 --Reading**

- 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 with slight pain in my neck.
- C. I can read as much as I want 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.

**SECTION 9--Sleeping**

- 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 sleepless).

**SECTION 5--Headache**

- 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.

**SECTION 10--Recreation**

- A. I am able engage in all recreational activities with no pain in my neck at all.
- B. I am able engage in all recreational activities with some pain in my neck.
- C. I am able engage in most, but not all recreational activities because of pain in my neck.
- D. I am able engage in a few of my usual 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 all.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DISABILITY INDEX SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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