## Revised Oswestry Low Back Pain Disability Questionnaire From N. Hudson, K. Tome-Nicholson, A. Breen; 1989 rev. 09/1 1/92

## Please mark the ONE choice from EACH group that best describes your problem right now.

PAIN INTENSITY

STANDING

☐ A. The pain comes and goes and is very mild.	☐A. I can stand as long as I want without pain.
☐B. The pain is mild and does not vary much.	☐B. I have some pain while standing, but it does not increase with
☐C. The pain comes and goes and is moderate.	time.
☐D. The pain is moderate and does not vary much.	☐C. I cannot stand for longer than one hour without increasing pain.
☐ E. The pain comes and goes and is severe.	☐D. I cannot stand for longer than ½ hour without increasing pain.
☐ F. The pain is severe and does not vary much.	☐E. I cannot stand for longer than ten minutes without increasing
PERSONAL CARE	pain.
☐ A. I would not have to change my way of washing or	☐F. I avoid standing, because it increases the pain straight away.
dressing in order to avoid pain.	SLEEPING
☐B. I do not normally change my way of washing or	☐A. I get no pain in bed.
dressing even though it causes some pain.	□B. I get no pain in bed. □B. I get pain in bed, but it does not prevent me from sleeping well.
☐C. Washing and dressing increases the pain, but I	□C. Because of pain, my normal night's sleep is reduced by less
manage not to change my way of doing it.	than one-quarter.
□D. Washing and dressing increases the pain and I find	☐D. Because of pain, my normal night's sleep is reduced by less than one-half.
it necessary to change my way of doing it.	II W
☐ E. Because of the pain, I am unable to do some	☐ E. Because of pain, my normal night's sleep is reduced by less than
washing and dressing without help.	three-quarters.
☐F. Because of the pain, I am unable to do any	☐F. Pain prevents me from sleeping at all.
washing or dressing without help.	SOCIAL LIFE
LIFTING	☐A. My social life is normal and gives me no pain.
☐ A. I can lift heavy weights without extra pain.	☐B. My social life is normal, but increases the degree of my pain.
☐B. I can lift heavy weights, but it causes extra pain.	☐C. Pain has no significant effect on my social life apart from
☐C. Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the	limiting my more energetic interests, e.g., dancing, etc.
floor.	☐D. Pain has restricted my social life and I do not go out very often.
☐D. Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the	☐E. Pain has restricted my social life to my home.
floor, but I can manage if they are conveniently	☐F. I have hardly any social life because of the pain.
positioned, e.g., on a table.	TRAVELING
☐ E. Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights, but I can	☐A. I get no pain while traveling.
manage light to medium weights if they are	☐B. I get some pain while traveling, but none of my usual
conveniently positioned.	forms of travel make it any worse.
☐ F. I can only lift very light weights, at the most.	☐C. I get extra pain while traveling, but it does not compel me to
WALKING	seek alternative forms of travel.
☐ A. Pain does not prevent me from walking any distance.	☐D. I get extra pain while traveling which compels me to seek
☐B. Pain prevents me from walking more than one mile.	alternative forms of travel.
☐C. Pain prevents me from walking more than ½ mile.	☐E. Pain restricts all forms of travel.
☐D. Pain prevents me from walking more than 1/4 mile.	☐F. Pain prevents all forms of travel except that done lying down.
☐ E. I can only walk while using a cane or on crutches.	CHANGING DEGREE OF PAIN
☐ F. I am in bed most of the time and have to crawl to the	☐A. My pain is rapidly getting better.
toilet.	☐B. My pain fluctuates, but overall is definitely getting better.
SITTING	☐C. My pain seems to be getting better, but improvement is slow at
☐ A. I can sit in any chair as long as I like without pain.	present.
☐B. I can only sit in my favorite chair as long as I like.	☐D. My pain is neither getting better nor worse.
☐C. Pain prevents me from sitting more than one hour.	☐E. My pain is gradually worsening.
☐D. Pain prevents me from sitting more than ½ hour.	☐F. My pain is rapidly worsening.
☐ E. Pain prevents me from sitting more than ten minutes.	
☐F. Pain prevents me from sitting at all.	

Patient Signature	Date
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