

**Please Read:** This questionnaire is designed to enable us to understand how much your **LOW BACK** 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 relate to you, but *please* just circle the one choice which closely describes your problem *right now*.

**SECTION 1 - Pain Intensity**

- A. The pain comes and goes and is very mild.
- B. The pain is mild and does not vary much.
- 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 2 - Personal Care**

- A. I would not have to change my way of washing or dressing in order to avoid pain.
- B. I do not normally change my way of washing or dressing even though it causes some pain.
- C. Washing and dressing increase the pain, but I manage not to change my way of doing it.
- D. Washing and dressing increases the pain and I find it necessary to change my way of doing it.
- E. Because of the pain, I am unable to do any washing and dressing without pain.
- F. Because of the pain, I am unable to do any washing or dressing and essentially remain in bed.

**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.
- D. Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor, but I can manage if they are conveniently positioned.
- E. Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights, but I can manage light to medium weights if they are conveniently positioned.
- F. I can only lift very light weights, at the most.

**SECTION 4 - Walking**

- A. Pain does not prevent me from walking any distance.
- B. Pain prevents me from walking more than one mile.
- C. Pain prevents me from walking more than ¼ mile.
- D. Pain prevents me from walking more than 100 yards.
- E. I can only walk while using a cane or on crutches.
- F. I am in bed most of the time and have to crawl to the toilet.

**SECTION 5 - Sitting**

- A. I can sit in any chair as long as I like without pain.
- B. I can only sit in my favorite chair as long as like.
- C. Pain prevents me from sitting more than one hour.
- D. Pain prevents me from sitting more than ½ hour.
- E. Pain prevents me from sitting more than 10 minutes.
- F. Pain prevents me from sitting at all.

**SECTION 6 - Standing**

- A. I can stand as long as I want without pain.
- B. I have some pain while standing, but it does not increase with time.
- C. I cannot stand for longer than one hour without increasing pain.
- D. I can't stand for longer than ½ hour without increasing pain.
- E. I can't stand for more than 10 minutes without increasing pain.
- F. Pain prevents me from standing at all.

**SECTION 7 - Sleeping**

- A. I get no pain in bed.
- B. I get pain in bed, but it does not prevent me from sleeping.
- C. Because of pain, my normal night's sleep is reduced by less than one-quarter.
- D. Because of pain, my normal night's sleep is reduced by less than one-half.
- E. Because of pain, my normal night's sleep is reduced by less than three-quarters.
- F. Pain prevents me from sleeping at all.

**SECTION 8 - Social Life**

- A. My social life is normal and gives me no pain.
- B. My social life is normal, but increases the degree of my pain.
- C. Pain has no significant effect on my social life apart from limiting my more energetic interests.
- D. Pain has restricted my social life and I do not go out very often.
- E. Pain has restricted my social life to my home.
- F. I have no social life due to pain.

**SECTION 9 - Traveling**

- A. I get no pain while traveling.
- B. I get some pain while traveling, but none of my usual forms of travel make it any worse.
- C. I get extra pain while traveling, but it does not compel me to seek alternative forms of travel.
- D. I get extra pain while traveling which compels me to seek alternative forms of travel.
- E. Pain prevents all forms of travel except that done lying down.
- F. Pain prevents all forms of travel.

**SECTION 10 - Changing Degree of Pain**

- A. My pain is rapidly getting better.
- B. My pain fluctuates, but overall is definitely getting better.
- C. My pain seems to be getting better, but improvement is slow at present.
- D. My pain is neither getting better or worse.
- E. My pain is gradually worsening.
- F. My pain is rapidly worsening.

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