

Oswestry Disability Index

Patient Name _____ File # _____ Initial Exam ____/____/____
First Progress Exam ____/____/____

Please complete this questionnaire. It is designed to tell us how your back pain affects your ability to function in every day life.

I have "Chronic Pain" or pain that has bothered me for 3 months or more:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Check one of the following:

- ☐ Prior to Surgery ☐ After Surgery 3 Months ☐ After Surgery 1 year
☐ After Surgery 6 weeks ☐ After Surgery 6 Months ☐ After Surgery 2 years

Please answer each section below by checking the One Choice that applies the most to you at this time. You may feel that more than one of the statements relates to you at this time, but it is very important that you check only one choice that best describes your problem at this time.

Section 1: Pain Intensity

- ☐ The pain comes and goes and is very mild. [0 points]
☐ The pain is mild and does not vary much. [1 point]
☐ The pain comes and goes and is moderate . [2 points]
☐ The pain is moderate and does not vary much. [3 points]
☐ The pain comes and goes and is severe. [4 points]
☐ The pain is severe and does not vary much. [5 points]

Section 2: Personal Care

- ☐ I would not have to change my way of washing or dressing in order to avoid pain. [0 points]
☐ I do not normally change my way of washing or dressing even though it causes some pain. [1 point]
☐ Washing and dressing increases the pain, but I manage not to change my way of doing it. [2 points]
☐ Washing and dressing increases the pain and I find it necessary to change my way of doing it. [3 points]
☐ Because of the pain, I am unable to do some washing and dressing without help. [4 points]
☐ Because of the pain, I am unable to do any washing and dressing without help. [5 points]

Section 3: Lifting

- ☐ I can lift heavy weights without extra pain. [0 points]
☐ I can lift heavy weights, but it causes extra pain. [1 point]
☐ Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weight off the floor. [2 points]
☐ Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weight off the floor, but I can manage if they are conveniently positioned, e.g. on a table. [3 points]
☐ Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights, but I can manage light to medium weights if they are conveniently positioned. [4 points]
☐ I can only lift very light weights, at the most. [5 points]

Section 4: Walking

- ☐ Pain does not prevent me walking any distance. [0 points]
☐ Pain prevents me walking more than 1 mile. [1 point]
☐ Pain prevents me walking more than 0.5 miles. [2 points]
☐ Pain prevents me walking more than 0.25 miles. [3 points]
☐ I can only walk using a cane or on crutches. [4 points]
☐ I am in bed most of the time and have to crawl to the toilet. [5 points]

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Section 5: Sitting

- ☐ I can sit in any chair as long as I like without pain. [0 points]
- ☐ I can only sit in my favorite chair as long as I like. [1 point]
- ☐ Pain prevents me sitting more than 1 hour. [2 points]
- ☐ Pain prevents me from sitting more than 0.5 hours. [3 points]
- ☐ Pain prevents me from sitting more than 10 minutes. [4 points]
- ☐ Pain prevents me from sitting at all. [5 points]

Section 6: Standing

- ☐ I can stand as long as I want without pain. [0 points]
- ☐ I have some pain while standing, but it does not increase with time. [1 point]
- ☐ I cannot stand for longer than 1 hour without increasing pain. [2 points]
- ☐ I cannot stand for longer than .5 hour without increasing pain. [3 points]
- ☐ I cannot stand for longer than 10 minutes without increasing pain. [4 points]
- ☐ I avoid standing, because it increases the pain straight away. [5 points]

Section 7: Sleeping

- ☐ I get no pain in bed. [0 points]
- ☐ I get pain in bed, but it does not prevent me from sleeping well. [1 point]
- ☐ Because of pain, my normal nights sleep is reduced by less than 1 quarter. [2 points]
- ☐ Because of pain, my normal nights sleep is reduced by less than 1 half. [3 points]
- ☐ Because of pain, my normal nights sleep is reduced by less than 3 quarters. [4 points]
- ☐ Pain prevents me from sleeping at all. [5 points]

Section 8: Social Life

- ☐ My social life is normal and gives me no extra pain. [0 points]
- ☐ My social life is normal, but increases the degree of pain. [1 point]
- ☐ Pain has no significant effect on my social life apart from limiting energetic interests such as dancing. [2 points]
- ☐ Pain has restricted my social life and I do not go out very often. [3 points]
- ☐ Pain has restricted my social life to my home. [4 points]
- ☐ I have hardly any social life because of pain. [5 points]

Section 9: Traveling

- ☐ I get no pain while traveling. [0 points]
- ☐ I get some pain while traveling, but none of my usual forms of travel make it any worse. [1 point]
- ☐ I get extra pain while traveling, but it does not compel me to see alternative forms of travel. [2 points]
- ☐ I get extra pain while traveling, which compels me to seek alternative forms of travel. [3 points]
- ☐ Pain restricts all forms of travel. [4 points]
- ☐ Pain prevents all forms of travel except that done lying down. [5 points]

Section 10: Changing Degree of Pain

- ☐ My pain is rapidly getting better. [0 points]
- ☐ My pain fluctuates, but overall is definitely getting better. [1 point]
- ☐ My pain seems to be getting better, but improvement is slow at present. [2 points]
- ☐ My pain is neither getting better nor worse. [3 points]
- ☐ My pain is gradually worsening. [4 points]
- ☐ My pain is rapidly worsening. [5 points]

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