

Modified Oswestry Low Back Pain Disability Questionnaire

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 which most closely describes your current condition.**

Pain Intensity

- I can tolerate the pain I have without having to use pain medication.
- The pain is bad but I can manage without having to take pain medication.
- Pain medication provides me complete relief from pain.
- Pain medication provides me with moderate relief from pain.
- Pain medication provides me with little relief from pain.
- Pain medication has no affect on my pain.

Personal Care (Washing, Dressing, etc.)

- 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, wash with difficulty and 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 (ex. 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 can not lift or carry anything at all.

Walking

- Pain does not prevent me from walking any distance.
- Pain prevents me from walking more than 1 mile.
- Pain prevents me from walking more than ½ mile
- Pain prevents me from walking more than ¼ mile.
- I can only walk with crutches or a cane.
- I am in bed most of the time and have to crawl to the toilet.

Sitting

- I can sit in any chair as long as I like.
- I can only sit in my favorite chair as long as I like.
- Pain prevents me from sitting for more than 1 hour.
- Pain prevents me from sitting for more than ½ hour.
- Pain prevents me from sitting for more than 10 minutes.
- Pain prevents me from sitting at all.

Standing

- I can stand as long as I want without increased pain.
- I can stand as long as I want but increases my pain.
- Pain prevents me from standing more than 1 hour.
- Pain prevents me from standing more than ½ hour.
- Pain prevents me from standing more than 10 minutes.
- Pain prevents me from standing at all.

Sleeping

- Pain does not prevent me from sleeping well.
- I can sleep well only by using pain medication.
- Even when I take pain medication, I sleep less than 6 hours.
- Even when I take pain medication, I sleep less than 4 hours.
- Evens when I take pain medication, I sleep less than 2 hours.
- Pain prevents me from sleeping at all.

Social Life

- My social life is normal and does not increase my pain.
- My social life is normal, but it increases my level of pain.
- Pain prevents me from participating in more energetic activities (ex. sports, dancing etc.)
- Pain prevents me from going out very often.
- Pain has restricted my social life to my home.
- I have hardly any social life because of my pain.

Traveling

- I can travel anywhere without increased pain.
- I can travel anywhere but it increases my pain.
- My pain restricts travel over 2 hours.
- My pain restricts my travel over 1 hour.
- My pain restricts my travel to short necessary journeys under ½ hour.
- My pain prevents all travel except for visits to the doctor/therapist or hospital.

Employment/Homemaking

- My normal homemaking/job activities do not cause pain.
- My normal homemaking/job activities increase my pain, but I can still perform all that is required of me.
- I can perform most of my homemaking/job duties, but pain prevents me from performing more physically stressful activities (ex. lifting, vacuuming)
- Pain prevents me from doing anything but light duties.
- Pan prevents me from doing even light duties.
- Pain prevents me from performing any job or homemaking chores.

How severe is your pain today? Please circle the number that you feel best applies (0 = no pain, 10 = severe pain)

No pain
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
Severe Pain