

Back Index

Patient Name _____ Date _____

This questionnaire will give your provider information about how your back condition affects your everyday life. Please answer *every* section by marking the *one* statement that applies to you. If two or more statements in one section apply, please mark the *one* statement that most closely describes your problem.

Please Complete Both Sides!

Pain Intensity

- The pain comes and goes and is very mild.
- The pain is mild and does not vary much.
- The pain comes and goes and is moderate.
- The pain is moderate and does not vary much.
- The pain comes and goes and is very severe.
- The pain is very severe and does not vary much.

Sleeping

- I get no pain in bed.
- I get pain in bed but it does not prevent me from sleeping well.
- Because of pain my normal sleep is reduced by less than 25%.
- Because of pain my normal sleep is reduced by less than 50%.
- Because of pain my normal sleep is reduced by less than 75%.
- Pain prevents me from sleeping at all.

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 more than 1 hour.
- Pain prevents me from sitting more than 1/2 hour.
- Pain prevents me from sitting more than 10 minutes.
- I avoid sitting because it increases pain immediately.

Standing

- I can stand as long as I want without pain.
- I have some pain while standing but it does not increase with time.
- I cannot stand for longer than 1 hour without increasing pain.
- I cannot stand for longer than 1/2 hour without increasing pain.
- I cannot stand for longer than 10 minutes without increasing pain.
- I avoid standing because it increases pain immediately.

Walking

- I have no pain while walking.
- I have some pain while walking but it doesn't increase with distance.
- I cannot walk more than 1 mile without increasing pain.
- I cannot walk more than 1/2 mile without increasing pain.
- I cannot walk more than 1/4 mile without increasing pain.
- I cannot walk at all without increasing pain.

Please be sure to complete the other side...

Personal Care

- I do not have to change my way of washing or dressing in order to avoid pain.
- I do not normally change my way of washing or dressing even though it causes some pain.
- Washing and dressing increases the pain but I manage not to change my way of doing it.
- Washing and dressing increases the pain and I find it necessary to change my way of doing it.
- Because of the pain I am unable to do some washing and dressing without help.
- Because of the pain I am unable to do any washing and dressing without help.

Lifting

- I can lift heavy weights without extra pain.
- I can lift heavy weights but it causes extra pain.
- Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor.
- Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor, but I can manage if they are conveniently positioned (e.g., on a table).
- Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor, but I can manage light to medium weights if they are conveniently positioned.
- I can only lift very light weights.

Traveling

- I get no pain while traveling.
- I get some pain while traveling but none of my usual forms of travel make it worse.
- I get extra pain while traveling but it does not cause me to seek alternate forms of travel.
- I get extra pain while traveling which causes me to seek alternate forms of travel.
- Pain restricts all forms of travel except those that are done while lying down.
- Pain restricts all forms of travel.

Social Life

- My social life is normal and gives me no extra pain.
- My social life is normal but increases the degree of pain.
- Pain has no significant affect on my social life apart from limiting my more energetic interests (e.g., dancing, etc).
- Pain has restricted my social life and I do not go out very often.
- Pain has restricted my social life to my home.
- I have hardly any social life because of the pain.

Changing degree of pain

- My pain is rapidly getting better.
- My pain fluctuates but overall is definitely getting better.
- My pain seems to be getting better but improvement is slow.
- My pain is neither getting better or worse.
- My pain is gradually worsening.
- My pain is rapidly worsening.

Thank you for completing both sides!