

## NECK DISABILITY INDEX

This questionnaire has been designed to give the doctor information as to how your neck pain has affected your ability to manage in everyday life. **Please answer every section and mark in each section only ONE box** which applies to you. We realize you may consider that two of the statements in any one section relate to you, but **please just mark the box which MOST CLOSELY describes your problem.**

### Section 1 - Pain Intensity

- I have no pain at the moment.
- The pain is very mild at the moment.
- The pain is moderate at the moment.
- The pain is fairly severe at the moment.
- The pain is very severe at the moment.
- The pain is the worst imaginable at the moment.

### Section 2 -- Personal Care (Washing, Dressing, etc.)

- I can look after myself normally without causing extra pain.
- I can look after myself normally but it causes extra pain.
- It is painful to look after myself and I am slow and careful.
- I need some help but manage most of my personal care.
- I need help every day in most aspects of self care.
- I do not get dressed, I wash with difficulty and stay in bed.

### Section 3 – Lifting

- I can lift heavy weights without extra pain.
- I can lift heavy weights but it gives extra pain.
- Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor, but I can manage if they are conveniently positioned, for example 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 very light weights.
- I cannot lift or carry anything at all.

### Section 4 – Reading

- I can read as much as I want to with no pain in my neck.
- I can read as much as I want to with slight pain in my neck.
- I can read as much as I want with moderate pain.
- I can't read as much as I want because of moderate pain in my neck.
- I can hardly read at all because of severe pain in my neck.
- I cannot read at all.

### Section 5-Headaches

- I have no headaches at all.
- I have slight headaches which come infrequently.
- I have slight headaches which come frequently.
- I have moderate headaches which come infrequently.
- I have severe headaches which come frequently.
- I have headaches almost all the time.

Scoring: Questions are scored on a vertical scale of 0-5. Total scores and multiply by 2. Divide by number of sections answered multiplied by 10. A score of 22% or more is considered a significant activities of daily living disability.  
(Score x 2) / (Sections x 10) = \_\_\_\_\_ %ADL

### Section 6 – Concentration

- I can concentrate fully when I want to with no difficulty.
- I can concentrate fully when I want to with slight difficulty.
- I have a fair degree of difficulty in concentrating when I want to.
- I have a lot of difficulty in concentrating when I want to.
- I have a great deal of difficulty in concentrating when I want to.
- I cannot concentrate at all.

### Section 7—Work

- I can do as much work as I want to.
- I can only do my usual work, but no more.
- I can do most of my usual work, but no more.
- I cannot do my usual work.
- I can hardly do any work at all.
- I can't do any work at all.

### Section 8 – Driving

- I drive my car without any neck pain.
- I can drive my car as long as I want with slight pain in my neck.
- I can drive my car as long as I want with moderate pain in my neck.
- I can't drive my car as long as I want because of moderate pain in my neck.
- I can hardly drive my car at all because of severe pain in my neck.
- I can't drive my car at all.

### Section 9 – Sleeping

- I have no trouble sleeping.
- My sleep is slightly disturbed (less than 1 hr. sleepless).
- My sleep is moderately disturbed (1-2 hrs. sleepless).
- My sleep is moderately disturbed (2-3 hrs. sleepless).
- My sleep is greatly disturbed (3-4 hrs. sleepless).
- My sleep is completely disturbed (5-7 hrs. sleepless).

### Section 10 – Recreation

- I am able to engage in all my recreation activities with no neck pain at all.
- I am able to engage in all my recreation activities, with some pain in my neck.
- I am able to engage in most, but not all of my usual recreation activities because of pain in my neck.
- I am able to engage in a few of my usual recreation activities because of pain in my neck.
- I can hardly do any recreation activities because of pain in my neck.
- I can't do any recreation activities at all.

Comments \_\_\_\_\_ %ADL

Reference: Vernon, Mior. JMPT 1991; 14(7): 409-15