

Oswestry Disability Questionnaire (for the BACK)

This questionnaire has been designed to give us information as to how your **back** or **leg pain** is affecting your ability to manage in everyday life. Please answer by checking **one** circle in **each** section for the statement which best applies to you. We realize you may consider that two or more statements in any one section may apply, but please just fill-in the circle next to the statement which **most clearly 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 (eg. washing, dressing)

- 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 can manage most of my personal care
- I need help every day in most aspects of self-care
- I do not get dressed, 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 me extra pain
- Pain prevents me lifting heavy weights off the floor, but I can manage if they are conveniently placed (eg. on a table)
- Pain prevents me lifting heavy weights, but I can manage light to medium weights if they are conveniently positioned
- I can only lift very light weights
- I cannot lift or carry anything

Section 4: Walking

- Pain does not prevent me 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 100 yards
- I can only walk using a stick or crutches
- I am in bed most of the time

Section 5: 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 sitting more than one hour
- Pain prevents me from sitting more than 30 minutes
- Pain prevents me from sitting more than 10 minutes
- Pain prevents me from sitting at all

Section 6: Standing

- I can stand as long as I want without extra pain
- I can stand as long as I want, but it gives me extra pain
- Pain prevents me from standing for more than 1 hour
- Pain prevents me from standing for more than 30 minutes
- Pain prevents me from standing for more than 10 minutes
- Pain prevents me from standing at all

Section 7: Sleeping

- My sleep is never disturbed by pain
- My sleep is occasionally disturbed by pain
- Because of pain, I have less than 6 hours sleep
- Because of pain, I have less than 4 hours sleep
- Because of pain, I have less than 2 hours sleep
- Pain prevents me from sleeping at all

Section 8: Sex Life (if applicable)

- My sex life is normal and causes no extra pain
- My sex life is normal but causes some extra pain
- My sex life is nearly normal, but is very painful
- My sex life is severely restricted by pain
- My sex life is nearly absent because of pain
- Pain prevents any sex life at all

Section 9: 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 impact on my social life apart from limiting my more energetic interests e.g. sport
- Pain has restricted my social life and I do not go out as often
- Pain has restricted my social life to my home
- I have no social life because of pain

Section 10: Traveling

- I can travel anywhere without pain
- I can travel anywhere, but it gives me extra pain
- Pain is bad, but I manage journeys over two hours
- Pain restricts me to journeys of less than one hour
- Pain restricts me to short necessary journeys under 30 minutes
- Pain prevents me from traveling except to receive treatment