

## NECK DISABILITY INDEX

This questionnaire has been designed to give the therapist 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 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 I want 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 from 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.

### Section 6 - Concentration

- ☐ I can concentrate fully when I want 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.

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Therapist Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Score (by PT): \_\_\_\_\_

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