

Date: _____
Patient: _____
Physician: _____

Initial Evaluation Progresss Note _____ Discharge

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 circling **one choice 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 apply but please just circle one letter that indicates the statement **which most clearly describes your problem**.

Section 1: Pain Intensity

- A. The pain comes and goes and is very mild.
- B. The pain is mild and does not vary much.
- C. The pain comes and goes and is moderate.
- D. The pain is moderate and does not vary much.
- E. The pain comes and goes and is severe.
- F. The pain is severe and does not vary much.

Section 2: Personal Care (Washing, Dressing, etc.)

- A. I would not have to change my way of washing or dressing in order to avoid pain.
- B. I do not normally change my way of washing or dressing even though it causes some pain.
- C. Washing and dressing increase the pain, but I manage not to change my way of doing it.
- D. Washing and dressing increase the pain and I find it necessary to change my way of doing it.
- E. Because of the pain, I am unable to do some washing and dressing without help.
- F. Because of the pain, I am unable to do any washing and dressing without help.

Section 3: Lifting

- A. I can lift heavy weights without extra pain.
- B. I can lift heavy weights but it gives extra pain.
- C. Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor.
- D. Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor, but I can manage if they are conveniently positioned, e.g., on a table.
- E. Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights, but I can manage light to medium weights if they are conveniently positioned.
- F. I can only lift very light weights at the most.

Section 4: Walking

- A. I have no pain walking.
- B. I have some pain walking but it does not increase with distance.
- C. I cannot walk more than one mile without increasing pain.
- D. I cannot walk more than 1/2 mile without increasing pain.
- E. I cannot walk more than 1/4 mile without increasing pain.
- F. I cannot walk at all without increasing pain.

Section 5: Sitting

- A. I can sit in any chair as long as I like without pain.
- B. I can sit only in my favorite chair as long as I like.
- C. Pain prevents me from sitting more than 1 hour.
- D. Pain prevents me from sitting more than 1/2 hour.
- E. Pain prevents me from sitting for more than 10 min.
- F. I avoid sitting because it increases pain immediately.

Section 6: Standing

- A. I can stand as long as I want without pain.
- B. I have some pain on standing, but it does not increase with time.
- C. I cannot stand for longer than one hour without increasing pain.
- D. I cannot stand for longer than 1/2 hour without increasing pain.
- E. I cannot stand for longer than 10 min. without increasing pain.
- F. I avoid standing, because it increases the pain immediately.

Section 7: Sleeping

- A. I have no pain in bed.
- B. I have pain in bed but it does not prevent me from sleeping well.
- C. Because of pain, my normal night's sleep is reduced by less than 1/4.
- D. Because of pain, my normal night's sleep is reduced by less than 1/2.
- E. Because of pain, my normal night's sleep is reduced by less than 3/4.
- F. Pain prevents me from sleeping at all.

Section 8: Social Life

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

Section 9: Traveling

- A. I have no pain while traveling.
- B. I have some pain while traveling, but none of my usual forms of travel make it any worse.
- C. I have extra pain while traveling, but it does not compel me to seek alternative forms of travel.
- D. I have extra pain while traveling which compels me to seek alternative forms of travel.
- E. Pain restricts all forms of travel.
- F. Pain prevents all forms of travel except that done lying down.

Section 10: Changing Degree of Pain

- A. My pain is rapidly getting better.
- B. My pain fluctuates, but overall is definitely getting better.
- C. My pain seems to be getting better, but improvement is slow.
- D. My pain is neither getting better nor getting worse.
- E. My pain is gradually getting worse.
- F. My pain is rapidly worsening.

DISABILITY INDEX SCORE: % _____