

OSWESTRY PAIN SCALE – INITIAL AND FOLLOW UP VISIT

Description: This survey is meant to help us obtain information from our patients regarding their current levels of discomfort and capability. **Please circle the answers below that best apply.**

1. Pain Intensity

- (0) I can tolerate the pain I have without having to use pain medication.
- (1) The pain is bad, but I can manage without having to take pain medication.
- (2) Pain medication provides me with complete relief from pain.
- (3) Pain medication provides me with moderate relief from pain.
- (4) Pain medication provides me with little relief from pain.
- (5) Pain medication has no effect on my pain.

2. Personal Care (washing, dressing, etc.)

- (0) I can take care of myself normally without causing increased pain.
- (1) I can take care of myself normally, but it increases my pain.
- (2) It is painful to take care of myself, and I am slow and careful.
- (3) I need help, but I am able to manage most of my personal care.
- (4) I need help every day in most aspects of my care.
- (5) I do not get dressed, wash with difficulty, and stay in bed.

3. Lifting

- (0) I can lift heavy weights without increased pain.
- (1) I can lift heavy weights, but it causes increased pain.
- (2) Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor, but I can manage if the weights are conveniently positioned (eg, on a table).
- (3) Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights, but I can manage light to medium weights if they are conveniently positioned.
- (4) I can lift only very light weights.
- (5) I cannot lift or carry anything at all.

4. Walking

- (0) Pain does not prevent me from walking any distance.
- (1) Pain prevents me from walking more than 1 mile.
- (2) Pain prevents me from walking more than ½ mile.
- (3) Pain prevents me from walking more than ¼ mile.
- (4) I can only walk with crutches or a cane.
- (5) I am in bed most of the time and have to crawl to the toilet.

5. Sitting

- (0) I can sit in any chair as long as I like.
- (1) I can only sit in my favorite chair as long as I like.
- (2) Pain prevents me from sitting more than 1 hour.
- (3) Pain prevents me from sitting more than ½ hour.
- (4) Pain prevents me from sitting more than 10 minutes.
- (5) Pain prevents me from sitting at all.

6. Standing

- (0) I can stand as long as I want without increased pain.
- (1) I can stand as long as I want but, it increases my pain.
- (2) Pain prevents me from standing more than 1 hour.
- (3) Pain prevents me from standing more than 1/2 hour.
- (4) Pain prevents me from standing more than 10 minutes.
- (5) Pain prevents me from standing at all.

7. Sleeping

- (0) Pain does not prevent me from sleeping well.
- (1) I can sleep well only by using pain medication.
- (2) Even when I take pain medication, I sleep less than 6 hours.
- (3) Even when I take pain medication, I sleep less than 4 hours.
- (4) Even when I take pain medication, I sleep less than 2 hour
- (5) Pain prevents me from sleeping at all.

8. Social Life

- (0) My social life is normal and does not increase my pain.
- (1) My social life is normal, but it increases my level of pain.
- (2) Pain prevents me from participating in more energetic activities (eg. sports, dancing).
- (3) Pain prevents me from going out very often.
- (4) Pain has restricted my social life to my home.
- (5) I have hardly any social life because of my pain.

9. Traveling

- (0) I can travel anywhere without increased pain.
- (1) I can travel anywhere, but it increases my pain.
- (2) My pain restricts my travel over 2 hours.
- (3) My pain restricts my travel over 1 hour.
- (4) My pain restricts my travel to short necessary journeys under 1/2 hour.
- (5) My pain prevents all travel except for visits to the physician/therapist or hospital.

10. Employment / Homemaking

- (0) My normal homemaking/job activities do not cause pain.
- (1) My normal homemaking/job activities increase my pain, but I can still perform all that is required of me.
- (2) I can perform most of my homemaking/job duties, but pain prevents me from performing more physically stressful activities (eg, lifting, vacuuming).
- (3) Pain prevents me from doing anything but light duties.
- (4) Pain prevents me from doing even light duties.
- (5) Pain prevents me from performing any job or homemaking chores.

Please rate your pain level with activity: **0** **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** **6** **7** **8** **9** **10**

Office use only: Patient ID#: _____ Therapist: _____

Diagnosis: _____ Date: _____