

# Neck Disability Index

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Therapist \_\_\_\_\_

This questionnaire has been designed to give your therapist information as to how your neck pain has affected you in your everyday life activities. Please answer each section; marking only the ONE box which best describes your status today.

## 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 me 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, 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 causes 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 only very light weights.
- I cannot lift or carry anything at all.

## Section 4— Reading

- I can read as much 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 in my neck.
- 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— Headache

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

**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 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 can 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 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 hour sleep loss)
- My sleep is mildly disturbed (1-2 hour sleep loss).
- My sleep is moderately disturbed (2-3 hours sleep loss).
- My sleep is greatly disturbed (3-5 hours sleep loss).
- My sleep is completely disturbed (5-7 hours sleep loss).

**Section 10— Recreation**

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

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TOTAL SCORE = \_\_\_\_\_

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