

## NECK PAIN DISABILITY INDEX QUESTIONNAIRE

**Please Read:** This questionnaire is designed to enable us to understand how much your neck pain has affected your ability to manage your everyday activities. Please answer each Section by circling the **ONE CHOICE** that most applies to you. We realize that you may feel that more than one statement may relate to you, but **PLEASE, JUST CIRCLE THE ONE CHOICE WHICH MOST CLOSELY DESCRIBES YOUR PROBLEM RIGHT NOW.**

### Section 1 — Pain Intensity

- A I have no pain at the moment.
- B The pain is very mild at the moment.
- C The pain is moderate at the moment.
- D The pain is fairly severe at the moment.
- E The pain is very severe at the moment.
- F The pain is the worst imaginable at the moment.

### Section 2 — Personal Care (Washing, Dressing, etc.)

- A I can look after myself normally without causing extra pain.
- B I can look after myself normally, but it causes extra pain.
- C It is painful to look after myself and I am slow and careful.
- D I need some help, but manage most of my personal care.
- E I need help every day in most aspects of self care.
- F I do not get dressed, I wash with difficulty and stay in bed.

### 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, but I can manage if they are conveniently positioned, for example, on a table.
- D Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights, but I can manage light to medium weights if they are conveniently positioned.
- E I can lift very light weights.
- F I cannot lift or carry anything at all.

### Section 4 — Reading

- A I can read as much as I want to with no pain in my neck.
- B I can read as much as I want to with slight pain in my neck.
- C I can read as much as I want with moderate pain in my neck.
- D I cannot read as much as I want because of moderate pain in my neck.
- E I cannot read at all.

### Section 5 — Headaches

- A I have no headaches at all.
- B I have slight headaches which come infrequently.
- C I have moderate headaches which come infrequently.
- D I have moderate headaches which come frequently.
- E I have severe headaches which come frequently.
- F I have headaches almost all the time.

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

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

### Section 6 — Concentration

- A I can concentrate fully when I want to with no difficulty.
- B I can concentrate fully when I want to with slight difficulty.
- C I have a fair degree of difficulty in concentrating when I want to.
- D I have a lot of difficulty in concentrating when I want to.
- E I have a great deal of difficulty in concentrating when I want to.
- F I cannot concentrate at all.

### Section 7 — Work

- A I can do as much as I want to.
- B I can only do my usual work, but no more.
- C I can do most of my usual work, but no more.
- D I cannot do my usual work.
- E I can hardly do any work at all.
- F I cannot do any work at all.

### Section 8 — Driving

- A I can drive my car without any neck pain.
- B I can drive my car as long as I want with slight pain in my neck.
- C I can drive my car as long as I want with moderate pain in my neck.
- D I cannot drive my car as long as I want because of moderate pain in my neck.
- E I can hardly drive at all because of severe pain in my neck.
- F I cannot drive my car at all.

### Section 9 — Sleeping

- A I have no trouble sleeping.
- B My sleep is slightly disturbed (less than 1 hour sleepless).
- C My sleep is mildly disturbed (1-2 hours sleepless).
- D My sleep is moderately disturbed (2-3 hours sleepless).
- E My sleep is greatly disturbed (3-5 hours sleepless).
- F My sleep is completely disturbed (5-7 hours sleepless).

### Section 10 — Recreation

- A I am able to engage in all of my recreational activities, with no neck pain at all.
- B I am able to engage in all of my recreational activities, with some pain in my neck.
- C I am able to engage in most, but not all of my usual recreational activities because of pain in my neck.
- D I am able to engage in a few of my usual recreational activities because of pain in my neck.
- E I can hardly do any recreational activities because of pain in my neck.
- F I cannot do any recreational activities at all.

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NAME (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW LONG HAVE YOU HAD NECK PAIN? \_\_\_ YEARS \_\_\_ MONTHS \_\_\_ WEEKS

IS THIS YOUR FIRST EPISODE OF NECK PAIN? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

**USE THE LETTERS BELOW TO INDICATE THE TYPE  
AND LOCATION OF YOUR SENSATIONS RIGHT NOW**

(Please remember to complete both sides of this form.)

KEY:

A=ACHE

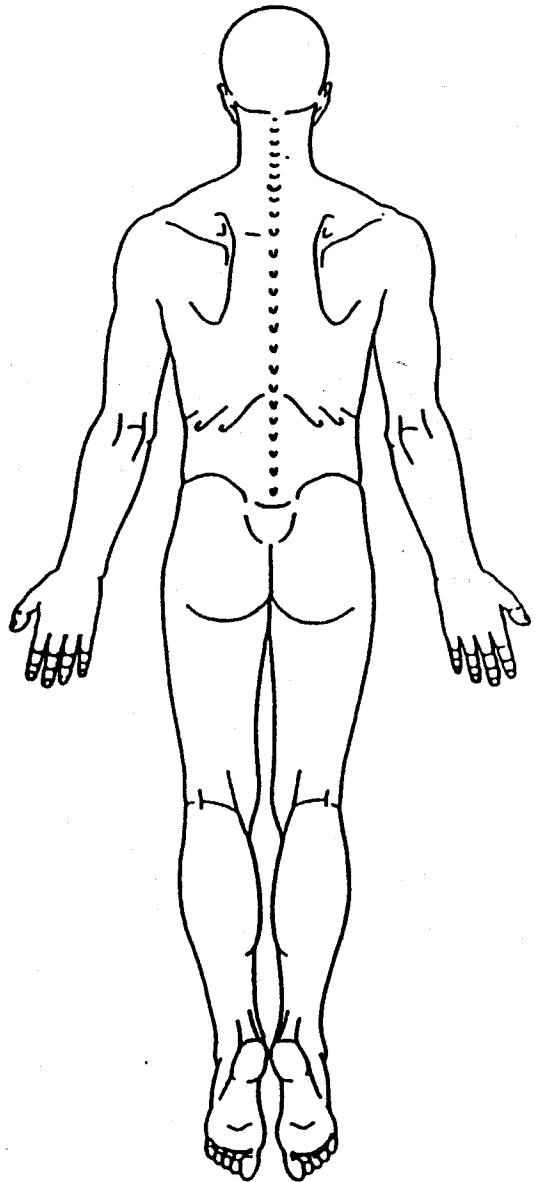
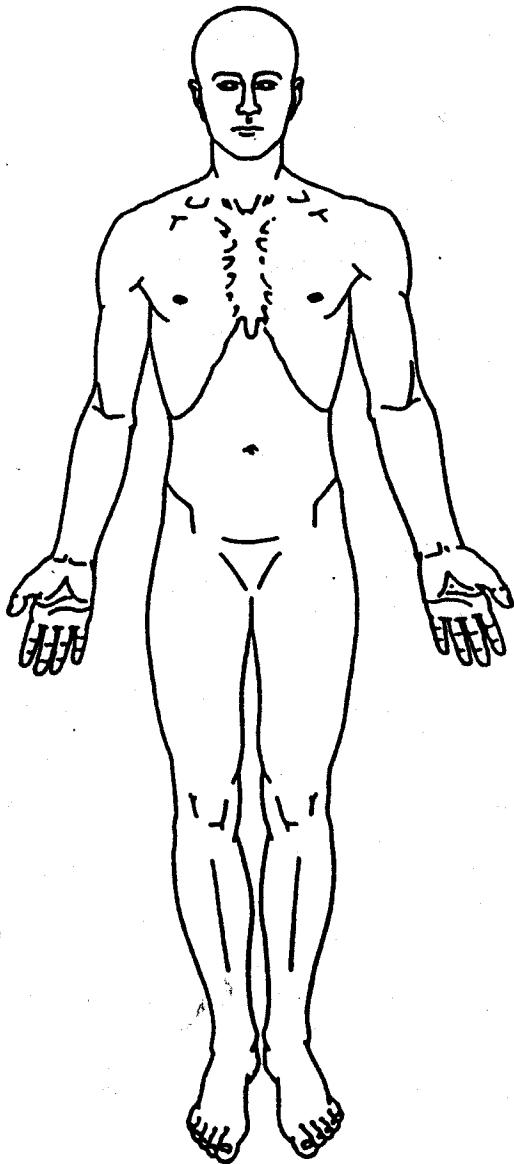
B=BURNING

N=NUMBNESS

P=PINS & NEEDLES

S=STABBING

O=OTHER



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