

INITIAL EVALUATION
THE PRIMARY CARE LOW BACK DISABILITY QUESTIONNAIRE (PCLBDQ)

Patient **Last** Name: _____ Patient **First** Name: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Therapist: _____

Acute Chronic: (> 6 Months) Surgery Date: ____ / ____ / ____ Surgeon: _____

Instructions:

This questionnaire has been designed to give the doctor information as to how your low back pain has affected your ability to manage in everyday life. In each section, please **check the choice which most closely describes your problem.**

SECTION 1 – Pain Intensity

- The pain comes and goes and is very mild.
- The pain is mild and does not vary much.
- The pain comes and goes and is moderate.
- The pain is moderate and does not vary much.
- The pain comes and goes and is very severe.
- The pain is severe and does not vary much.

SECTION 2 – Personal Care

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

SECTION 3 – Lifting

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

SECTION 4 – Walking

- Pain does not prevent me from walking any distance.
- Pain prevents me from walking more than 1 mile.
- Pain prevents me from walking more than ½ mile.
- Pain prevents me from walking more than ¼ mile.
- I can only walk using a stick or crutches.
- I am in bed most of the time and have to crawl to the toilet.

– Please fill out the back of this form. Thank you. –



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DR.

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SECTION 8 – Social Life

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

SECTION 9 – Traveling

- I get no pain while traveling.
- I get some pain while traveling but none of my usual forms of travel make it any worse.
- I get extra pain while traveling but it does not compel me to seek alternative forms of travel.
- I get extra pain while traveling which compels me to seek alternative forms of travel.
- Pain restricts all forms of travel.
- Pain restricts all forms of travel except that done lying down.

SECTION 10 – Changing Degree of Pain

- My pain is rapidly getting better.
- My pain fluctuates, but overall is definitely getting better.
- My pain seems to be getting better but improvement is slow at present.
- My pain is neither getting better nor worse.
- My pain is gradually worsening.
- My pain is rapidly worsening.

SECTION 5 – Sitting

- I can sit in any chair as long as I like without pain.
- I can only sit in my favorite chair as long as I like.
- Pain prevents me from sitting more than 1 hour.
- Pain prevents me from sitting more than 10 minutes.
- Pain prevents me from sitting at all.

SECTION 6 – Standing

- I can stand as long as I want without pain.
- I have some pain on standing but it does not increase with time.
- I cannot stand for longer than one hour without increasing pain.
- I cannot stand for longer than 1/2 hour without increasing pain.
- I cannot stand for longer than 10 minutes without increasing pain.
- Pain prevents me from standing at all.

SECTION 7 – Sleeping

- I get no pain in bed.
- I get pain in bed but it doesn't prevent me from sleeping well.
- Because of my pain my normal night's sleep is reduced by <1/4.
- Because of my pain my normal night's sleep is reduced by <1/2.
- Because of my pain my normal night's sleep is reduced by >3/4.
- Pain prevents me from sleeping at all.

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PCLBDQ SCORE: _____

Used with permission: Hudson-Cook N, Tomes-Nicholson K, Breen AC. A Revised Oswestry Back Disability Questionnaire. Manchester Univ Press, 1989.

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

I understand that the information I have provided above is current and correct to the best of my knowledge.