

**NECK DISABILITY INDEX** (Vernon H & Mior S. J Manipulative Physiological Therapeutics, 14:409-415, 1991)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

This questionnaire is designed to enable us to understand how much your neck pain has affected your ability to manage everyday activities. Please answer every section by marking in each section only the ONE box that applies to you. We realize that you may consider that two of the statements in any one section related to you, but please just mark the box that most describes your problem.

**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 without causing extra pain.
- I can look after myself normally but it causes 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, I 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 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 very light weights.
- I can't lift or carry anything at all.

**SECTION 4 --Reading**

- I can read as much as I want to with no pain in my neck.
- I can read as much as I want 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't read as much as I want because of severe pain in my neck.
- I can't read at all.

**SECTION 5--Headache**

- I have no headaches at all.
- I have slight headaches which come infrequently.
- I have moderate headaches which come infrequently.
- I have moderate headaches which come frequently.
- I have severe headaches which 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 can't concentrate at all.

**SECTION 7--Work**

- I can do as much work 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 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 my car 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 sleepless).
- My sleep is mildly disturbed (1-2 hours sleepless).
- My sleep is moderately disturbed (2-3 hours sleepless).
- My sleep is greatly disturbed (3-5 hours sleepless).
- My sleep is completely disturbed (5-7 hours sleepless).

**SECTION 10--Recreation**

- I am able engage in all recreational activities with no pain in my neck at all.
- I am able engage in all recreational activities with some pain in my neck.
- I am able engage in most, but not all recreational activities because of pain in my neck.
- I am able 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 all.

**Scoring:** 1<sup>st</sup> option is 0, 2<sup>nd</sup> option 1 pt, 3<sup>rd</sup> option 2 pts, 4<sup>th</sup> option 3 pts, 5<sup>th</sup> option 4 pts, last option 5 pts. **Total points:** 50 possible points; **MDC<sub>90</sub>** = 7 points