



# Alternative Back Care

Physical Therapy *Achieving relief one back at a time*

## Neck Disability Index

This questionnaire is designed to help us better understand how your neck pain affects your ability to manage every-life activities. Please mark in each section the **one box** that applies to you. Although you may consider that two of the statements relate to you, please mark the box that **most closely** describes your situation **this past month**.

### 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

- I can look after myself normally 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 can 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 gives me extra pain
- Pain prevents me lifting heavy weights off the floor but I can manage if they are conveniently placed (eg. on a table)
- Pain prevents me lifting heavy weights but I can manage light to medium weights if they are conveniently positioned
- I can only lift very light weights
- I cannot lift or carry anything

### Section 4: Work

- I can do as much work as I want
- I can only do my usual work, but no more
- I can do most of my usual work, but no more
- I can't do my usual work
- I can hardly do any work at all
- I can't do any work at all

### Section 5: Headaches

- I have no headaches 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 without difficulty
- I can concentrate fully with slight difficulty
- I have a fair degree of difficulty concentrating
- I have a lot of difficulty concentrating
- I have a great deal of difficulty concentrating
- I cant concentrate at all

### Section 7: Sleeping

- I have no trouble sleeping
- My sleep is slightly disturbed for less than 1 hour
- My sleep is mildly disturbed for up to 1-2 hours
- My sleep is moderately disturbed for up to 2-3 hours
- My sleep is greatly disturbed for 3-5 hours
- My sleep is completely disturbed for up to 5-7 hours

### Section 8: Driving

- I can drive my car without neck pain
- I can drive as long as I want with slight neck pain
- I can drive as long as I want with moderate neck pain
- I can't drive as long as I want because of moderate neck pain
- I can hardly drive at all because of severe neck pain
- I can't drive my car at all because of neck pain

### Section 9: Reading

- I can read as much as I want with no neck pain
- I can read as much as I want with slight neck pain
- I can read as much as I want with moderate neck pain
- I can't read as much as I want because of moderate neck pain
- I can't read as much as I want because of severe neck pain
- I can't read at all

### Section 10: Recreation

- I have no neck pain during all recreational activities
- I have some neck pain with a few recreational activities
- I have neck pain with most recreational activities
- I have some neck pain with all recreational activities
- I can hardly do recreational activities due to neck pain
- I can't do any recreational activities due to neck pain

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ [100]

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