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LOW BACK FUNCTIONAL INDEX

(revised Oswestry)

Name: _____

Date: _____ / _____ / _____

this questionnaire has been designed to give the acupuncturist information as to how your low back pain has affected you in your everyday life activities. Please answer every section & mark only ONE box which best describes your current status.

section 1 - pain intensity

- I can tolerate the pain I have without having to use pain killers
- the pain is bad but I manage without taking pain killers
- pain killers give complete relief from pain
- pain killers give moderate relief from pain
- pain killers give very little relief from pain
- pain killers have no effect on the pain and I do not use them

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 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 gives extra pain
- pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor, but I can manage if they are conveniently positioned, eg 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 - walking

- pain does not prevent me walking any distance
- pain prevents me walking more than 1 mile
- pain prevents me walking more than 1/2 mile
- pain prevents me walking more than 1/4 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

section 5 - sitting

- I can sit in any chair as long as I like
- I can only sit in my favourite chair as long as I like
- pain prevents me from sitting more than 1 hour
- pain prevents me from sitting more than 1/2 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 extra pain
- I can stand as long as I want but it gives me extra pain
- pain prevents me from standing for more than 1 hour
- pain prevents me from standing for more than 1/2 hour
- pain prevents me from standing for more than 10 minutes
- pain prevents me from standing at all

section 7 - sleeping

- pain does not prevent me from sleeping well
- I can sleep well only by using medication
- even when I take medication I have less than six hours sleep
- even when I take medication I have less than four hours sleep
- even when I take medication I have less than two hours sleep
- pain prevents me from sleeping at all

section 8 - sex life

- my sex life is normal and causes no extra pain
- my sex life is normal but causes some extra pain
- my sex life is nearly normal but is very painful
- my sex life is severely restricted by pain
- my sex life is nearly absent because of pain
- pain prevents any sex life at all

section 9 - social life

- my social life is normal and gives me no extra pain
- my social life is normal but increases the degree of pain
- pain has no significant effect on my social life apart from limiting my more energetic interests, eg dancing etc
- pain has restricted social life and I do not go out as often
- pain has restricted my social life to my home
- I have no social life because of pain

section 10 - travelling

- I can travel anywhere without extra pain
- I can travel anywhere but it gives me extra pain
- pain is bad but I manage journeys over two hours
- pain restricts me to journeys of less than one hour
- pain restricts me to short necessary journeys of less than 1/2 hour
- pain prevents me from travelling except to the doctor or hospital