

Spine Pain Questionnaire



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Today Date: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of birth: _____

Who referred you to our office?: _____

What problem do you have with your neck or back? _____

When did your problem start? _____

INJURY OR TRAUMA (Section A)

Did a particular accident or injury cause your problem? No (please **skip** to Section B)

Yes (continue this section)

Check only one:

I never had back/neck problems in this area of my spine before this injury.

I had back/neck problems in this area of my spine before, and this injury made the problem worse.

Check all that apply:

This injury occurred at work.

This injury did not occur at work.

I have filed a claim through workers compensation.

PAIN AND DISABILITY: (Section B)

This section pertains to pain **only**. You will have an opportunity to answer questions about numbness and tingling in **section C**.

Does your neck or back problem cause pain? No (please **skip** to section C)

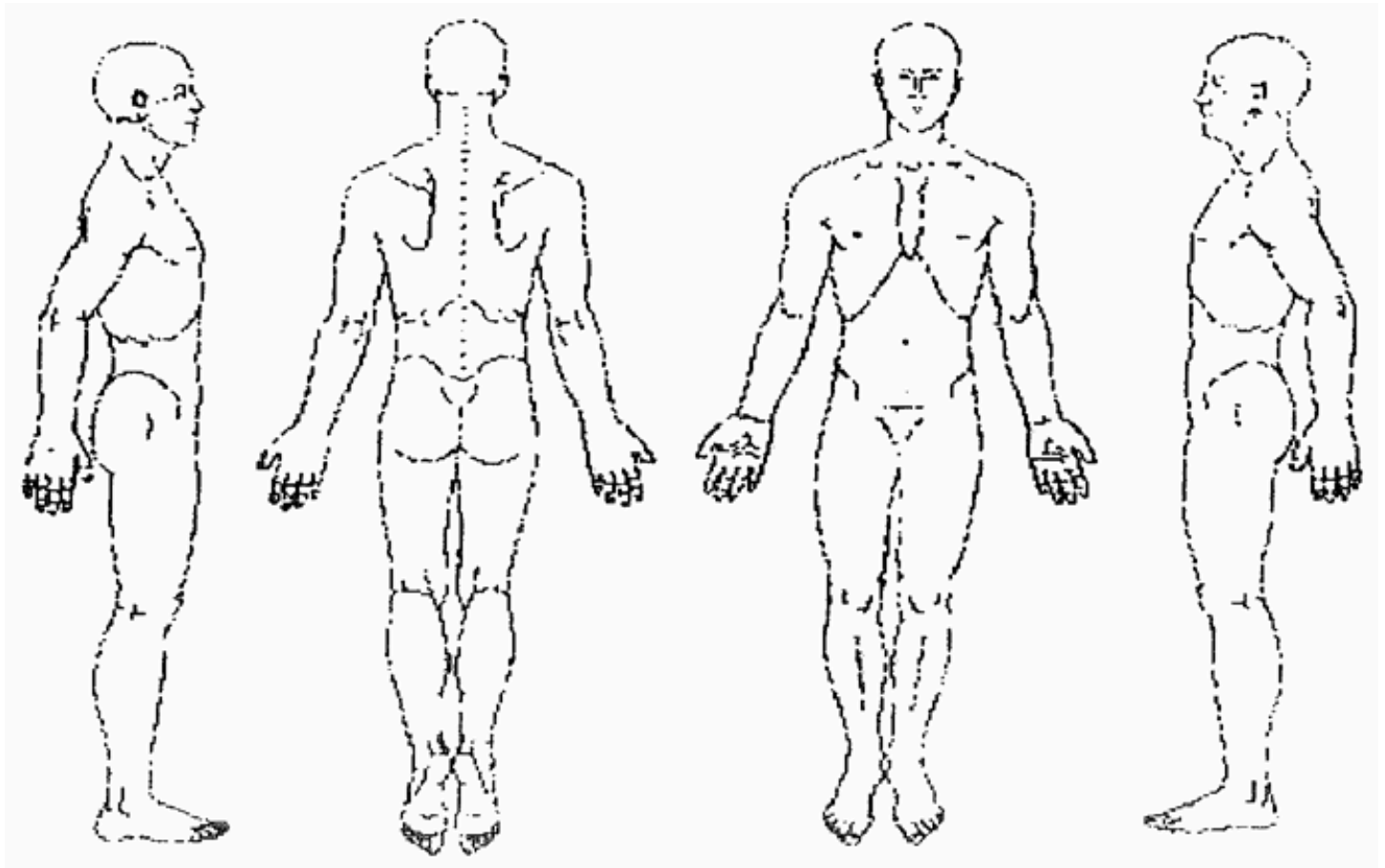
Yes (Continue this section) Mark your **pain** on the fig below.

RIGHT

BACK

FRONT

LEFT



Pain scale 0-10 (0= No pain, 10= pain severe enough to pass out)

What number would you give your pain today? _____

What number would you give your pain on average? _____

What number would you give your pain at its worse? _____

Please check all that describe your pain:

- Burning Sharp/Stabbing Tingling Aching Throbbing
- Shooting Pulling/Tearing Cramping Other: _____

Please check all of the appropriate responses in each category to complete the phrase

My pain...

- began suddenly began gradually interrupts my sleep
- is constant comes and goes

My pain is worse.....

- during the day at night in the AM in the afternoon

My pain is worse when.....

- Walking Running Standing Sitting Bending lifting driving
- applying heat applying ice exercising Frequently changing positions Lying

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- sports (list)_____ Over head activity **Nothing makes my pain worse**

My pain is better while.....

- Walking Running Standing Sitting Bending lifting driving
 applying heat applying ice exercising Frequently changing positions Over head activity
 Lying on Back Lying on Side Lying on Stomach Recliner sports (list)_____
 Nothing makes my pain better

Overall, which single word or phrase would you use to describe your pain the majority of the time?

- Trivial/Minimal Annoying Limiting Disabling Unbearable

Because of my pain, I am unable to.....

- Walk over _____miles Run over _____miles Sit longer than _____min/hours
 Stand longer than _____min/hrs Lift over _____lbs

NUMBNESS/TINGLING (Section C)

This section pertains to numbness/tingling **only**. Questions about pain are in the previous section (section B).

Do you feel numbness or tingling?

- No (please **skip** to section D)
 Yes (continue this section)

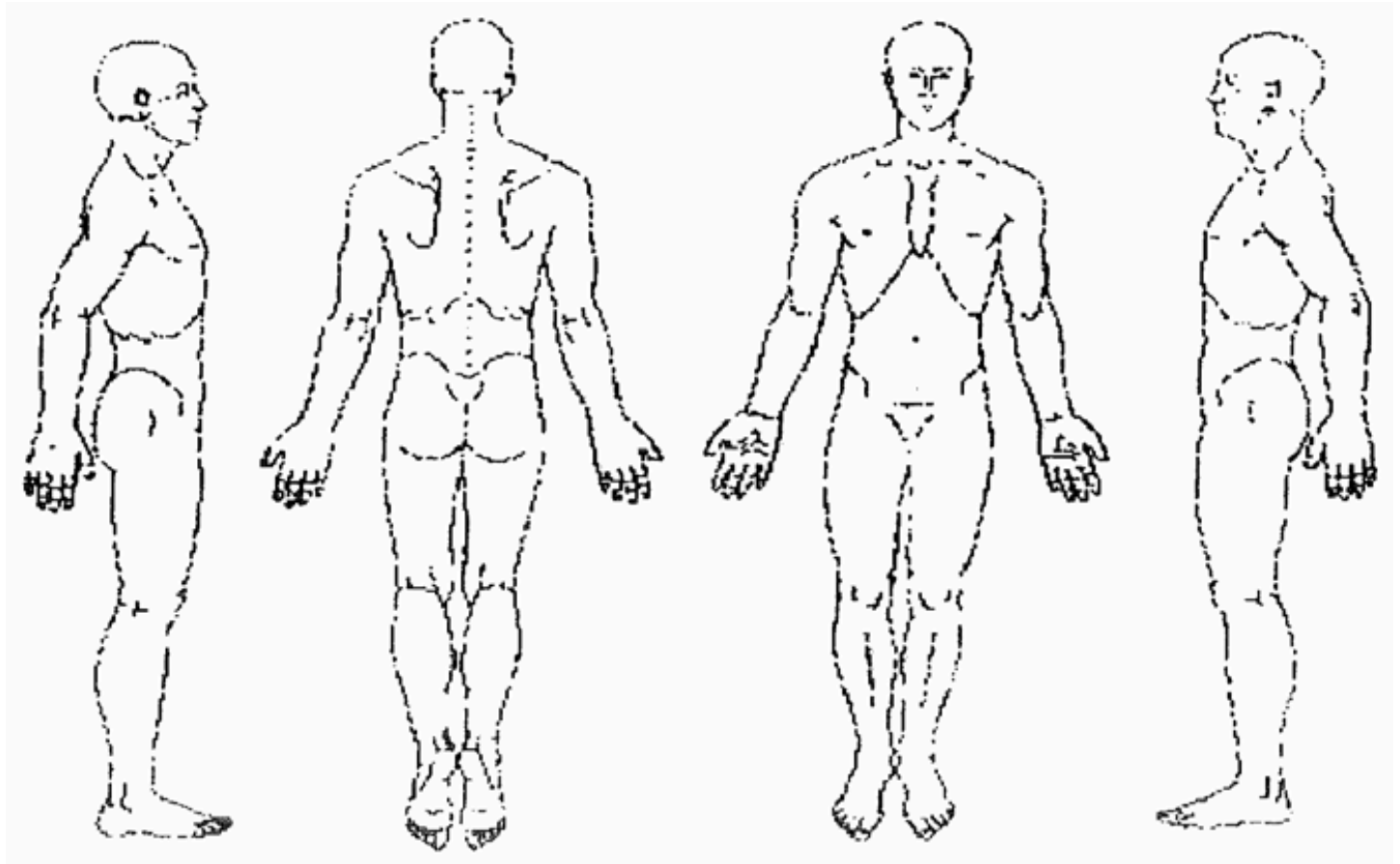
Please mark on the figure below to show where you feel **numbness** (loss of feeling) or **tingling** (pins and needles).

RIGHT

BACK

FRONT

LEFT



My numbness and tingling is made worse while.....

- Walking Running Standing Sitting Bending lifting driving
- heat Ice exercising Frequently change of position
- sports (list)_____ **Nothing makes my pain worse**

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- sports (list)_____ **Nothing makes my pain better**

SPINAL DEFORMITY/TUMOR (Section D)

- Do you have a curve, lump, or mass near or on your spine? No (please **skip** to section E)
- Yes (complete this section)

Please check all that apply to your situation.

- I have a spinal curvature or deformity (scoliosis or kyphosis) that **was present at birth**.
- I have a spinal curvature or deformity (scoliosis or kyphosis) that **developed in childhood**, and

was not present or obvious at birth.

- I have a spinal curvature or deformity (scoliosis or kyphosis) that **developed as an adult**, and was not present in childhood.
- I wore a brace when I was younger to help my scoliosis or kyphosis.
- I am wearing a brace now.
- I have noticed my spinal curvature getting worse
- My clothes no longer fit or hang properly
- I have a lump or mass on my spine that is **getting larger**
- I have a lump or mass on my spine that is **not getting larger**
- The mass is painful
- The mass is **not** painful

ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS (Section E)

Please check all that apply to you

- Clumsiness in hands. Frequent falling or stumbling
- Must look at feet in order to walk Unable to stand up straight
- Leakage of bowel contents or staining underwear Leakage of Urine or staining underwear
- Unable to completely empty your bladder Impotence
- Unable to look forward without bending knees
- I HAVE NONE OF THE ABOVE PROBLEMS**

TESTING AND TREATMENT (Section F)

Which of the following tests have you had in the last year for your spine problem? (check all that apply)

- X-Rays Blood test Myelogram MRI CT (CAT Scan)
- Discogram Bone Density scan Nuclear Bone Scan Nerve Study (EMG/NCS)
- Other _____
- I HAVE HAD NO TESTS TO EVALUATE MY PROBLEM**

Your treatment history (Please check all that apply)

- Complete relief
- Improved
- Unchanged
- worse
- Physical Therapy

- Home exercises
- Chiropractic
- Epidural Steroid Injection (performed in the Hospital)
- Facet Joint injection (performed in the Hosp)
- Local or Trigger point injection (performed in the office)
- Massage
- Brace, corset, or other support
- Acupuncture
- Other

I HAVE NOT STARTED OR COMPLETED ANY OF THE ABOVE TREATMENTS

Please list all medication you have tried, the dose, and the number of pills used per day for this problem.

(**examples** = naproxen, voltaren, ibuprofen, vicodin, percocet, oxycontin, darvocet, morphine, soma, flexeril, robaxin, baclofen, celebrex, vioxx, bextra. etc)

When last used?

Medication

Dose

Number of pills per day

Did the medication help?

PRIOR SPINE SURGERY (Section G)

Have you ever had surgery on your spine? No (please skip to medical history)

(This includes Fusions, decompressions, or any disc procedures)

Yes (complete this section)

Date

Procedure

Rate the outcome of surgery Poor, good or excellent (See Legend below)

Legend: Poor = the surgery had no change or made me worse

Good = the surgery improved my symptoms

Excellent = Dramatically improved or resolved my symptoms

General Medical Section

MEDICAL HISTORY

Please check or circle any medical problem you currently have, or have experienced in the past.

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- Diabetes(Sugar)
 - Seizures
 - Hypertension (high blood pressure)
 - Stroke or Aneurysm
 - Heart Disease
 - Emphysema/COPD
 - Hepatitis
 - Kidney/Bladder problems
 - Asthma
 - HIV/AIDS
 - Blood Clotting Problems
 - Other Joint Pain
 - Tuberculosis
 - Valley Fever (coccidiomycosis)
 - Reflux Disease
 - Hiatal Hernia
 - Stomach Ulcers
 - Anemia
 - Rheumatoid Arthritis
 - Cancer (type):_____
 - Depression **before** spine surgery
 - Depression **after** spine surgery
 - Psychiatric illness:_____
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I have not had any medical problems

Other:

What medications do you take for problems UNRELATED to your spine?

Medication

Dose

Please list all non-spine related surgeries:

Procedure

Date (month/year)

Please list all the Doctors you have seen in the last 2 years:

Doctor

Issue or Problem

MEDICATION ALLERGIES

I do not know of any allergies or reactions to any medication

I am allergic to:

- Sulfa
- Codeine
- Penicillin (PCN)
- Latex
- Contrast Dye
- Shellfish
- Other medication reactions: (Please use other side if necessary)

Medication

Reaction

FAMILY HISTORY

Please check next to any medical problem that runs in your family.

- Diabetes
- Seizures
- Hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Stroke or Aneurysm
- Heart Disease
- Emphysema/COPD
- Hepatitis
- Kidney/Bladder problems
- Asthma
- Tuberculosis
- Valley Fever (coccidiomycosis)
- Stomach Ulcers or Reflux disease (Peptic ulcer, hiatal hernia, etc)
- Osteoarthritis (Degenerative)

- Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Cancer (type):_____
- Depression **before** spine surgery
- Depression **after** spine surgery
- Psychiatric illness:_____
- **I have not had any medical problems**
- Other:
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SOCIAL HISTORY

What is your current occupation?_____

How long? _____

Please check all that apply to your work or school status:

- I have missed no time from work or school because of my spine problem
- I am currently working full time
- I have missed a total of _____ days from work or school because of my spine problem.
- I am working
 - Part time
 - Limited duty
- I am unable to work at all because of my spinal problem
- I am unable to work at all because of another problem not related to my spine (diagnosis)

- The last date I worked was: _____
- I have been receiving worker’s compensation since _____
- I have been on disability since _____

What is your marital status?

- Single
- Married
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed

What is your living situation?

- Homeless
- with children
- with spouse
- with relatives
- Alone

List your recreations or sports with frequency and duration.

Please check all that apply to you:

- I never smoked cigarettes
- I quit smoking _____years/months ago
- I smoke cigarettes at _____packs per day
- I have smoked for _____years
- I chew tobacco
- I never drink alcohol
- I drink alcohol

Very often

Daily

Weekly

Monthly

rarely

- I am recovering from a drinking problem
- Recreational drug use
- I have not, nor do I plan to take legal action related to this injury.
- I am considering or have taken legal action as a result of this injury.
- Legal action related to this injury is closed or settled.

REVIEW OF SYSTEMS

Please check all problems below that apply to you.

- Shortness of Breath
- Nausea and Vomiting
- Fever
- Chest Pain
- Fainting
- Chills
- Memory problems
- Loss of Consciousness
- Night Sweats

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- Anxiety or Nervousness
 - Dizziness
 - Bowel Incontinence
 - Chronic Fatigue
 - Convulsions
 - Unable to Urinate
 - Frequent Headaches
 - Unexplained Weight Loss
 - Loss of Appetite

Thank you for completing the questionnaire. It will be incorporated into your initial evaluation.