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BACK INDEX

Pain Intensity

- 1. The pain comes and goes and is very mild
- 2. The pain is mild and does not vary much
- 3. The pain is moderate and comes and goes
- 4. The pain is moderate and does not vary much
- 5. The pain comes and goes and is severe
- 6. The pain is severe and does not vary much

Personal Care

1. I would not have to change my way of washing or dressing in order to avoid pain

- 2. I do not normally change my way of washing or dressing even though it causes some pain
- 3. Washing and dressing increases pain, but I manage not to change my way of doing it
- 4. Washing and dressing increases pain and I find it necessary to change my way of doing it

5. Because of the pain, I am unable to do some washing and dressing without help

6. Because of the pain I am unable to do any washing or dressing

Lifting

- 1. I can lift heavy weights without extra pain
- 2. I can lift heavy weights but it gives me extra pain
- 3. Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor
- 4. Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor, but

I can manage if they are conveniently positioned (on a table) 5. Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights, but I can manage light to medium weights if they are conveniently positioned

6. I can lift only very light weights

Walking

- 1. Pain does not prevent me from walking any distance
- 2. Pain prevents me from walking more than 1 mile
- 3. Pain prevents me from walking more than $\frac{1}{2}$ mile
- 4. Pain prevents me from walking more than ¹/₄ mile
- 5. I can only walk using a cane or crutches
- 6. I am in bed most of the time and have to crawl to the toilet

Sitting

- 1. I can sit in any chair as long as I like without pain
- 2. I can only sit in my favorite chair as long as I like
- 3. Pain prevents me from sitting more than 1 hour
- 4. Pain prevents me from sitting more than $\frac{1}{2}$ hour

6. Pain prevents me from sitting at all

5. Pain prevents me from sitting more than 10 minutes

Standing

- 1. I can stand as long as I like without pain
- 2. I have pain while standing, but it doesn't increase with time
- 3. I can't stand for longer than 1 hour without increasing pain
- 4. I can't stand for longer than $\frac{1}{2}$ hour without increasing pain
- 5. I can't stand longer than 10 minutes without increasing pain
- 6. Pain prevents me from standing at all

Sleeping

- 1. I get no pain in bed
- 2. I get pain in bed but it doesn't prevent me from sleeping well
- 3. My pain reduces my normal nights sleep by less than 25%
- 4. My pain reduces my normal nights sleep by less than 50%
- 5. My pain reduces my normal nights sleep by less than 75%
- 6. Pain prevents me from sleeping at all

Social Life

- 1. My social life is normal and gives me no pain
- 2. My social life is normal, but increases the degree of my pain
- 3. Pain has no significant effect on my social life apart from
- limiting my more energetic interests (dancing)
- 4. Pain has restricted my social life and I do not go out often
- 5. Pain has restricted by Social Life to my home
- 6. I have hardly any social life because of pain

Traveling

- 1. I get no pain while traveling
- 2. I get some pain while traveling but none of my usual forms of travel make it any worse
- 3. I get extra pain while traveling, which does NOT compel me to seek alternative forms of travel
- 4. I get extra pain while traveling, which compels me to seek alternative forms of travel
- 5. Pain restricts all forms of travel
- 6. Pain prevents all forms of travel except those done lying down

Changing Degree of Pain

- 1. My pain is rapidly getting better
- 2. My pain fluctuates, but is definitely getting better
- 3. My pain seems to be getting better but improvement is slow
- 4. My pain is neither getting better or worse
- 5. My pain is gradually worsening
- 6. My pain is rapidly worsening