

The Primary Care Low Back Disability Questionnaire (PCLBDQ)

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Patient Last Name	Patient First Name	Patient ID	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) ____/____/____
Provider Last Name	Provider First Name	Provider Phone (area code first)	

Instructions: This questionnaire has been designed to give the doctor information as to how your low back pain has affected your ability to manage in everyday life. In each section, please **circle the choice which most closely describes your problem.**

SECTION 1 – Pain Intensity

- A. The pain comes and goes and is very mild.
- B. The pain is mild and does not vary much.
- C. The pain comes and goes and is moderate.
- D. The pain is moderate and does not vary much.
- E. The pain comes and goes and is very severe.
- F. The pain is severe and does not vary much.

SECTION 2 – Personal Care

- A. I would not have to change my way of washing or dressing in order to avoid pain.
- B. I do not normally change my way of washing or dressing even though it causes some pain.
- C. Washing and dressing increases the pain, but I manage not to change my way of doing it.
- D. Washing and dressing increases the pain and I find it necessary to change my way of doing it.
- E. Because of the pain, I am unable to do some washing and dressing without help.
- F. Because of the pain, I am unable to do any washing or dressing without help.

SECTION 3 – Lifting

- A. I can lift heavy weight without pain.
- B. I can lift heavy weight, but it gives me pain.
- C. Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor.
- D. Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor, but I can manage if they are conveniently positioned- e.g., on a table.
- E. Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights, but can manage light-medium weights if they are conveniently positioned.
- F. I can only lift very light weights at the most.

SECTION 4 – Walking

- A. Pain does not prevent me from walking any distance.
- B. Pain prevents me from walking more than 1 mile.
- C. Pain prevents me from walking more than ½ mile.
- D. Pain prevents me from walking more than ¼ mile.
- E. I can only walk using a stick or crutches.
- F. I am in bed most of the time and have to crawl to the toilet.

SECTION 5 – Sitting

- A. I can sit in any chair as long as I like without pain.
- B. I can only sit in my favorite chair as long as I like.
- C. Pain prevents me from sitting more than 1 hour.
- D. Pain prevents me from sitting more than ½ hour.
- E. Pain prevents me from sitting more than 10 minutes.
- F. Pain prevents me from sitting at all.

SECTION 6 – Standing

- A. I can stand as long as I want without pain.
- B. I have some pain on standing but it does not increase with time.
- C. I cannot stand for longer than one hour without increasing pain.
- D. I cannot stand for longer than ½ hour without increasing pain.
- E. I cannot stand for longer than 10 minutes without increasing pain.
- F. Pain prevents me from standing at all.

SECTION 7 – Sleeping

- A. I get no pain in bed.
- B. I get pain in bed but it doesn't prevent me from sleeping well.
- C. Because of my pain my normal night's sleep is reduced by <¼.
- D. Because of my pain my normal night's sleep is reduced by <½.
- E. Because of my pain my normal night's sleep is reduced by <¾.
- F. Pain prevents me from sleeping at all.

SECTION 8 – Social Life

- A. My social life is normal and gives me no pain.
- B. My social life is normal but increases the degree of my pain.
- C. Pain has no significant effect on my social life apart from limiting my more energetic interests, e.g., dancing, etc.
- D. Pain has restricted by social life and I do not go out very often.
- E. Pain has restricted my social life to my home.
- F. I have hardly any social life because of the pain.

SECTION 9 – Traveling

- A. I get no pain while traveling.
- B. I get some pain while traveling but none of my usual forms of travel make it any worse.
- C. I get extra pain while traveling but it does not compel me to seek alternative forms of travel.
- D. I get extra pain while traveling which compels me to seek alternative forms of travel.
- E. Pain restricts all forms of travel.
- F. Pain restricts all forms of travel except that done lying down.

SECTION 10 – Changing Degree of Pain

- A. My pain is rapidly getting better.
- B. My pain fluctuates, but overall is definitely getting better.
- C. My pain seems to be getting better but improvement is slow at present.
- D. My pain is neither getting better nor worse.
- E. My pain is gradually worsening.
- F. My pain is rapidly worsening.

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I understand that the information I have provided above is current and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

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