

**INITIAL PAIN ASSESSMENT**

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**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **SEX: (A) Male (B) Female** **Marital Status** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLAINT (What are you being seen for?)**

- A. Neck Pain
- B. Neck Pain with headaches
- C. Upper Back Pain
- D. Lower Back Pain
- E. Right Leg Pain
- F. Left Leg Pain
- G. Right Arm Pain
- H. Left Arm Pain
- I. Other Pain (where?) \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have any (if so which part of the body and where?)**

- A. Weakness \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Numbness \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Tingling \_\_\_\_\_

**By answering the following questions, you will help your physician better understand and treat your pain.**

**When and how did your pain problem start?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**As far as you know, what is the cause of you pain (i.e., the diagnosis)?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**When did you first notice your pain?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If problem was caused from an injury, what is the date of injury?** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Was the injury job related? Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

How did the injury occur? e.g. job, MVA, fall, sports injury

If motor vehicle accident, were you:

- A. Driver
- B. Front seat passenger
- C. Rear seat passenger
- D. Motorcycle driver
- E. Motorcycle passenger
- F. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Were you wearing a seat belt? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Regarding your pain:

What doctors have you seen? When did you see them? What did they do? (for example: Doctor did physical exam, ordered tests, prescribed medication)

Doctor's Name	Month/Year Seen	What was done?
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

What tests and studies have been done? (for example: MRI, CT Scan, X-Rays, etc. )

Test	Month/Year Done	Results
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List the body sites where you experience pain and circle the words that best describe the pain at the site. Also, indicate the intensity of the pain and those things that make your pain better or worse. Use a separate sheet for each body site.

Body Site \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the words below that describe your pain.

- |         |          |             |              |            |
|---------|----------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| Aching  | Sharp    | Penetrating | Throbbing    | Continuous |
| Tender  | Nagging  | Shooting    | Burning      |            |
| Numb    | Stabbing | Exhausting  | Miserable    |            |
| Gnawing | Tiring   | Unbearable  | Intermittent |            |

Circle the number that best describes your pain at its **worst during the last month.**

- 0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10
- No pain Worst pain imaginable

Circle the number that best describes your pain at its **least during the last month.**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

No pain

Worst pain imaginable

Circle the number that best describes your pain **on average during the last month.**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

No pain

Worst pain imaginable

Circle the number that best describes your pain as it is **right now.**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

No pain

Worst pain imaginable

In the past 24 hours, how much relief have pain treatments or medications provided? Please circle the percentage that most shows how much RELIEF you have received.

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

No relief

Complete relief

Other than prescription medicine, does anything else relieve the pain?

NO  YES (circle any that you use below)

Non-prescription drugs (e.g., acetaminophen, ibuprofen)

Herbal remedies

Hot or cold packs

Exercise

Changing position (such as lying down or elevating your legs)

Physical therapy

Massage

Acupuncture

Rest

Psychological counseling

Talk to trusted friend, family, clergy

Prayer, meditation, guided imagery

Relaxation technique (hypnosis, biofeedback)

Other (e.g., specific chiropractic manipulation, osteopathic treatments)

If you take your pain medicine for persistent pain as scheduled, are there times during the day that you experience unrelieved breakthrough pain?  Yes  No

How many times does this happen a day? \_\_\_\_\_

Does any specific activity start your breakthrough pain?  No  Yes What activities?

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What aggravates the pain? (circle those that apply)

Walking    Standing    Sitting    Lying down    Activity in general    Stooping/bending  
Nothing in particular    Other/comments \_\_\_\_\_

What makes the pain better? (circle those that apply)

Sitting    Lying down    Walking    Standing    Nothing in particular  
Other/comments \_\_\_\_\_

What treatments have you already received for this condition?

A. Medications (list) \_\_\_\_\_

When was each medication last taken? \_\_\_\_\_

B. Physical therapy (how many weeks?) \_\_\_\_\_

C. Chiropractic care (how many weeks?) \_\_\_\_\_

D. Epidural injections: How many injections? \_\_\_\_\_ When was the last? \_\_\_\_\_

Facet blocks or any other interventional pain procedures? \_\_\_\_\_

Since the pain/condition began it:

- A. Has improved
- B. Has worsened
- C. Has stayed the same
- D. Comes and goes

What time of the day is the pain most intense?

- A. On the first arising in the morning
- B. During the daytime or while at work
- C. At the end of the day before bedtime
- D. During the night

Do you have any difficulty walking?

- A. No
- B. Yes, can walk unlimited distances
- C. Yes, can walk less than a mile
- D. Yes, can walk only 1-2 blocks
- E. Yes, can walk less than 1 block
- F. Yes, cannot walk
- G. Other \_\_\_\_\_

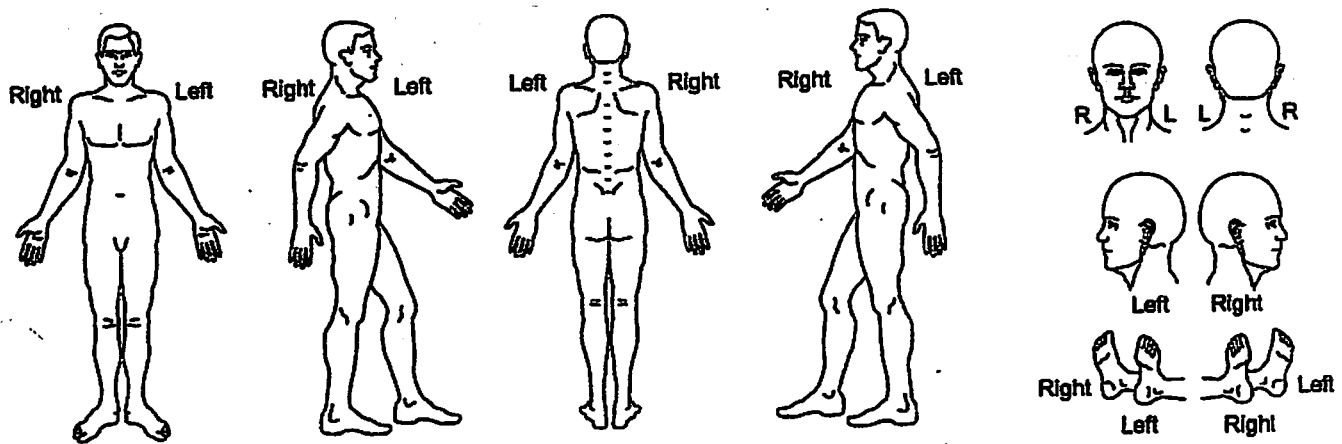
Have you had any problems with bowel (diarrhea, constipation), bladder (incontinence), or sexual functions since this condition began?

No  
Yes, Please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Do you exercise regularly?

No  
Yes, How often? \_\_\_\_\_

On the diagram below, shade the area (s) where you feel pain. "X" the areas that hurt the most.



Circle the numbers below that best describe how pain has interfered with your daily functioning.

**General Activity**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Does not interfere Completely interferes

**Mood**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Does not interfere Completely interferes

**Walking Ability**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Does not interfere Completely interferes

**Normal work Routine**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Does not interfere Completely interferes

**Relations with other people**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Does not interfere Completely interferes

**Sleep**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Does not interfere Completely interferes

**Enjoyment of life**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Does not interfere Completely interferes

**Ability to concentrate**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Does not interfere Completely interferes

**Appetite**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Does not interfere Completely interferes

**Hobbies or Sports**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Does not interfere Completely interferes

**Chores or duties around the house, errands**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Does not interfere Completely interferes

**What level of pain do you think you could function with on a daily basis?**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Does not interfere Completely interferes

**Ability to take care of one self e.g. showering, dressing, combing hair, bathing**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Does not interfere Completely interferes

**Effect on sex life**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Does not interfere Completely interferes

**Occupation-ability to work**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Does not interfere Completely interferes

**Social activities**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Does not interfere Completely interferes