

SHORT-FORM MCGILL PAIN QUESTIONNAIRE

PATIENT'S NAME _____ DATE _____

Instructions: Since you have reported that one of your problems is **physical pain**, the purpose of this checklist is for you to give us an idea about what your **physical pain** feels like. Each of the words in the left column describes a quality or characteristic that pain can have. So, for each pain quality in the left column, check the number in that row that tells how much of that specific quality your pain has. Rate every pain quality.

<u>PAIN QUALITY</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>MILD</u>	<u>MODERATE</u>	<u>SEVERE</u>
1. Throbbing	(0)_____	(1)_____	(2)_____	(3)_____
2. Shooting	(0)_____	(1)_____	(2)_____	(3)_____
3. Stabbing	(0)_____	(1)_____	(2)_____	(3)_____
4. Sharp	(0)_____	(1)_____	(2)_____	(3)_____
5. Cramping	(0)_____	(1)_____	(2)_____	(3)_____
6. Gnawing	(0)_____	(1)_____	(2)_____	(3)_____
7. Hot-burning	(0)_____	(1)_____	(2)_____	(3)_____
8. Aching	(0)_____	(1)_____	(2)_____	(3)_____
9. Heavy	(0)_____	(1)_____	(2)_____	(3)_____
10. Tender	(0)_____	(1)_____	(2)_____	(3)_____
11. Splitting	(0)_____	(1)_____	(2)_____	(3)_____
12. Tiring-exhausting	(0)_____	(1)_____	(2)_____	(3)_____
13. Sickening	(0)_____	(1)_____	(2)_____	(3)_____
14. Fearful	(0)_____	(1)_____	(2)_____	(3)_____
15. Punishing-cruel	(0)_____	(1)_____	(2)_____	(3)_____

A. PLEASE MAKE AN "X" ON THE LINE BELOW TO SHOW HOW BAD YOUR PAIN IS RIGHT NOW.
 NO PAIN |-----| WORST POSSIBLE PAIN

B. PLEASE CHECK THE ONE DESCRIPTOR BELOW THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR PRESENT PAIN.

0 NO PAIN _____

1 MILD _____

2 DISCOMFORTING _____

3 DISTRESSING _____

4 HORRIBLE _____

5 EXCRUCIATING _____

C. IS YOUR PAIN ?
 (check one word)

_____ Brief

_____ Intermittent

_____ Continuous

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S = ___/33 A/E = ___/12