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DISABILITIES OF THE ARM, SHOULDER AND HAND

THE DASH

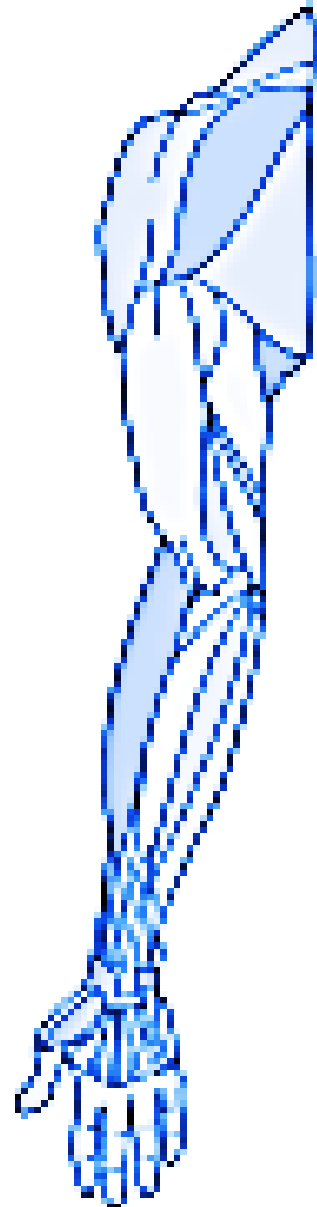
INSTRUCTIONS

This questionnaire asks about your symptoms as well as your ability to perform certain activities.

Please answer every question, based on your condition in the last week, by circling the appropriate number.

If you did not have the opportunity to perform an activity in the past week, please make your best estimate on which response would be the most accurate.

It doesn't matter which hand or arm you use to perform the activity; please answer based on your ability regardless of how you perform the task.



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Please rate your ability to do the following activities in the last week by circling the number below the appropriate response.

	NO DIFFICULTY	MILD DIFFICULTY	MODERATE DIFFICULTY	SEVERE DIFFICULTY	UNABLE
1. Open a tight or new jar.	1	2	3	4	5
2. Write.	1	2	3	4	5
3. Turn a key.	1	2	3	4	5
4. Prepare a meal.	1	2	3	4	5
5. Push open a heavy door.	1	2	3	4	5
6. Place an object on a shelf above your head.	1	2	3	4	5
7. Do heavy household chores. (e.g., wash walls, wash floors)	1	2	3	4	5
8. Garden or do yard work.	1	2	3	4	5
9. Make a bed.	1	2	3	4	5
10. Carry a shopping bag or briefcase.	1	2	3	4	5
11. Carry a heavy object (over 10lbs)	1	2	3	4	5
12. Change a lightbulb overhead.	1	2	3	4	5
13. Wash or blow dry your hair.	1	2	3	4	5
14. Wash your back.	1	2	3	4	5
15. Put on a pullover sweater.	1	2	3	4	5
16. Use a knife to cut food.	1	2	3	4	5
17. Recreational activities which require little effort (card playing, knitting)	1	2	3	4	5
18. Recreational activities in which you take some force or impact through your arm, shoulder or hand (golf, hammering, tennis)	1	2	3	4	5
19. Recreational activities in which you move your arm freely (playing Frisbee, badminton)	1	2	3	4	5
20. Manage transportation needs (getting from one place to another)	1	2	3	4	5
21. Sexual activities	1	2	3	4	5

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	NOT AT ALL	SLIGHTLY	MODERATELY	QUITE A BIT	EXTREMELY
22. During the past week, to what extent has your arm, shoulder or hand problem interfered with your normal social activities with family, friends, neighbors or groups? (CIRCLE NUMBER)	1	2	3	4	5
	NOT LIMITED AT ALL	SLIGHTLY LIMITED	MODERATELY LIMITED	VERY LIMITED	UNABLE
23. During the past week, were you limited in your work or other regular daily activities as a result of your arm, shoulder or hand problem? (RATE THE SEVERITY OFF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS IN THE LAST WEEK, CIRCLE NUMBER)	1	2	3	4	5
	NONE	MILD	MODERATELY	SEVERE	EXTREME
24. Arm, shoulder or hand pain	1	2	3	4	5
25. Arm, shoulder or hand pain when you perform any specific activities.	1	2	3	4	5
26. Tingling (pins and needles) in your arm, shoulder or hand.	1	2	3	4	5
27. Weakness in your arm, shoulder or hand.	1	2	3	4	5
28. Stiffness in your arm, shoulder or hand.	1	2	3	4	5
	NO DIFFICULTY	MILD DIFFICULTY	MODERATE DIFFICULTY	SEVERE DIFFICULTY	SO MUCH DIFFICULTY CANT SLEEP
29. During the past week, how much difficulty have you had sleeping because of the pain in your arm, shoulder, or hand?	1	2	3	4	5
	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
30. I feel less capable, less confident or less useful because of my arm ,shoulder or hand problem	1	2	3	4	5

DASH DISABILITY/SYMPTOM SCORE=_____ $([(\text{sum of } n \text{ responses} / n) - 1] \times 25)$, where n is the number of completes responses.)

A DASH score may **not** be calculates if there are greater than 3 missing items.

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WORK MODULE (OPTIONAL)

The following questions ask about the impact of your arm, shoulder or hand problem on your ability to work (including homemaking if that is your main work role).

Please indicate what your job/work is: _____

I do not work. (You may skip this section.)

Please circle the number that best describes your physical ability in the past week. Did you have any difficulty?

	NO DIFFICULTY	MILD DIFFICULTY	MODERATE DIFFICULTY	SEVERE DIFFICULTY	UNABLE
1. Using your usual technique for your work?	1	2	3	4	5
2. Doing your usual work because of arm, shoulder or hand pain?	1	2	3	4	5
3. Doing your work as well as you would like?	1	2	3	4	5
4. Spending your usual amount of time doing your work?	1	2	3	4	5

SPORTS/PREFORMING ARTS MODULE (OPTIONAL)

The following questions relate to the impact of your arm, shoulder or hand problem on playing your musical instrument or sport or both.

If you play more than one sport or instrument (or play both), please answer with respect to that activity which is most important to you.

Please indicate the sport or instrument which is more important to you: _____

I do not play a sport or an instrument. (You may skip this section.)

Please circle the number that best describes your physical ability in the past week. Did you have any difficulty?

	NO DIFFICULTY	MILD DIFFICULTY	MODERATE DIFFICULTY	SEVERE DIFFICULTY	UNABLE
1. Using your usual technique for playing your sport or instrument?	1	2	3	4	5
2. Playing your musical instrument or sport because of arm, shoulder or hand pain?	1	2	3	4	5
3. Playing your musical instrument or sport as well as you would like?	1	2	3	4	5
4. Spending your usual amount of time practicing or playing you instrument or sport?	1	2	3	4	5

SCORING THE OPTIONAL MODULES: Add up assigned values for each response; divide by 4(number of items); subtract 1; multiply by 25. An optional module score may **not** be calculated if there are any missing items.