# CARE CONNECTIONS

# LOWER EXTREMITY

## **FUNCTIONAL INDEX**

Choose the one answer in each section that best describes your condition.

## WALKING

- Symptoms do not prevent me walking any distance.
- Symptoms prevent me walking more than 1 mile.
- Symptoms prevent me walking more than 1/2 mile.
- Symptoms prevent me walking more than 1/4 mile.
- I can only walk using a stick or crutches.
- I am in bed most of the time and have to crawl to the toilet.

## WORK

- (Applies to work in home and outside)
- I can do as much work as I want to.
- I can only do my usual work, but no more.
- I can do most of my usual work, but no more.
- I cannot do my usual work.
- I can hardly do any work at all (only light duty).
- I cannot do any work at all.

## PERSONAL CARE

- (Washing, Dressing, etc.)
- I can manage all personal care without symptoms.
- I can manage all personal care with some increased symptoms.
- Personal care requires slow, concise movements due to increased symptoms.
- I need help to manage some personal care.
- I need help to manage all personal care.
- I cannot manage any personal care.

## SLEEPING

- I have no trouble sleeping.
- ☐ My sleep is mildly disturbed (less than 1 hr. sleepless).
- ☐ My sleep is mildly disturbed (1–2 hrs. sleepless).
- My sleep is moderately disturbed (2–3 hrs. sleepless).
- ☐ My sleep is greatly disturbed (3–5 hrs. sleepless).
- ☐ My sleep is completely disturbed (5–7 hrs. sleepless).

## **RECREATION/SPORTS**

#### (Indicate Sport if Appropriate

- I am able to engage in all my recreational/sports activities without increased symptoms.
- □ I am able to engage in all my recreational/sports activities with some increased symptoms.
- I am able to engage in most, but not all of my usual recreational/ sports activities because of increased symptoms.
- I am able to engage in a few of my usual recreational/sports activities because of my increased symptoms.
- I can hardly do any recreational/sports activities because of increased symptoms.
- I cannot do any recreational/sports activities at all.

## **ACUITY** (Answer on initial visit.)

How many days ago did onset/injury occur? \_\_\_\_\_

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## STAIRS

- I can walk stairs comfortably without a rail.
- I can walk stairs comfortably, but with a crutch, cane, or rail.
- I can walk more than 1 flight of stairs, but with increased symptoms.
- I can walk less than 1 flight of stairs.
- I can manage only a single step or curb.
- I am unable to manage even a step or curb.

## UNEVEN GROUND

- I can walk normally on uneven ground without loss of balance or use of a cane or crutches.
- □ I can walk on uneven ground, but with loss of balance or with the use of a cane or crutches.
- I have to walk very carefully on uneven ground without using a cane or crutches.
- □ I have to walk very carefully on uneven ground even when using a cane or crutches.
- I have to walk very carefully on uneven ground and require physical assistance to manage it.
- I am unable to walk on uneven ground.

## STANDING

- I can stand as long as I want without increased symptoms.
- I can stand as long as I want, but it gives me extra symptoms.
- Symptoms prevent me from standing for more than 1 hour.
- Symptoms prevent me from standing for more than 30 minutes.
- Symptoms prevent me from standing for more than 10 minutes.
- Symptoms prevent me from standing at all.

## SQUATTING

- I can squat fully without the use of my arms for support.
- □ I can squat fully, but with symptoms or with use of my arms for support.
- I can squat 3/4 of my normal depth, but less than fully.
- $\Box$  I can squat 1/2 of my normal depth, but less than 3/4.
- I can squat 1/4 of my normal depth, but less than 1/2.
- I am unable to squat any distance due to symptoms.

## SITTING

- I can sit in any chair as long as I like.
- I can only sit in my favorite chair as long as I like.
- My symptoms prevent me sitting more than 1 hour.
- My symptoms prevent me sitting more than 1/2 hour.
- My symptoms prevent me sitting more than 10 minutes.
- □ My symptoms prevent me from sitting at all.
- \* Lumbar questions adapted from Oswestry.

## Please complete opposite side

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Please indicate the worst your pain has been in the last 24 hours on the scale below

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Worst Pain Imaginable

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