

# Vestibular Patient Health Questionnaire

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you currently receiving any Home Health services from Medicare? (i.e. nursing care, infusion, home health aide, therapy...)  No  Yes...what home care agency are you using? \_\_\_\_\_

Is an **attorney** handling your case?  Yes  No Who? \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently out of work due to **this** problem?  Yes  No

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**Current Problem:** What is bothering you?(please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

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Were they:  Sudden  Gradual  Persistent  Fluctuating

Did you feel as if the you or the room was spinning? (please circle) **Yes No**

When was the first attack? \_\_\_\_\_ How long did it last? \_\_\_\_\_

When was your last attack? \_\_\_\_\_ How long did it last? \_\_\_\_\_

What makes it worse? \_\_\_\_\_ Better? \_\_\_\_\_

What treatment have you had for this **current** problem?

Have you had **this problem** before?  Yes  No If yes, then when \_\_\_\_\_

Previous treatment?  Yes  No If yes, then what \_\_\_\_\_

**Y N** Do you have trouble hearing? (please circle) **Right Left Both**  
Was it sudden or gradual? \_\_\_\_\_ When did you first notice a loss of hearing? \_\_\_\_\_

**Y N** Have you noticed a fullness/pressure/stiffness/ringing in your ears?(please circle) **Right Left Both**

**Y N** Does any change in head or body position make the dizziness worse?  
Please describe \_\_\_\_\_

Specifically, what are you not able to do because of your current problem? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any additional symptoms? Please **check** all that apply:

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|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lightheadedness    | <input type="checkbox"/> Blurry vision               | <input type="checkbox"/> Memory loss                | <input type="checkbox"/> Blacking out            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Headaches          | <input type="checkbox"/> ↓ concentration             | <input type="checkbox"/> "Heavy headiness"          | <input type="checkbox"/> "Foggy headiness"       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motion Intolerance | <input type="checkbox"/> Rocking or swaying          | <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor sleep patterns     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slurred speech     | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty driving          | <input type="checkbox"/> Objects jumping            | <input type="checkbox"/> Migraines               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea             | <input type="checkbox"/> Falling/leaning sensation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Numbness                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bothered by busy places |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue            | <input type="checkbox"/> Clumsiness                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Staggering                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Depression              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spinning           | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty in word choice   | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty in dim lighting | <input type="checkbox"/> Double vision           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dizziness          | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming/floating sensation |                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Weakness in arms/legs   |
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Have you recently participated in the following:  turbulent flight  scuba diving  altitude changes  
Recent problems:  illness  allergies  stress  head trauma  vision deficits  sinus  hearing loss  
 ear infection  BP medication  infectious disease  MRI/CT Scan  medication for dizziness

Have you had any recent falls? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to drive? \_\_\_\_\_

When was your last eye exam? \_\_\_\_\_

- Medical History:**  Arthritis       Asthma       Emphysema       HIV       Night sweats  
 Cancer       Dizziness       Diabetes       Osteoporosis       AIDS       Fever  
 Heart Disease       Bronchitis       Hypoglycemia       Depression       Migraine  
 Seizures/Falls       Strokes       Hypertension       Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unrelenting night pain       Unexplained weight loss       Bowel and/or bladder problems

Previous problems or surgeries: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / /  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / /  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / /

Please list all medications you are currently taking: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**DIZZINESS HANDICAP INVENTORY**

Patient Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please CIRCLE the correct response:

- 1. I have dizziness/unsteadiness: (1) 1 per month (2) >1 but < 4 per month (3) more than one per week
- 2. My dizziness/unsteadiness is: (1) mild (2) moderate (3) severe

**Please read carefully:** The purpose of the scale is to identify difficulties that you may be experiencing because of your dizziness/unsteadiness. Please check off "YES", "SOMETIMES", or "NO" to each item. Answer each question as it pertains to your dizziness/unsteadiness only.

YES	SOMETIMES	NO	
_____	_____	_____	P1. Does looking up increase your problem?
_____	_____	_____	E2. Because of your problem, do you feel frustrated?
_____	_____	_____	F3. Because of your problem, do you restrict your travel for business or recreation?
_____	_____	_____	P4. Does walking down the aisle of a supermarket increase your problem?
_____	_____	_____	F5. Because of your problem, do you have difficulty getting into or out of bed?
_____	_____	_____	F6. Does your problem significantly restrict your participation in social activities such as going out to dinner, going to movies, dancing, or to parties?
_____	_____	_____	F7. Because of your problem, do you have difficulty reading?
_____	_____	_____	P8. Does performing more ambitious activities like sports, dancing, household chores such as sweeping or putting dishes away increase your problem?
_____	_____	_____	E9. Because of your problem, are you afraid to leave your home without someone accompanying you?
_____	_____	_____	E10. Because of your problem, have you been embarrassed in front of others?
_____	_____	_____	P11. Do quick movements of your head increase your problem?
_____	_____	_____	F12. Because of your problem, do you avoid heights?
_____	_____	_____	P13. Does turning over in bed increase your problem?
_____	_____	_____	F14. Because of your problem, is it difficult for you to do strenuous house work or yard work?
_____	_____	_____	E15. Because of your problem, are you afraid people may think you are intoxicated?
_____	_____	_____	F16. Because of your problem, is it difficult for you to go for a walk by yourself?
_____	_____	_____	P17. Does walking down a sidewalk increase your problem?
_____	_____	_____	E18. Because of your problem, is it difficult for you to concentrate?
_____	_____	_____	F19. Because of your problem, is it difficult for you to walk around your house in the dark?
_____	_____	_____	E20. Because of your problem, are you afraid to stay home alone?
_____	_____	_____	E21. Because of your problem, do you feel handicapped?
_____	_____	_____	E22. Has your problem placed stress on your relationships with members of your family or friends?
_____	_____	_____	E23. Because of your problem, are you depressed?
_____	_____	_____	F24. Does your problem interfere with your job or household responsibilities?
_____	_____	_____	P25. Does bending over increase your problem?

\_\_\_\_\_ Examiner

**OTHER COMMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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