

# Dizziness Handicap Inventory

**Patient's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Instructions:* The purpose of this scale is to identify difficulties that you may be experiencing because of your dizziness or unsteadiness. Please answer "Yes," "No" or "Sometimes" to each question. *Answer each question as it applies to your dizziness or unsteadiness only.*

Please put a "√" in the appropriate space.

	Yes	No	Sometimes
1. Does looking up increase your problem?	_____	_____	_____
2. Because of your problem, do you feel frustrated?	_____	_____	_____
3. Because of your problem, do you restrict your travel for business or recreation?	_____	_____	_____
4. Does walking down the aisle of a supermarket increase your problem?	_____	_____	_____
5. Because of your problem, do you have difficulty getting into your bed?	_____	_____	_____
6. Does your problem significantly restrict your participation in social activities such as going out to dinner, going to the movies, dancing, or to parties?	_____	_____	_____
7. Because of your problem, do you have difficulty reading?	_____	_____	_____
8. Does performing more ambitious activities like sports, dancing, household chores such as sweeping or putting dishes away increase your problem?	_____	_____	_____
9. Because of your problem, are you afraid to leave your home without having someone accompany you?	_____	_____	_____
10. Because of your problem, have you been embarrassed in front of others?	_____	_____	_____
11. Does quick movement of your head increase your problem?	_____	_____	_____
12. Because of your problem, do you avoid heights?	_____	_____	_____
13. Does turning over in bed increase your problem?	_____	_____	_____
14. Because of your problem, is it difficult to do strenuous housework or yard work?	_____	_____	_____
15. Because of your problem, are you afraid people may think that you are intoxicated?	_____	_____	_____
16. Because of your problem, is it difficult for you to go for a walk by yourself?	_____	_____	_____
17. Does walking down a sidewalk increase your problem?	_____	_____	_____
18. Because of your problem, is it difficult for you to concentrate?	_____	_____	_____
19. Because of your problem, is it difficult for you to walk around the house in the dark?	_____	_____	_____
20. Because of your problem, are you afraid to stay home alone?	_____	_____	_____
21. Because of your problem, do you feel handicapped?	_____	_____	_____
22. Has your problem placed stress on your relationships with members of your family or friends?	_____	_____	_____
23. Because of your problem, are you depressed?	_____	_____	_____
24. Does your problem interfere with your job or household responsibilities?	_____	_____	_____
25. Does bending over increase your problem?	_____	_____	_____
Sub-Total .....	_____	_____	_____
	x4	x0	x2
<b>Column Totals</b>	=====	=====	=====

**DHI GRAND TOTAL:**

P \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

( ) 100-70 = Severe perception of having a handicap ( ) 69-40 = moderate perception of handicap

( ) 39 = low perception of handicap