St. George's Respiratory Questionnaire

This questionnaire is designed to help us learn more about how your breathing is troubling you and how it affects your life. We are using it to find out which aspects of your illness cause you the most problems, rather than what the doctors and nurses think your problems are.

Please read the instructions carefully.
Do not spend too long deciding about your answers.

Part 1

Please describe how often your respiratory problems have affected you over the past 4 weeks.

1. Over the past 4 weeks, I have coughed
   - ☐ Almost every day
   - ☐ Several days a week
   - ☐ A few days a month
   - ☐ Only with respiratory infections
   - ☐ Not at all

2. Over the past 4 weeks, I have brought up phlegm (sputum)
   - ☐ Almost every day
   - ☐ Several days a week
   - ☐ A few days a month
   - ☐ Only with respiratory infections
   - ☐ Not at all

3. Over the past 4 weeks, I have had shortness of breath
   - ☐ Almost every day
   - ☐ Several days a week
   - ☐ A few days a month
   - ☐ Only with respiratory infections
   - ☐ Not at all
4. Over the past 4 weeks, I have had wheezing attacks
   - Almost every day
   - Several days a week
   - A few days a month
   - Only with respiratory infections
   - Not at all

5. How many times during the past 4 weeks have you suffered from severe or very unpleasant respiratory attacks?
   - More than 3 times
   - 3 times
   - 2 times
   - 1 time
   - None of the time

6. How long did the worst respiratory attack last? (Go to question 7 if you did not have a severe attack)
   - A week or more
   - 3 or more days
   - 1 or 2 days
   - Less than a day

7. Over the past 4 weeks, in a typical week, how many good days (with few respiratory problems) have you had?
   - No good days
   - 1 or 2 good days
   - 3 or 4 good days
   - Nearly every day is good
   - Every day is good

8. If you wheeze, is it worse when you get up in the morning?
   - No
   - Yes
Part 2

Section 1

1. How would you describe your respiratory condition?
   - The most important problem I have
   - Causes me quite a lot of problems
   - Causes me a few problems
   - Causes me no problem

2. If you have ever held a job
   - My respiratory problems made me stop working altogether
   - My respiratory problems interfere with my job or made me change my job
   - My respiratory problems do not affect my job

Section 2

These are questions about what activities usually make you feel short of breath these days.

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Section 3

These are more questions about your cough and shortness of breath these days.

10. Coughing hurts  
11. Coughing makes me tired  
12. I am short of breath when I talk  
13. I am short of breath when I bend over  
14. My coughing or breathing disturbs my sleep  
15. I become exhausted easily

Section 4

These are questions about other effects that your respiratory problems may have on you these days.

16. My coughing or breathing is embarrassing in public  
17. My respiratory problems are a nuisance to my family, friends or neighbors  
18. I get afraid or panic when I cannot catch my breath  
19. I feel that I am not in control of my respiratory problems  
20. I do not expect my respiratory problems to get any better  
21. I have become frail or an invalid because of my respiratory problems  
22. Exercise is not safe for me  
23. Everything seems too much of an effort

Section 5

These are questions about your treatment and medication (including oxygen, inhalers and pills).

a. Are you receiving any treatment for your respiratory problems?  
   ○ Yes  ○ No  If No go to Section 6 (top of next page)

24. My treatment does not help me very much  
25. I get embarrassed using my medication in public  
26. I have unpleasant side effects from my medication  
27. My treatment interferes with my life a lot
Section 6

These are questions about how your activities might be affected by your respiratory problems.

28. I take a long time to get washed or dressed
29. I cannot take a bath or shower, or I take a long time to do it
30. I walk slower than other people my age, or I stop to rest
31. Jobs such as household chores take a long time, or I have to stop to rest
32. If I walk up one flight of stairs, I have to go slowly or stop
33. If I hurry or walk fast, I have to stop or slow down
34. My breathing makes it difficult to do things such as walk up hills, carry things up stairs, light gardening such as weeding, dance, bowl or play golf.
35. My breathing makes it difficult to do things such as carry heavy loads, dig in the garden or shovel snow, jog or walk briskly (5 miles per hour), play tennis or swim
36. My breathing makes it difficult to do things such as very heavy manual work, ride a bikes, run, swim fast or play competitive sports

Section 7

We would like to know how your respiratory problems usually affect your daily life.

37. I cannot play sports or do other physical activities
38. I cannot go out for entertainment or recreation
39. I cannot go out of the house to do the shopping
40. I cannot do household chores
41. I cannot move far from my bed or chair
Section 8

Here is a list of other activities that your respiratory problems may prevent you from doing. (You do not have to check these, they are just to remind you of ways your shortness of breath may affect you.)

- Going for walks or walking the dog
- Doing activities or chores at home or in the garden
- Sexual intercourse
- Going to a place of worship, or a place of entertainment
- Going out in bad weather or into smoky rooms
- Visiting family or friends or playing with children

Please write in any other important activities that your respiratory problems may stop you from doing.

42. Now please check the box (one only) that you think best describes how your respiratory problems affect you.

- ○ It does not stop me from doing anything I would like to do
- ○ It stops me from doing one or two things I would like to do
- ○ It stops me from doing most of the things I would like to do
- ○ It stops me from doing everything I would like to do

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Before you finish, would you please make sure that you have answered all the questions?

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