



Form C-15a

TMD DISABILITY INDEX (STEIGERWALD/MAHER)

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Please check the one statement that best pertains to you (not necessarily exactly) in each of the following categories.

1. Communication (talking)

- I can talk as much as I want without pain, fatigue or discomfort.
- I talk as much as I want, but it causes some pain, fatigue and/or discomfort.
- I can't talk as much as I want because of pain, fatigue and/or discomfort.
- I can't talk much at all because of pain, fatigue and/or discomfort.
- Pain prevents me from talking at all.

2. Normal living activities (brushing teeth/flossing).

- I am able to care for my teeth and gums in a normal fashion without restriction, and without pain, fatigue or discomfort.
- I am able to care for all my teeth and gums, but I must be slow and careful, otherwise pain/discomfort, jaw tiredness results.
- I do manage to care for my teeth and gums in a normal fashion, but it usually causes some pain/discomfort, jaw tiredness no matter how slow and careful I am.
- I am unable to properly clean all my teeth and gums because of restricted opening and/or pain.
- I am unable to care for most of my teeth and gums because of restricted opening and/or pain.

3. Normal living activities (eating, chewing).

- I can eat and chew as much of anything I want without pain/discomfort or jaw tiredness.
- I can eat and chew most anything I want, but it sometimes causes pain/discomfort and/or jaw tiredness.
- I can't eat much of anything I want, because it often causes pain/discomfort, jaw tiredness or because of restricted opening.
- I must eat only soft foods (consistency of scrambled eggs or less) because of pain/discomfort, jaw fatigue and/or restricted opening.
- I must stay on a liquid diet because of pain and/or restricted opening.

4. Social/recreational activities (singing, playing musical instruments, cheering, laughing, social activities, playing amateur sports/hobbies, and recreation, etc.).

- I am enjoying a normal social life and/or recreational activities without restriction.
- I participate in normal social life and/or recreational activities but pain/discomfort is increased.
- The presence of pain and/or fear of likely aggravation only limits the more energetic components of my social life (sports, exercising, dancing, playing musical instruments, singing).
- I have restrictions socially, as I can't even sing, shout, cheer, play and/or laugh expressively because of increased pain/discomfort.
- I have practically no social life because of pain.

5. Non-specialized jaw activities (yawning, mouth opening and opening my mouth wide).

- I can yawn in a normal fashion, painlessly.
- I can yawn and open my mouth fully wide open, but sometimes there is discomfort.
- I can yawn and open my mouth wide in a normal fashion, but it almost always causes discomfort.
- Yawning and opening my mouth wide are somewhat restricted by pain.
- I cannot yawn or open my mouth more than two finger widths (28-32 cm) or, if I can, it always causes greater than moderate pain.



- 5. Sexual function (including kissing, hugging and any and all sexual activities to which you are accustomed).**
- I am able to engage in all my customary sexual activities and expressions without limitation and/or causing headache, face or jaw pain.
 - I am able to engage in all my customary sexual activities and expression, but it sometimes causes some headache, face, or jaw pain, or jaw fatigue.
 - I am able to engage in all my customary sexual activities and expression, but it usually causes enough headache, face or jaw pain to markedly interfere with my enjoyment, willingness and satisfaction.
 - I must limit my customary sexual expression and activities because of headache, face or jaw pain or limited mouth opening.
 - I abstain from almost all sexual activities and expression because of the head, face or jaw pain it causes.
- 7. Sleep (restful, nocturnal sleep pattern).**
- I sleep well in a normal fashion without any pain medication, relaxants or sleeping pills.
 - I sleep well with the use of pain pills, anti-inflammatory medication or medicinal sleeping aids.
 - I fail to realize 6 hours restful sleep even with the use of pills.
 - I fail to realize 4 hours restful sleep even with the use of pills.
 - I fail to realize 2 hours restful sleep even with the use of pills.
- 8. Effects of any form of treatment, including, but not limited to, medications, in-office therapy, treatments, oral orthotics (e.g., splints, mouthpieces), ice/heat, etc.**
- I do not need to use treatment of any type in order to control or tolerate headache, face or jaw pain and discomfort.
 - I can completely control my pain with some form of treatment.
 - I get partial, but significant, relief through some form of treatment.
 - I don't get "a lot of" relief from any form of treatment.
 - There is no form of treatment that helps enough to make me want to continue.
- 9. Tinnitus, or ringing in the ear(s).**
- I do not experience ringing in my ear(s).
 - I experience ringing in my ear(s) somewhat, but it does not interfere with my sleep and/or my ability to perform my daily activities.
 - I experience ringing in my ear(s) and it interferes with my sleep and/or daily activities, but I can accomplish set goals and I can get an acceptable amount of sleep.
 - I experience ringing in my ear(s) and it causes a marked impairment in the performance of my daily activities and/or results in an unacceptable loss of sleep.
 - I experience ringing in my ear(s) and it is incapacitating and/or forces me to use a masking device to get any sleep.
- 10. Dizziness (lightheaded, spinning and/or balance disturbance).**
- I do not experience dizziness.
 - I experience dizziness, but it does not interfere with my daily activities.
 - I experience dizziness which interferes somewhat with my daily activities, but I can accomplish my set goals.
 - I experience dizziness which causes a marked impairment in the performance of my daily activities.
 - I experience dizziness which is incapacitating.

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