Dizziness Handicap Inventory

Date: _____ Patient Name: _____

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 pertains to your dizziness or unsteadiness only.

ITEM	QUESTION		Y	N	S
1	Does looking up increase your problem?	P			
2	Because of your problem, do you feel frustrated?	E			
3	Because of your problem, do you restrict your travel for business or recreation?	F			
4	Does walking down the aisle of a supermarket increase your problem?	P			
5	Because of your problem, do you have difficulty getting into or out of bed?	F			
6	Does your problem significantly restrict your participation in social activities such as going out to dinner, the movies, dancing, or to parties?	F			
7	Because of your problem, do you have difficulty reading?	F			
8	Does performing more ambitious activities such as sports or dancing or household chores such as sweeping or putting dishes away increase your problem?	P			
9	Because of your problem, are you afraid to leave your home without having someone accompany you?	E			
10	Because of your problem, are you embarrassed in front of others?	E			
11	Do quick movements of your head increase your problem?	P			
12	Because of your problem, do you avoid heights?	F			
13	Does turning over in bed increase your problem?	P			
14	Because of your problem, is it difficult for you to do strenuous housework or yardwork?	F			
15	Because of your problem, are you afraid people may think you are intoxicated?	E			
16	Because of your problem, is it difficult for you to walk by yourself?	F			
17	Does walking down a sidewalk increase your problem?	P			
18	Because of your problem, is it difficult for you to concentrate?	E			
19	Because of your problem, is it difficult for you to walk around your house in the dark?	F			
20	Because of your problem, are you afraid to stay at home alone?	E			
21	Because of your problem, do you feel handicapped?	E			
22	Has your problem placed stress on your relationships with members of your family or friends?	E			
23	Because of your problem, are you depressed?	E			
24	Does your problem interfere with your job or household responsibilities?	F			
25	Does bending over increase your problem?	P			
			x4	x0	x2
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		TOTAL			

P _____ E _____ F _____

___100-70 (severe perception of having a handicap ___69-40 (moderate perception of having a handicap ___39-0 (low perception of having a handicap

*Jacobson GP, Newman CW; The development of the dizziness handicap inventory. Arch Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg, 1990; 116: 424-427