

### 3.56 Dizziness Questionnaire

## DIZZINESS QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for your cooperation in filling out this brief questionnaire.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I. *When you are "dizzy" do you experience any of the following symptoms? (check **yes** or **no**)*

1. Light-headedness or swimming sensation in the head?  Yes  No
2. Blacking out or loss of consciousness?  Yes  No
3. Tendency to fall?  to the left?  to the right?  forward?  backward?
4. Objects spinning or turning around you?  Yes  No
5. Sensation that you are spinning or turning?  Yes  No
6. Loss of balance while walking?  veering to the left?  veering to the right?
7. Headache?  Yes  No
8. Nausea or vomiting?  Yes  No
9. Pressure in the head?  Yes  No
10. Tingling in your fingers, toes or around your mouth?  Yes  No

II. *Please check **yes** or **no** and fill in the blanks **answering all questions**.*

1. My dizziness is:  Constant?  In attacks or episodes?
2. When did the dizziness first occur? \_\_\_\_\_
3. If in attacks: How often do attacks occur? \_\_\_\_\_  
How long do they last? \_\_\_\_\_  
When was the first episode? \_\_\_\_\_  
What was the duration of the shortest attack? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you have any warning that it is going to occur?  Yes  No  
Do they occur at any particular time of day or night?  Yes  No  
Are you completely free of dizziness between attacks?  Yes  No
4. Does change of position make you dizzy?  Yes  No
5. Do you have trouble walking in the dark?  Yes  No
6. When you are dizzy, must you support yourself when standing?  Yes  No
7. Do you know any possible cause of your dizziness?  Yes  No
8. Do you know of anything that will:  
Stop your dizziness or make it better? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes  No  
Make your dizziness worse? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes  No  
Precipitate an attack? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes  No  
(e.g.: fatigue, exertion, hunger, menstrual period, stress, emotional upset, alcohol)
9. Were you exposed to any irritating fumes, paints, etc. at the onset of dizziness?  
 Yes  No

III. *Past medical history*

1. Do you have a history of any of the following? **Please check all that apply.**

heart disease  hypertension  kidney disease  thyroid disease  migraine headaches

2. Do you have any family history of any of the following? **Please check all that apply.**

ear disease  neurological disease  migraine headache

3. Do you take any medicines regularly? If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Are you allergic to any medications? If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you ever suffered a serious head injury or been knocked unconscious?  Yes  No

6. Do you use tobacco in any form? \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

How much? \_\_\_\_\_ For how long? \_\_\_\_\_

IV. *Do you have any of the following symptoms? Check **yes** or **no** and the ear involved.*

1. Difficulty in hearing?  Yes  No  Both ears  Right ear  Left ear  **Associated with Attack**

2. Noise in your ears?  Yes  No  Both ears  Right ear  Left ear  **Associated with Attack**

Describe the noise: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Does the noise change with dizziness, and if so, how? \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Pain in your ears?  Yes  No  Both ears  Right ear  Left ear  **Associated with Attack**

5. Fullness or stuffiness in your ears?

Yes  No  Both ears  Right ear  Left ear  **Associated with Attack**

6. Discharge from your ears?

Yes  No  Both ears  Right ear  Left ear  **Associated with Attack**

V. *Have you experienced any of the following symptoms? Check **yes** or **no** and if **constant** or in **episodes**.*

1. Double or blurred vision or blindness?  Yes  No  Constant  Episodes

2. Numbness of face?  Yes  No  Constant  Episodes

3. Numbness of arms and legs?  Yes  No  Constant  Episodes

4. Weakness in arms or legs?  Yes  No  Constant  Episodes

5. Clumsiness in arms or legs?  Yes  No  Constant  Episodes

6. Confusion or loss of consciousness?  Yes  No  Constant  Episodes

7. Difficulty of speech?  Yes  No  Constant  Episodes

8. Difficulty with swallowing?  Yes  No  Constant  Episodes

9. Pain in neck or shoulder?  Yes  No  Constant  Episodes