

Neuropathic Pain Screening Tool

Douleur Neuropathique 4 (DN4) Questionnaire

Please complete this questionnaire by ticking one answer for each item in the four questions below:

INTERVIEW OF THE PATIENT

Question 1: Does the pain have one or more of the following characteristics?

- 1. Burning
- 2. Painful cold
- 3. Electric shocks

yes

no

Question 2: Is the pain associated with one or more of the following symptoms in the same area?

- 4. Tingling
- 5. Pins and needles
- 6. Numbness
- 7. Itching

yes

no

EXAMINATION OF THE PATIENT

Question 3: Is the pain located in an area where physical examination may reveal one or more of the following characteristics?

- 8. Hypoesthesia to touch
- 9. Hypoesthesia to prick

yes

no

Question 4: In the painful area, can the pain be caused or increased by:

- 10. Brushing

yes

no

Instructions: Count the number of “yes” answers. Four or more “yes” answers are diagnostic of neuropathic pain.

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