

**LUMBAR SPINE QUESTIONNAIRE—Dr. Mitsunaga**

Please print legibly in black ink. This form will become a part of your medical record.

**PART 1: GENERAL INFORMATION**

1) Name:

2) Today's Date:

3) Date of birth:            Age:            Gender:            Height:            Weight:

4) Which spine surgeon are you being referred to (check one):  Kyle Mitsunaga  Lance Mitsunaga  Morris Mitsunaga  None specified

5) Which physician referred you here?  
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6) Who is your primary care physician?  
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**PART 2: LOW BACK HISTORY**

1) What is your **main symptom** (for example: back pain, leg pain/weakness/numbness, trouble walking): \_\_\_\_\_  
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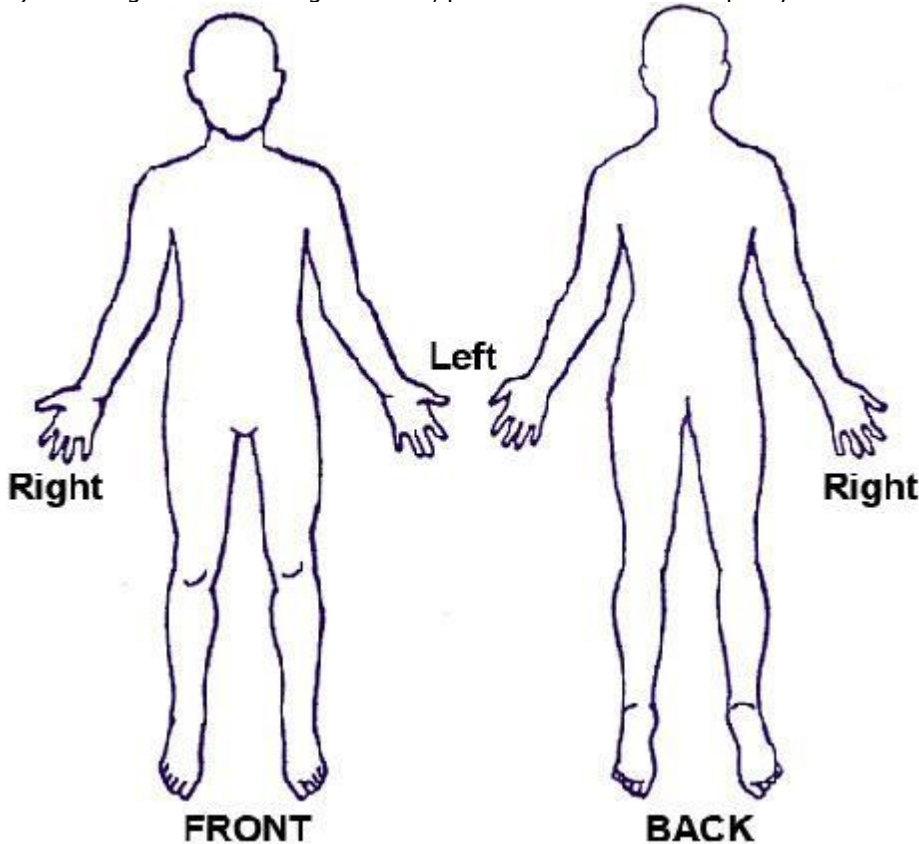
2) Out of 100%, what % of your pain is in your **low back versus your legs**? Back: \_\_\_\_%. Lower leg: \_\_\_\_%.

3) If you have lower extremity pain, what % is in your **left versus your right leg**? Left: \_\_\_\_%. Right: \_\_\_\_%

4) When did you **first start** experiencing this pain (month/year)? \_\_\_\_\_

5) Where is the pain **located** (for example, low back, left/right groin, buttocks, thigh, calf, foot)? \_\_\_\_\_

6) Pain diagram: In the diagram below, place an "X" in the exact spots you are feeling pain or numbness



7) How did this pain come on (please select one): All of a sudden Gradually over time

8) Is your pain associated with any **specific injuries or accidents** (such as falling, work-related injury, lifting, twisting, bending, pushing, direct blow, reaching, pulling, car accident)? YES NO If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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9) Over the past 2 months, how has your pain **changed**? Getting worse Staying the same Getting Better

10) How would you **describe** this pain: Constant Intermittent Waxes/wanes Central Dull Aching Sharp Burning  
Nuisance Throbbing Bearable Unbearable Excruciating Manageable Unmanageable Terrible Other: \_\_\_\_\_

11) On a scale of 1 to 10, what is your pain level **currently**? Circle one: (none) 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (severe)

12) On a scale of 1 to 10, what is the **lowest** your pain ever gets? Circle one: (none) 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (severe)

13) On a scale of 1 to 10, what is the **worst** your pain ever gets? Circle one: (none) 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (severe)

14) Have you had any **prior spine surgeries**? Yes No If yes, please list the 3 most recent spine surgeries:

1. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Surgeon: \_\_\_\_\_ Part of spine: Cervical Thoracic Lumbar  
Type of procedure: Fusion Laminectomy/decompression Microdiscectomy

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15) Is your pain **brought on or aggravated** by any of the following? Check all that apply: Coughing Sneezing Bearing down with bowel movement Lying down Sitting Standing Walking Bending over Getting up from seated position Other: \_\_\_\_\_

16) Is there anything that **relieves** the pain (such as certain positions, activities, medications, ice/heat, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

17) How far can you comfortably **walk** (e.g. few feet, 1 block, 1/2 mile, etc)? \_\_\_\_\_. What is the limiting factor for your walking (e.g. pain, weakness, poor balance, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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18) Do you have any **weakness** in your **lower extremities/legs**? Yes No. If yes, which lower extremity? Left Right  
Please give 1 or 2 specific examples of when you notice this weakness (such as going up/down stairs, sensation of legs "giving out" or buckling when walking, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

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19) Do you have any **numbness** in your **lower extremities** (e.g. groin, buttocks, thigh, leg/calf, foot, toes)? Yes No  
If so, where is the numbness (for example, left/right groin, thigh, leg/calf, foot, toes): \_\_\_\_\_

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20) Do you have any **weakness** in your **upper extremities** (such as your shoulders, elbows, wrists, hand)? Yes No  
If yes, please give 1 or 2 specific examples of when you notice this weakness (such as holding onto objects, lifting objects overhead, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

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21) Do you have any **numbness** in your **upper extremities** (e.g. shoulders, arm, forearm, wrist, hand/fingers)? Yes No. If yes, where is the numbness (for example, left/right shoulders, arm, forearm, hand, fingers): \_\_\_\_\_

22) Do you have any trouble with your **gait or balance**? Yes No If so, please describe in 1 or 2 sentences: \_\_\_\_\_

23) Do you have any **trouble standing upright**? (for example, do you feel yourself leaning too far forward, too far to the left or right?) Yes No If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

24) To what degree are your back/leg problems affecting your **quality of life**? Significantly Moderately Minimally Not at all  
Please give an example of how your quality of life is being affected (for example, are there certain recreational/social activities you enjoy but are no longer able to do?) \_\_\_\_\_

25) Do you have trouble with any **day to day activities** such as going to work, dressing, cooking, cleaning, driving? Yes No.  
If yes, please give examples of some of the activities you find most difficult:

26) Do you use any of the following **assistive devices** (check all that apply): Canes Walkers Wheelchairs  
If so, how long have you been using this device?

27) Which of the following treatments have you tried that you found **helpful**? Please circle any that apply:

**Opiates:** Tylenol #3, hydrocodone, oxycodone, Norco, Percocet, Vicodin, morphine, oxycontin, tramadol, methadone.

**Neuropathic agents:** Lyrica (pregabalin), Neurontin (gabapentin), Cymbalta (duloxetine), Pamelor/Aventyl (nortriptyline)

**Topical agents:** Salonpas, Lidoderm patch, fentanyl patch.

**Anti-inflammatories:** Mobic (meloxicam), Motrin, Aleve, ibuprofen, naproxen.

**Muscle relaxants:** Flexiril (cyclobenzaprine), temazepam, tizanidine, Valium (diazepam), skelaxin (metaxalone).

**Steroids** (such as Medrol dosepak, methylprednisolone)

**Other medications:**

**PHYSICAL THERAPY**

What did the therapy include? Home exercise program Massage Traction Electrical stimulation Ultrasound Paraffin

Therapeutic Taping Heat/thermal agents Ice Iontophoresis Postural education/ergonomics Strengthening

stretching/range of motion Exercises Weight loss Core strengthening Aquatic therapy Balance/proprioception Gait training

**Aerobic exercises such as:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home exercises/stretching/therapy**

**Lumbar epidural steroid injections:**

How many have you undergone?

When was the most recent one performed (Month/year):

Which doctor performed this injection?

What % of your pain is relieved with the injections?

How long does the benefit last?

**Miscellaneous** Lumbar brace TENS unit Chiropractor Acupuncture Weight loss Pool therapy

Activity modification Inversion table Massage

**Other treatments you have found helpful:**

28) Which of the following treatments have you tried that you found **NOT helpful**? Please check/circle any that apply:

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Activity modification  Inversion table  Massage

**Other treatments you have found *NOT* helpful:**

29) Do you have any **bowel control issues** (such as incomplete emptying of your bowels when you try to have a bowel movement, or bowel incontinence)  Yes  No? If so, please describe the nature of this problem and how long it has been going on:

30) Do you have any **bladder control issues**? (such as incomplete emptying of your bladder when you try to urinate, or urinary incontinence)  Yes  No? If so, please describe the nature of this problem and how long it has been going on:

31) Do you feel **generally well**?  Yes  No

32) Have you had any **unintentional weight loss**  Yes  No? If yes, how much weight have you lost?: \_\_\_\_\_ pounds. Over what period did you lose this weight? \_\_\_\_\_

33) Have you had any of the following symptoms recently (select any that apply)?  Fevers  Chills  Night sweats  Night pain

34) Is there a **workers compensation claim** for this injury?  Yes  No

### **Part 3: Past Medical/Surgical History**

1) Check all that apply:  Heart disease  Heart failure  Heart attack  Lung disease  High blood pressure  High cholesterol  
 Stroke  Diabetes  Cancer  Gastric reflux  Ulcer  Kidney disease  Liver failure  Bleeding disorders

Other medical issues: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Other than spine surgery, please list the **last 5 surgeries** on other parts of your body:

1. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Procedure: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Procedure: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Procedure: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Procedure: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Procedure: \_\_\_\_\_

3) Please list all of the **medications** that you take:

4) Do you have any **drug allergies**?  Yes  No. If yes, please list the drug and side effect.

5) **Family history:** Is there anyone in your family with any spine problems?  Yes  No.  
If yes, which family member? \_\_\_\_\_. If yes, what type of spine problem?

#### **PART 4: SOCIAL HISTORY**

1) **Work status:**  Homemaker  Working  Retired  Disabled  On leave

2) **Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

3) **Marital status:**  Single  Married  Divorced  Widowed  Cohabiting

3) **# of Children:** \_\_\_\_\_

4) **Who do you live with?**  Alone  With someone else. If you live with someone else, who do you live with? \_\_\_\_\_

5) Do you **smoke**?  Yes  No. If yes, how many packs per day? \_\_\_\_\_ packs per day. How many years? \_\_\_\_\_ years.

6) **Alcohol consumption:**  Never or rare  Social  Frequently drunk (more than twice a week)  Alcoholic  Recovering alcoholic. If you are a recovering alcoholic, # of years sober: \_\_\_\_\_

7) **Drug use:**  never  in the past  current IV drug use

8) **Recreations/hobbies:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **PART 5: REVIEW OF MEDICAL PROBLEMS** (please check all that apply):

General:  Fevers  Chills  Weight changes  Night pain  Night sweats  Unintentional weight loss  Recent colds or flu

Head/eyes/ears/nose/throat:  Eye problems  Ear problems  Hearing problems  vision changes  Sore throat  Runny nose

Cardiac:  Chest pain  Heart palpitations  Heart attack  Cardiac arrhythmias

Respiratory:  Cough  Wheeze  Asthma  Lung problems  Shortness of breath

Gastrointestinal:  Gastric reflex  Diarrhea  Constipation  Intestinal/abdominal problems  nausea  vomiting

Musculoskeletal:  Problems with joints  Muscle problems  Bone problems

Integument:  skin changes  hair problems  nail problems

Genitourinary:  Urinary hesitancy  Painful urination  Urinary incontinence (loss of bladder control)

Endocrine:  Heat or cold intolerance  Diabetes

Hematologic:  Bleeding problems  bruising problems

Neurologic:  stroke  seizures

Psychiatric:  anxiety  depression  schizophrenia

Other medical problems: \_\_\_\_\_