

DERMATOLOGY LIFE QUALITY INDEX (DLQI)

Hospital No: **Date:**
Name: **Score:**
Address: **Diagnosis:**

The aim of this questionnaire is to measure how much your skin problem has affected your life OVER THE LAST WEEK. Please tick (✓) one box for each question.

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| 1. Over the last week, how itchy, sore, painful or stinging has your skin been? | Very much <input type="checkbox"/> | A lot <input type="checkbox"/> | A little <input type="checkbox"/> | Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Over the last week, how embarrassed or self conscious have you been because of your skin? | Very much <input type="checkbox"/> | A lot <input type="checkbox"/> | A little <input type="checkbox"/> | Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Over the last week, how much has your skin interfered with you going shopping or looking after your home or garden ? | Very much <input type="checkbox"/> | A lot <input type="checkbox"/> | A little <input type="checkbox"/> | Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Over the last week, how much has your skin influenced the clothes you wear? | Very much <input type="checkbox"/> | A lot <input type="checkbox"/> | A little <input type="checkbox"/> | Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Over the last week, how much has your skin affected any social or leisure activities? | Very much <input type="checkbox"/> | A lot <input type="checkbox"/> | A little <input type="checkbox"/> | Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Over the last week, how much has your skin made it difficult for you to do any sport ? | Very much <input type="checkbox"/> | A lot <input type="checkbox"/> | A little <input type="checkbox"/> | Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Over the last week, has your skin prevented you from working or studying ? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | Not relevant <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| If "No", over the last week how much has your skin been a problem at work or studying ? | A lot <input type="checkbox"/> | A little <input type="checkbox"/> | Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 8. Over the last week, how much has your skin created problems with your partner or any of your close friends or relatives ? | Very much <input type="checkbox"/> | A lot <input type="checkbox"/> | A little <input type="checkbox"/> | Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Over the last week, how much has your skin caused any sexual difficulties ? | Very much <input type="checkbox"/> | A lot <input type="checkbox"/> | A little <input type="checkbox"/> | Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Over the last week, how much of a problem has the treatment for your skin been, for example by making your home messy, or by taking up time? | Very much <input type="checkbox"/> | A lot <input type="checkbox"/> | A little <input type="checkbox"/> | Not at all <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please check you have answered EVERY question. Thank you.

DERMATOLOGY LIFE QUALITY INDEX (DLQI) - INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

The Dermatology Life Quality Index questionnaire is designed for use in adults, i.e. patients over the age of 16. It is self explanatory and can be simply handed to the patient who is asked to fill it in without the need for detailed explanation. It is usually completed in one or two minutes.

SCORING

The scoring of each question is as follows:

Very much	scored 3
A lot	scored 2
A little	scored 1
Not at all	scored 0
Not relevant	scored 0
Question 7, 'prevented work or studying'	scored 3

The DLQI is calculated by summing the score of each question resulting in a maximum of 30 and a minimum of 0. The higher the score, the more quality of life is impaired.

HOW TO INTERPRET MEANING OF DLQI SCORES

0 – 1	no effect at all on patient's life
2 – 5	small effect on patient's life
6 – 10	moderate effect on patient's life
11 – 20	very large effect on patient's life
21 – 30	extremely large effect on patient's life

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