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Dizziness Handicap Inventory

Most practices that evaluate substantial numbers of dizzy patients use questionnaires to quantify symptoms. One of the most commonly used "standardized questionnaires" is the Dizziness Handicap Inventory (DHI) developed by Dr. G.P. Jacobson and Dr. C.W. Newman, 1990.

Instructions: Answer Yes, No, or Sometimes for each question.

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

The Dizziness Handicap Inventory (DHI) is a 25-item self-assessment scale. A "yes" response to an item is awarded 4 points, a "sometimes" 2 points, and a "no", 0 points. Possible scores on the DHI range from 0 (suggesting no handicap) to 100, indicating significant perceived handicap (Jacobson and Newman, 1999).

