# AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RHEUMATOLOGY (ACR) PRELIMINARY DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA FOR FIBROMYALGIA¹

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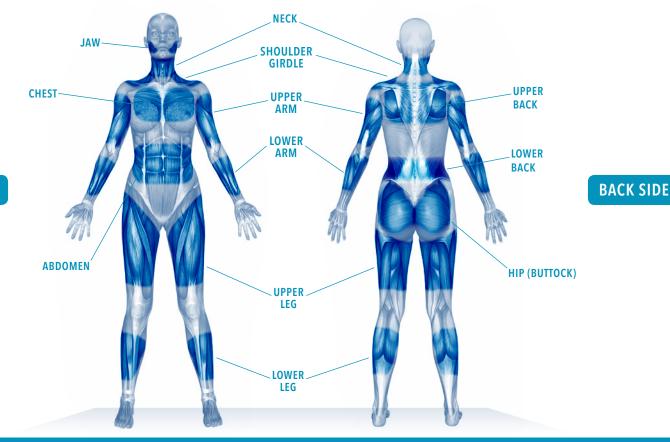
### **PART 1: WIDESPREAD PAIN INDEX**

#### HOW TO CALCULATE THE PATIENT'S WIDESPREAD PAIN INDEX (WPI)

- **1.** Using the list of 19 body areas, identify the areas where the patient felt pain over the **past week**. As a visual aid, front/back body diagrams are included.
  - Each area identified on the list counts as 1
- 2. Total the number of body areas (the WPI score can range from 0 to 19).

Write the patient's WPI score here:

Shoulder girdle, left	Lower arm, right	Lower leg, left	Abdomen
Shoulder girdle, right	☐ Hip (buttock), left	Lower leg, right	☐ Neck
Upper arm, left	☐ Hip (buttock), right	☐ Jaw, left	☐ Upper back
Upper arm, right	Upper leg, left	☐ Jaw, right	Lower back
Lower arm, left	Upper leg, right	☐ Chest	



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### **PART 2A: SYMPTOM SEVERITY SCALE (LEVELS OF SEVERITY)**

#### **HOW TO MEASURE THE PATIENT'S LEVEL OF SYMPTOM SEVERITY**

- 1. Using a scale of 0 to 3, indicate the patient's level of symptom severity over the **past week** in each of the 3 symptom categories. Choose only 1 level of severity for each category.
  - The score is the sum of the numbers that correspond to the severity levels identified in all 3 categories
- 2. Total the scale numbers for all the 3 categories and write the number here: \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Fatigue	Waking unrefreshed	Cognitive symptoms
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2 = Moderate; considerable problems; often present and/or at a moderate level	2 = Moderate; considerable problems; often present and/or at a moderate level	☐ 2 = Moderate; considerable problems; often present and/or at a moderate level
3 = Severe; pervasive, continuous, life-disturbing problems	☐ 3 = Severe; pervasive, continuous, life-disturbing problems	☐ 3 = Severe; pervasive, continuous, life-disturbing problems

## PART 2B: SYMPTOM SEVERITY SCALE (OTHER SOMATIC SYMPTOMS)

## HOW TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF THE PATIENT'S OTHER SOMATIC SYMPTOMS

Using the symptoms list on the following page, determine the extent of other somatic symptoms the patient may have experienced over the **past week**.

- 1. Determine the quantity of somatic symptoms using the list on the following page.
- 2. Using your best judgment, calculate the score that matches the quantity of those somatic symptoms and write the number here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Add the scores from Parts 2	2a and 2b (the Symp	tom Severity score,	or SS score, can rang	je from 0 to 12.)
Write the patient's SS score	e here:			

Other somatic symptoms			
☐ Muscle pain	☐ Depression	☐ Itching	☐ Dry eyes
☐ Irritable bowel syndrome	☐ Constipation	Wheezing	☐ Shortness of breath
☐ Fatigue/tiredness	Pain in upper abdomen	☐ Raynaud's	☐ Loss of appetite
☐ Thinking or memory problem	☐ Nausea	☐ Hives/welts	Rash
☐ Muscle weakness	Nervousness	Ringing in ears	☐ Sun sensitivity
Headache	☐ Chest pain	☐ Vomiting	☐ Hearing difficulties
Pain/cramps in abdomen	☐ Blurred vision	Heartburn	☐ Easy bruising
☐ Numbness/tingling	Fever	☐ Oral ulcers	☐ Hair loss
Dizziness	☐ Diarrhea	☐ Loss/change in taste	☐ Frequent urination
☐ Insomnia	☐ Dry mouth	☐ Seizures	☐ Bladder spasms
Based on the quantity of syr	nptoms, the patient's sco	ore is:	
0 = No symptoms	2 = A moderate number of symptoms		
☐ 1 = Few symptoms	$\square$ 3 = A great deal of symptoms		

#### WHAT THE PATIENT'S SCORE MEANS

The patient's WPI score (Part 1):	The patient's SS score (Parts 2a and 2b):

## A PATIENT MEETS THE DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA FOR FIBROMYALGIA IF THE FOLLOWING 3 CONDITIONS ARE MET:

1a. The WPI score (Part 1) is greater than or equal to 7 and the SS score (Parts 2a and 2b) is greater than or equal to 5.

#### OR

- **1b.** The WPI score (Part 1) is from 3 to 6 **and** the SS score (Parts 2a and 2b) is greater than or equal to 9.
- 2. Symptoms have been present at a similar level for at least 3 months.
- 3. The patient does not have a disorder that would otherwise explain the pain.

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