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# 36-Item Short Form Survey Instrument (SF-36)

## RAND 36-Item Health Survey 1.0 Questionnaire Items

Choose one option for each questionnaire item.

1. In general, would you say your health is:

- 1 - Excellent
  - 2 - Very good
  - 3 - Good
  - 4 - Fair
  - 5 - Poor
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2. **Compared to one year ago**, how would you rate your health in general **now**?

- 1 - Much better now than one year ago
  - 2 - Somewhat better now than one year ago
  - 3 - About the same
  - 4 - Somewhat worse now than one year ago
  - 5 - Much worse now than one year ago
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The following items are about activities you might do during a typical day. Does **your health now limit you** in these activities? If so, how much?

|  | Yes,<br>limited a lot   | Yes, limited<br>a little | No, not<br>limited at all |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3. <b>Vigorous activities</b> , such as running, lifting heavy objects, participating in strenuous sports  | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2  | <input type="radio"/> 3   |
| 4. <b>Moderate activities</b> , such as moving a table, pushing a vacuum cleaner, bowling, or playing golf | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2  | <input type="radio"/> 3   |
| 5. Lifting or carrying groceries   | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2  | <input type="radio"/> 3   |
| 6. Climbing <b>several</b> flights of stairs   | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2  | <input type="radio"/> 3   |
| 7. Climbing <b>one</b> flight of stairs  | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2  | <input type="radio"/> 3   |
| 8. Bending, kneeling, or stooping  | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2  | <input type="radio"/> 3   |
| 9. Walking <b>more than a mile</b>   | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2  | <input type="radio"/> 3   |
| 10. Walking <b>several blocks</b>  | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2  | <input type="radio"/> 3   |
| 11. Walking <b>one block</b>   | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2  | <input type="radio"/> 3   |
| 12. Bathing or dressing yourself   | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2  | <input type="radio"/> 3   |

During the **past 4 weeks**, have you had any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities **as a result of your physical health**?

|   | Yes                     | No                      |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 13. Cut down the <b>amount of time</b> you spent on work or other activities                          | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 |
| 14. <b>Accomplished less</b> than you would like  | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 |
| 15. Were limited in the <b>kind</b> of work or other activities                                       | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 |
| 16. Had <b>difficulty</b> performing the work or other activities (for example, it took extra effort) | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 |

During the **past 4 weeks**, have you had any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities **as a result of any emotional problems** (such as feeling depressed or anxious)?

- |  | Yes                     | No                      |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 17. Cut down the <b>amount of time</b> you spent on work or other activities | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 |
| 18. <b>Accomplished less</b> than you would like                             | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 |
| 19. Didn't do work or other activities as <b>carefully</b> as usual          | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 |
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20. During the **past 4 weeks**, to what extent has your physical health or emotional problems interfered with your normal social activities with family, friends, neighbors, or groups?

- 1 - Not at all
  - 2 - Slightly
  - 3 - Moderately
  - 4 - Quite a bit
  - 5 - Extremely
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21. How much **bodily** pain have you had during the **past 4 weeks**?

- 1 - None
  - 2 - Very mild
  - 3 - Mild
  - 4 - Moderate
  - 5 - Severe
  - 6 - Very severe
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22. During the **past 4 weeks**, how much did **pain** interfere with your normal work (including both work outside the home and housework)?

- 1 - Not at all
- 2 - A little bit
- 3 - Moderately
- 4 - Quite a bit
- 5 - Extremely

These questions are about how you feel and how things have been with you **during the past 4 weeks**. For each question, please give the one answer that comes closest to the way you have been feeling.

How much of the time during the **past 4 weeks**...

|   | All of<br>the<br>time   | Most of<br>the time     | A good<br>bit of the<br>time | Some of<br>the time     | A little<br>of the<br>time | None of<br>the time     |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 23. Did you feel full of pep?   | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3      | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5    | <input type="radio"/> 6 |
| 24. Have you been a very nervous person?                                | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3      | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5    | <input type="radio"/> 6 |
| 25. Have you felt so down in the dumps that nothing could cheer you up? | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3      | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5    | <input type="radio"/> 6 |
| 26. Have you felt calm and peaceful?                                    | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3      | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5    | <input type="radio"/> 6 |
| 27. Did you have a lot of energy?                                       | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3      | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5    | <input type="radio"/> 6 |
| 28. Have you felt downhearted and blue?                                 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3      | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5    | <input type="radio"/> 6 |
| 29. Did you feel worn out?  | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3      | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5    | <input type="radio"/> 6 |
| 30. Have you been a happy person?                                       | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3      | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5    | <input type="radio"/> 6 |
| 31. Did you feel tired?   | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3      | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5    | <input type="radio"/> 6 |

32. During the **past 4 weeks**, how much of the time has **your physical health or emotional problems** interfered with your social activities (like visiting with friends, relatives, etc.)?

- 1 - All of the time
- 2 - Most of the time
- 3 - Some of the time
- 4 - A little of the time
- 5 - None of the time

How TRUE or FALSE is **each** of the following statements for you.

|  | Definitely true         | Mostly true             | Don't know              | Mostly false            | Definitely false        |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 33. I seem to get sick a little easier than other people | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| 34. I am as healthy as anybody I know                    | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| 35. I expect my health to get worse                      | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| 36. My health is excellent                               | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |

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