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**HEADACHE HISTORY FORM**

**PATIENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out this questionnaire as best you can; your answers provide valuable information, but remember, there are no "right" or "wrong" answers!**

If you have *more than one type* of headache, do the following answers apply to your:  
\_\_\_\_\_ most frequent headache type \_\_\_\_\_ most troublesome headache or \_\_\_\_\_ both?

**1. Onset of headache:**

My headaches started \_\_\_\_\_ years ago or \_\_\_\_\_ months ago (if less than one year).  
I was \_\_\_\_\_ under 20 \_\_\_\_\_ 20-39 \_\_\_\_\_ 40-60 \_\_\_\_\_ over 60 years old.

**Changes in headaches:** \_\_\_\_\_ no significant change

My headaches became \_\_\_\_\_ more frequent \_\_\_\_\_ less frequent \_\_\_\_\_ more intense \_\_\_\_\_ less intense when?  
\_\_\_\_\_ years ago \_\_\_\_\_ months ago

**2. Location:** *My headaches occur:* \_\_\_\_\_ only on one side \_\_\_\_\_ on either or both sides  
Primarily where? \_\_\_\_\_ all over my head \_\_\_\_\_ over my temples \_\_\_\_\_ neck or back of the head  
\_\_\_\_\_ eyes \_\_\_\_\_ sinuses. Other location: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Description:** *How would you typically describe the pain of your headache?*

\_\_\_\_\_ throbbing, pounding or pulsating \_\_\_\_\_ dull, steady aching  
\_\_\_\_\_ pressure, tightness or squeezing \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Intensity:** My head pain is typically: \_\_\_\_\_ mild \_\_\_\_\_ moderate \_\_\_\_\_ severe \_\_\_\_\_ unbearable

**5. Duration:**

When untreated, my headaches typically last \_\_\_\_\_ minutes - hours - days (circle one)  
When treated, my headaches typically last \_\_\_\_\_ minutes - hours - days (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_ never treated

**6. Frequency:**

My headaches occur *roughly* \_\_\_\_\_ times per day - week - month - year (circle one)  
Do your headaches usually occur at the same time of day or night? If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Other symptoms:** *Do any of the following occur before or during your headache?*

	Before	During		Before	During
Blurred vision	_____	_____	Neck pain	_____	_____
Seeing flashes or spots	_____	_____	Nausea	_____	_____
Eyes sensitive to light	_____	_____	Vomiting	_____	_____
Sensitive to noise	_____	_____	Fever	_____	_____
Other:	_____				

Typically during my headache, \_\_\_\_\_ I can continue working \_\_\_\_\_ I must lie down (check one)

**8. Other factors:** *Does anything consistently bring on your headache?*

\_\_\_\_\_ fatigue \_\_\_\_\_ stress/tension \_\_\_\_\_ certain moods \_\_\_\_\_ exertion \_\_\_\_\_ weather  
\_\_\_\_\_ bending \_\_\_\_\_ lying down \_\_\_\_\_ reading \_\_\_\_\_ lack of sleep \_\_\_\_\_ menstruation  
\_\_\_\_\_ certain beverages: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ certain foods: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

Does anything (besides medication) *relieve* your headache? If so, describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**9. Treatments:**

a. List any over-the-counter medications, herbal supplements or vitamins that you take specifically for headaches and circle the ones that help: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. List *prior* and *current* prescription medications and dosages you have tried for headaches on **Page 3**.

c. List any other treatments you may have tried specifically for your headaches:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

d. In the past 12 months, how many times have you needed to visit an ER for your headache?  
\_\_\_\_\_ In the past 12 months, how many days of work or school have you missed due to your headaches? \_\_\_\_\_

**10. List doctors who have treated you for your headaches, beginning with the most recent:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Specialty \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Specialty \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Specialty \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

**11. List any tests performed specifically for your headaches:** \_\_\_ vision testing \_\_\_ CT scan of brain  
\_\_\_ Brain MRI scan \_\_\_ Sinus x-rays \_\_\_ Allergy testing \_\_\_ Spinal tap  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**12. Other history:**

- a. Does/did any parent or sibling of yours have persistent headaches? \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes
- b. Did you have any serious head or neck injury in the past? If so, please provide the year(s) and a brief description: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Do you drink caffeinated beverages? \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes. How many per day? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Have you been experiencing any of the following?  
\_\_\_ depressed mood \_\_\_ lack of sleep or excessive fatigue \_\_\_ excessive physical or emotional stress

**13. What do you think is the cause of your headache?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you again. Please also fill out the "Neurology Clinical Summary" questionnaire.**

