

Scoring the short version of the Örebro Musculoskeletal Pain Screening Questionnaire (ÖMPSQ)

The short version of the ÖMPSQ includes 10 items selected from the full version (see Linton, Nicholas & MacDonald, 2011). These items are scored 0-10, where 0 refers to absence of impairment and 10 to severe impairment. However, three items need to be reversed in order for all the questions to be oriented in the same direction.

The scoring method has been built into the questionnaire and scoring boxes are provided to the right of each item:

- Item 1, on pain duration, the categories 1-10 represent periods of time ranging from “0-1 week” (first box on the left) to “over 1 year” (last box to the right). Thus, “6-8 weeks”, for example, would be scored “5”;
- Items 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10 the score is the number circled;
- Items 3, 4, and 8 the score is 10 minus the number circled. These items are marked with “10-x” above the scoring box;
- Write the score for each item in the shaded scoring box;
- Add all the scores to obtain the total score and write it in the last shaded box.

The total score will range between 1 and 100, with a score >50 indicating higher estimated risk for future work disability (Linton, Nicholas & MacDonald, 2011).

Linton, S. J., Nicholas, M., MacDonald, S. (2011). Development of a Short Form of the Örebro Musculoskeletal Pain Screening Questionnaire. *Spine*, 36, 1891–1895. doi: 10.1097/BRS.0b013e3181f8f775