

Survey module for musculoskeletal conditions

	Question	Diagram	Response	Code
LOW BACK PAIN	In the past 4 weeks, have you had pain in your low back (in the area shown on the diagram)? If yes, was this pain bad enough to limit your usual activities or change your daily routine for more than one day?	Shaded area is the low back	Yes 1 → go to MSK2 No 2 → go to MSK3 Refused 88 → go to MSK3 Yes 1 → go to MSK3 No 2 → go to MSK3 Refused 88 → go to MSK3	MSK1
NECK PAIN	In the past 4 weeks, have you had pain in your neck (in the area shown on the diagram)? If yes, was this pain bad enough to limit your usual activities or change your daily routine for more than one day?	Shaded area is the neck	Yes 1 → go to MSK4 No 2 → go to MSK5 Refused 88 → go to MSK5 Yes 1 → go to MSK5 No 2 → go to MSK5 Refused 88 → go to MSK5	MSK3
HIP AND KNEE PAIN	In the past 4 weeks, have you had any pain in your hips or knees (in the area shown on the diagram)? If yes, was this pain bad enough to limit your usual activities or change your daily routine for more than one day? Has this problem lasted for 3 months or more? For this problem, have you been told by a medical doctor what the diagnosis is?	Shaded area is the hips Shaded area is the knees	Yes 1 \rightarrow go to MSK6 No 2 \rightarrow go to MSK10 Refused 88 \rightarrow go to MSK10 Yes 1 \rightarrow go to MSK7 No 2 \rightarrow go to MSK10 Refused 88 \rightarrow go to MSK10 Yes 1 \rightarrow go to MSK8 No 2 \rightarrow go to MSK10 Refused 88 \rightarrow go to MSK10 Yes 1 \rightarrow go to MSK9 No 2 \rightarrow go to MSK10 Refused 88 \rightarrow go to MSK10	MSK5 MSK6 MSK7 MSK8
UPPER LIMB PAIN	In the past 4 weeks, have you had any pain in your upper limbs (in the area shown on the diagram)? If yes, was this pain bad enough to limit your usual activities or change your daily routine for more than one day? Has this problem lasted for 3 months or more? For this problem, have you been told by a medical doctor what the diagnosis is? If yes, what was the diagnosis?	Shaded area is the upper limbs	Yes 1 \rightarrow go to MSK11 No 2 \rightarrow finish Refused 88 \rightarrow finish Yes 1 \rightarrow go to MSK12 No 2 \rightarrow finish Refused 88 \rightarrow finish Yes 1 \rightarrow go to MSK13 No 2 \rightarrow finish Refused 88 \rightarrow finish Yes 1 \rightarrow go to MSK14 No 2 \rightarrow finish Refused 88 \rightarrow finish Refused 88 \rightarrow finish Refused 88 \rightarrow finish	MSK10 MSK11 MSK12 MSK13

Instructions for interviewer:

- For question MSK1, ask the interviewee the question and show them the diagram of the low back and explain that the low back is defined as the area shaded (which is from the bottom rib to the bottom of the bottom just before it connects with the leg). If they answer yes, go to guestion MSK2. If they answer no or refuse to answer (to MSK1) go to guestion MSK3.
- For question MSK3, ask the interviewee the question and show them the diagram of the neck and explain that the neck is defined as the area shaded. If they answer yes, go to question MSK4. If they answer no or refuse to answer (to MSK3) go to question MSK5.
- For question MSK5, ask the interviewee the question and show them the diagram of the hip and knees and explain that they are defined as the area shaded. Note, even one joint (e.g. right hip) qualifies as a 'yes' for this question. If they answer yes, go on to questions MSK6. If they answer no or refuse (to MSK5), go to question MSK10.
- For question MSK6, ask the interviewee the question. If they answer yes, go on to questions MSK7. If they answer no or refuse (to MSK6), go to question MSK10.
- For question MSK7, ask the interviewee the question. If they answer yes, go on to question MSK8. If they answer no or refuse (to MSK7), go to question MSK10.
- For question MSK8, ask the interviewee the question. If they answer yes, go on to question MSK9. If they answer no or refuse (to MSK8), go to question MSK10.
- For question MSK9, ask the interviewee the question, and wait for their response. Do not give them any suggestions. Once they answer go to question MSK10. If they cannot remember the diagnosis, enter 'cannot remember'.
- For question MSK10, ask the interviewee the question and show them the diagram of the upper limbs and explain that they are defined as the area shaded. Note, even one area or joint (e.g. right elbow) qualifies as a 'yes' for this question. If they answer yes, go on to questions MSK11. If they answer no or refuse (to MSK10), this completes the module.
- For question MSK11, ask the interviewee the question. If they answer yes, go on to questions MSK12. If they answer no or refuse (to MSK11), this completes the module.
- For question MSK12, ask the interviewee the question. If they answer yes, go on to question MSK13. If they answer no or refuse (to MSK12), this completes the module.
- For question MSK13, ask the interviewee the question. If they answer yes, go on to question MSK14. If they answer no or refuse (to MSK13), this completes the module.
- For question MSK14, ask the interviewee the question, and wait for their response. Do not give them any suggestions. Once they answer, this completes the module. If they cannot remember the diagnosis, enter 'cannot remember'.

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