

Chronic Illness Job Strain Scale

There are a number of factors that may make having arthritis and being employed stressful. We are interested in learning to what extent, if at all, the following make having arthritis and working stressful for you:

	Not at all stressful	A little stressful	Somewhat stressful	Quite a bit stressful	Extremely stressful
1. To what extent do the symptoms of your arthritis (e.g., pain, fatigue, etc.) make employment stressful?	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
2. To what extent is uncertainty about how you will feel at work from day to day stressful?	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
3. To what extent does the scheduling of your job combined with your arthritis make employment stressful?	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
4. To what extent do the demands of your job combined with your arthritis make employment stressful?	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
5. To what extent are thoughts about the impact of arthritis on your finances now or in the future stressful?	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
6. To what extent are managing absences from work related to arthritis stressful?	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
7. To what extent is lack of information and/or resources about how to manage arthritis and employment stressful?	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅

8. To what extent are thoughts about the impact of arthritis on your ability to remain employed stressful? ₁ ₂ ₃ ₄ ₅

9. To what extent does the impact of arthritis on your ability to use your skills and training make employment stressful? (i.e., not being able to use your training) ₁ ₂ ₃ ₄ ₅

10. To what extent are thoughts about the impact of your arthritis on your future career plans stressful? ₁ ₂ ₃ ₄ ₅

11. Considering your arthritis, to what extent is your current relationship with your employer or concerns about your future relationship with your employer stressful? ₁ ₂ ₃ ₄ ₅

12. Considering your arthritis, to what extent is your current relationship with your co-workers or concerns about your future relationship with your co-workers stressful? ₁ ₂ ₃ ₄ ₅

13. To what extent does the “invisibility” of your arthritis make employment stressful (by that I mean that people can’t tell from one day to the next how you feel)? ₁ ₂ ₃ ₄ ₅

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