# **DERMATOLOGY LIFE QUALITY INDEX (DLQI)**

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Т	he aim of this questionnaire is to measure how muc OVER THE LAST WEEK. Please tick ( $\checkmark$ )			<del>-</del>	fe
1.	Over the last week, how <b>itchy</b> , <b>sore</b> , <b>painful</b> or <b>stinging</b> has your skin been?	Very much A lot A little Not at all			
2.	Over the last week, how <b>embarrassed</b> or <b>self conscious</b> have you been because of your skin?	Very much A lot A little Not at all			
3.	Over the last week, how much has your skin interfered with you going <b>shopping</b> or looking after your <b>home</b> or <b>garden</b> ?	Very much A lot A little Not at all		Not relevant	
4.	Over the last week, how much has your skin influenced the <b>clothes</b> you wear?	Very much A lot A little Not at all		Not relevant	0
5.	Over the last week, how much has your skin affected any social or leisure activities?	Very much A lot A little Not at all		Not relevant	_
6.	Over the last week, how much has your skin made it difficult for you to do any <b>sport</b> ?	Very much A lot A little Not at all		Not relevant	_
7.	Over the last week, has your skin prevented you from working or studying?	Yes No		Not relevant	
	If "No", over the last week how much has your skin been a problem at <b>work</b> or <b>studying</b> ?	A lot A little Not at all			
8.	Over the last week, how much has your skin created problems with your <b>partner</b> or any of your <b>close friends</b> or <b>relatives</b> ?	Very much A lot A little Not at all		Not relevant	
9.	Over the last week, how much has your skin caused any sexual difficulties?	Very much A lot A little Not at all		Not relevant	0
10.	Over the last week, how much of a problem has the <b>treatment</b> for your skin been, for example by making your home messy, or by taking up time?	Very much A lot A little Not at all		Not relevant	_

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Please check you have answered EVERY question. Thank you.

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## DERMATOLOGY LIFE QUALITY INDEX (DLQI) - INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

The Dermatology Life Quality Index questionnaire is designed for use in adults, i.e. patients over the age of 16. It is self explanatory and can be simply handed to the patient who is asked to fill it in without the need for detailed explanation. It is usually completed in one or two minutes.

#### **SCORING**

The scoring of each question is as follows:

Very much scored 3
A lot scored 2
A little scored 1
Not at all scored 0
Not relevant scored 0
Question 7, prevented work or studyingq scored 3

The DLQI is calculated by summing the score of each question resulting in a maximum of 30 and a minimum of 0. The higher the score, the more quality of life is impaired.

### **HOW TO INTERPRET MEANING OF DLQI SCORES**

- 0.1 no effect at all on patient's life
- 2.5 small effect on patient's life
- 6. 10 moderate effect on patient's life
- 11. 20 very large effect on patient's life
- 21. 30 extremely large effect on patient's life

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