HOW DYSKINESIA AND OFF TIME

IMPACT MY DAILY LIFE

For People with Parkinson's disease

This guide is designed to help you discuss your Parkinson's with your doctor. Check each symptom and side effect that you've experienced recently.

Social/Emotional Symptoms of Dyskinesia



I've felt embarrassed



My relationships have been affected



I've avoided social events



I've felt jittery/anxious

Physical/Motor Symptoms of Dyskinesia



My body sways



My head bobs



I twitch, fidget, or experience rapid jerking



I squirm or rock

During OFF Time, Motor Fluctuations Can Occur



I move slowly/ feel stuck



I have trouble walking/ slowed dexterity



I have tremors



My balancing/ coordination is off

Notes:	

Take the first step in managing dyskinesia and OFF time by showing this completed form at your next doctor's appointment.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My dyskinesia interferes with my day					
My OFF time interferes with my day					

	If you've experienced any of the following, please mark whether it was a result of dyskinesia, OFF time, or both.		OFF Time
Social/Emotional	Feeling self-conscious/embarrassed about my movements		
	Avoiding social events (dinner, errands, support groups, etc.)		
	Affecting personal relationships		
	Feeling sad		
	Feeling anxious, panicky, or jittery		
Physical/Motor	Difficulty writing, using utensils, doing buttons, typing, using computer mouse		
	Difficulty walking or maintaining balance		
	Difficulty doing work/job		
	Difficulty speaking, chewing, or swallowing		
	Difficulty driving		
	Difficulty sitting still		
	Pain due to stiffness or dyskinesia		

Questions to Ask Your Healthcare Provider:

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- How can I tell the difference between dyskinesia and tremor or between being OFF and ON?
- How can I track my response to levodopa, OFF time, and dyskinesia to allow better adjustment of my treatments so I can function at my best?
- Dyskinesia and/or OFF time are affecting my ability to do daily activities and/or socially. What are my treatment options?
- What else can I do to improve my Parkinson's symptoms so I function at my best now and into the future?

