

## The Epworth Sleepiness Scale

The Epworth Sleepiness Scale (ESS) was developed and validated by Dr. Murray Johns of Melbourne, Australia. It is a simple, self-administered questionnaire which is widely used by sleep professionals in quantifying the level of daytime sleepiness.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

How likely are you to doze off or fall asleep in the following situations, in contrast to feeling just tired? This refers to your usual way of life in recent times. Even if you have not done some of these things recently, try to work out how they would have affected you.

**Use the following scale to choose the most appropriate number for each situation:**

- 0 = Would **never** doze
- 1 = **Slight** chance of dozing
- 2 = **Moderate** chance of dozing
- 3 = **High** chance of dozing

Situation	Chance of Dozing			
Sitting and reading	0	1	2	3
Watching Television	0	1	2	3
Sitting, inactive in a public place (e.g. a theatre or a meeting)	0	1	2	3
As a passenger in a car for an hour without a break	0	1	2	3
Lying down to rest in the afternoon when circumstances permit	0	1	2	3
Sitting and talking to someone	0	1	2	3
Sitting quietly after lunch without alcohol	0	1	2	3
In a car, while stopped for a few minutes in traffic	0	1	2	3

**Total Score** \_\_\_\_\_

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