Helpful Tools

for Dupuytren's Disease





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Dupuytren's Disease Symptom Checklist

Use the checklist of common symptoms below to help your doctor understand what you are experiencing and how your condition is affecting you. This will help them to decide what the best possible treatment options are for your specific case.

Left Hand	Right Hand
□ Firm lumps	□ Firm lumps
How many?	How many?
Where is it located?	Where is it located?
□ Cords	□ Cords
How many?	How many?
Where is it located?	Where is it located?
□ Dermal pits	☐ Dermal pits
How many?	How many?
Where is it located?	Where is it located?
☐ Pain on a scale of 1 to 10	☐ Pain on a scale of 1 to 10
☐ Finger contracture	☐ Finger contracture
Which fingers?	Which fingers?
Approximately how many degrees of contracture? (assume fingers laying perfectly flat on a table top to be 0 degrees and contracted completely to the palm 180 degrees)	Approximately how many degrees of contracture? (assume fingers laying perfectly flat on a table top to be 0 degrees and contracted completely to the palm 180 degrees)
How much did the contracture interfere with your norma housework during the past week?	l work, including work outside the home and
□ Not at all □ A little bit □ Moderately □ Quite a bit	unable to work
How much does your contracture interfere with your life a	and ability to do simple tasks?
□ Not at all □ A little bit □ Moderately □ Quite a bit	☐ It completely prevents normal life
Use this area to note anything else you have noticed.	



Questions for the Doctor

Most of us have visited our doctor and remembered the one question we really wanted to ask five minutes after we left. Using this tool will help make sure that you are prepared for your appointment and that you remember all of your questions.

Doctors are commonly asked the questions below about Dupuytren's disease. Check off the questions you want to be sure to ask:

☐ How did I get this condition?		
☐ Are the lumps cancerous?		
☐ Why are the lumps painful?		
☐ Will the lumps get smaller on their own over time?		
☐ I have lumps in my feet and/or penis as well. Are they related?		
☐ Are there other parts of the body that the condition can affect?		
☐ Is the condition hereditary?		
☐ What are the different treatment options?		

Use this area to write down your specific questions.



Progress Report Card

Before each visit with your doctor use this helpful tool to record the changes you have seen since your last visit. You might be surprised how quickly you can forget about symptoms as they improve. This list will help to identify improvements in areas that you may have forgotten about, or symptoms that are not improving that you need to talk to your doctor about.

Date:	Date:
Firm lumps	Firm lumps
How many?	How many?
Is it smaller? ☐ Yes ☐ No	ls it smaller? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Approximately how much?	Approximately how much?
Is it softer? ☐ Yes ☐ No	ls it softer? □ Yes □ No
Approximately how much?	Approximately how much?
Cords	Cords
How many?	How many?
Is it smaller? ☐ Yes ☐ No	ls it smaller? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Approximately how much?	Approximately how much?
Is it softer? ☐ Yes ☐ No	ls it softer? □ Yes □ No
Approximately how much?	Approximately how much?
Dermal pits	Dermal pits
How many?	How many?
Is it less indented? ☐ Yes ☐ No	ls it less indented? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Approximately how much?	Approximately how much?
Pain on a scale of 1-10	Pain on a scale of 1-10
Finger contracture	Finger contracture
Approximately how many degrees of contracture?	Approximately how many degrees of contracture?
(assume fingers laying perfectly flat on a table top	(assume fingers laying perfectly flat on a table top
to be 0 degrees and contract completely to the	to be 0 degrees and contract completely to the
palm 180 degrees)	palm 180 degrees)
How much did the contracture interfere with your normal work, including work outside the home and housework during the past week?	How much did the contracture interfere with your normal work, including work outside the home and housework during the past week?
☐ Not at all ☐ A little bit ☐ Moderately	☐ Not at all ☐ A little bit ☐ Moderately
☐ Quite a bit ☐ Unable to work	☐ Quite a bit ☐ Unable to work
How much does your contracture interfere with your life and ability to do simple tasks?	How much does your contracture interfere with you life and ability to do simple tasks?
☐ Not at all ☐ A little bit ☐ Moderately	☐ Not at all ☐ A little bit ☐ Moderately
☐ Quite a bit ☐ It completely prevents normal life	☐ Quite a bit ☐ It completely prevents normal life