

# Brain Function Assessment Form™ (BFAF)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the appropriate number on all questions below. 0 as the least/never to 3 as the most/always.

## SECTION 1

- A decrease in attention span 0 1 2 3
- Mental fatigue 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty learning new things 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty staying focused and concentrating for extended periods of time 0 1 2 3
- Experiencing fatigue when reading sooner than in the past 0 1 2 3
- Experiencing fatigue when driving sooner than in the past 0 1 2 3
- Need for caffeine to stay mentally alert 0 1 2 3
- Overall brain function impairs your daily life 0 1 2 3

## SECTION 2

- Twitching or tremor in your hands and legs when resting 0 1 2 3
- Handwriting has gotten smaller and more crowded together 0 1 2 3
- A loss of smell to foods 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty sleeping or fitful sleep 0 1 2 3
- Stiffness in shoulders and hips that goes away when you start to move 0 1 2 3
- Constipation 0 1 2 3
- Voice has become softer 0 1 2 3
- Facial expression that is serious or angry 0 1 2 3
- Episodes of dizziness or light-headedness upon standing 0 1 2 3
- A hunched over posture when getting up and walking 0 1 2 3

## SECTION 3

- Memory loss that impacts daily activities 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty planning, problem solving, or working with numbers 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty completing daily tasks 0 1 2 3
- Confusion about dates, the passage of time, or place 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty understanding visual images and spatial relationships (addresses and locations) 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty finding words when speaking 0 1 2 3
- Misplacement of things and inability to retrace steps 0 1 2 3
- Poor judgment and bad decisions 0 1 2 3
- Disinterest in hobbies, social activities, or work 0 1 2 3
- Personality or mood changes 0 1 2 3

## SECTION 4

- Reduced function in overall hearing 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty understanding language with background or scatter noise 0 1 2 3
- Ringing or buzzing in the ear 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty comprehending language without perfect pronunciation 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty recognizing familiar faces 0 1 2 3
- Changes in comprehending the meaning of sentences, written or spoken 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty with verbal memory and finding words 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty remembering events 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty recalling previously learned facts and names 0 1 2 3
- Inability to comprehend familiar words when read 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty spelling familiar words 0 1 2 3
- Monotone, unemotional speech 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty understanding the emotions of others when they speak (nonverbal cues) 0 1 2 3
- Disinterest in music and a lack of appreciation for melodies 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty with long-term memory 0 1 2 3
- Memory impairment when doing the basic activities of daily living 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty with directions and visual memory 0 1 2 3
- Noticeable differences in energy levels throughout the day 0 1 2 3

## SECTION 5

- Difficulty coordinating visual inputs and hand movements, resulting in an inability to efficiently reach for objects 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty comprehending written text 0 1 2 3
- Floaters or halos in your visual field 0 1 2 3
- Dullness of colors in your visual field during different times of the day 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty discriminating similar shades of color 0 1 2 3

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## SECTION 6

- Difficulty with detailed hand coordination 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty with making decisions 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty with suppressing socially inappropriate thoughts 0 1 2 3
- Socially inappropriate behavior 0 1 2 3
- Decisions made based on desires, regardless of the consequences 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty planning and organizing daily events 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty motivating yourself to start and finish tasks 0 1 2 3
- A loss of attention and concentration 0 1 2 3

## SECTION 7

- Hypersensitivities to touch or pain 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty with spatial awareness when moving, laying back in a chair, or leaning against a wall 0 1 2 3
- Frequently bumping into the wall or objects 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty with right-left discrimination 0 1 2 3
- Handwriting has become sloppier 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty with basic math calculations 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty finding words for written or verbal communication 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty recognizing symbols, words, or letters 0 1 2 3

## SECTION 8

- Difficulty swallowing supplements or large bites of food 0 1 2 3
- Bowel motility and movements slow 0 1 2 3
- Bloating after meals 0 1 2 3
- Dry eyes or dry mouth 0 1 2 3
- A racing heart 0 1 2 3
- A flutter in the chest or an abnormal heart rhythm 0 1 2 3
- Bowel or bladder incontinence, resulting in staining your underwear 0 1 2 3

## SECTION 9

- A decrease in movement speed 0 1 2 3
- Difficulty initiating movement 0 1 2 3
- Stiffness in your muscles (not joints) 0 1 2 3
- A stooped posture when walking 0 1 2 3
- Cramping of your hand when writing 0 1 2 3

## SECTION 10

- Abnormal body movements (such as twitching legs) 0 1 2 3
- Desires to flinch, clear your throat, or perform some type of movement 0 1 2 3
- Constant nervousness and a restless mind 0 1 2 3
- Compulsive behaviors 0 1 2 3
- Increased tightness and tone in specific muscles 0 1 2 3

## SECTION 11

- Difficulty with balance, or balance that is noticeably worse on one side 0 1 2 3
- A need to hold the handrail or watch each step carefully when going down stairs 0 1 2 3
- Episodes of dizziness 0 1 2 3
- Nausea, car sickness, or seasickness 0 1 2 3
- A quick impact after consuming alcohol 0 1 2 3
- A slight hand shake when reaching for something 0 1 2 3
- Back muscles that tire quickly when standing or walking 0 1 2 3
- Chronic neck or back muscle tightness 0 1 2 3

## ***Informed Consent To Chiropractic Treatment***

**The nature of chiropractic treatment:** The doctor will use his/her hands or a mechanical device in order to move your joints. You may feel a “click” or “pop,” such as the noise when a knuckle is “cracked”, and you may feel movement of the joint. Various ancillary procedures, such as hot or cold packs, electric muscle stimulation, therapeutic ultrasound or traction may also be used.

**Possible risks:** As with any health care procedure, complications are possible following a chiropractic manipulation. Complications could include fractures of bone, muscular strain, ligamentous sprain, dislocations of joints, or injury to intervertebral discs, nerves or spinal cord. Cerebrovascular injury, or stroke, could occur upon severe injury to arteries of the neck. A minority of patients may notice stiffness or soreness after the first few days of treatment. The ancillary procedures could produce skin irritation, burns or other minor complications.

**Probability of risks occurring:** The risks of complications due to chiropractic treatment have been described as “rare”, about as often as complications are seen from the taking of a single aspirin tablet. The risk of cerebrovascular injury, or stroke, has been estimated at one in one million to one in ten million, and can be even further reduced by screening procedures. The probability of adverse reaction due to ancillary procedures is also considered “rare”.

**Other treatment options** that could be considered may include the following:

- *Over-the-counter analgesics.* The risks of these medications include irritation to stomach, liver and kidneys, and other side effects in a significant number of cases.
- *Medical care,* typically anti-inflammatory drugs, tranquilizers, and analgesics. Risks of these drugs include a multitude of undesirable side effects and patient dependence in a significant number of cases.
- *Hospitalization* in conjunction with medical care adds risk of exposure to virulent communicable disease in a significant number of cases.
- *Surgery* in conjunction with medical care adds the risks of adverse reaction to anesthesia, as well as an extended convalescent period in a significant number of cases.

**Risks of remaining untreated:** Delay of treatment allows formation of adhesions, scar tissue and other degenerative changes. These changes can further reduce skeletal mobility, and induce chronic pain cycles. It is quite probable that delay of treatment will complicate the condition, and make future rehabilitation more difficult.

I have read the explanation above of chiropractic treatment. I have had the opportunity to have any questions answered to my satisfaction. I have fully evaluated the risks and benefits of undergoing treatment. I have freely decided to undergo the recommended treatment, and hereby give my full consent to treatment.

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Printed name

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Signature

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Date