

COMPARISON OF THE EFFECTS OF STRESS ON YOU AFTER EACH MONTHLY CONTRACT

Pre-Contract

Read each item and circle the number that best reflects how often you have had that symptom in the last month using the following scale.

Post Contract

Then after four weeks on your personal stress contract put a mark along symptoms that have improved.

PHYSICAL	Hardly ever	Sometimes	Often	Very often
I feel my heart pounding.	0	1	2	3
I breathe rapidly.	0	1	2	3
My stomach becomes upset.	0	1	2	3
I perspire easily.	0	1	2	3
I feel lightheaded or faint.	0	1	2	3
My mouth and throat become dry.	0	1	2	3
I experience cold hands or feet.	0	1	2	3
I need to urinate often.	0	1	2	3
I have diarrhoea or constipation.	0	1	2	3
My face feels flushed.	0	1	2	3
My blood pressure is high.	0	1	2	3
My hands and fingers trembles.	0	1	2	3
I develop nervous twitches.	0	1	2	3
I can't sit or stand still.	0	1	2	3
My muscles become tense and still.	0	1	2	3
I stutter or stammer when I speak.	0	1	2	3
I clench my jaw or grind my teeth.	0	1	2	3
I develop headaches or eye tension.	0	1	2	3
I experience low back pain.	0	1	2	3
Low 0-20, Moderate 21-40, High 41-60				



established since 1971

PSYCHOLOGICAL	Hardly ever	Sometimes	Often	Very often
I feel nervous, anxious, ill at ease.	0	1	2	3
I feel keyed up, over excited.	0	1	2	3
I worry excessively.	0	1	2	3
I become confused or forgetful.	0	1	2	3
I have difficulty concentrating.	0	1	2	3
I feel generally irritable.	0	1	2	3
I become depressed.	0	1	2	3
I feel bored or apathetic.	0	1	2	3
My face feels flushed.	0	1	2	3
Low 0-7, Moderate 8-14, High 15-21				
BEHAVIOURAL				
I am short tempered with others.	0	1	2	3
I become withdrawn.	0	1	2	3
I am achieving less than normal.	0	1	2	3
My appetite has changed markedly.	0	1	2	3
My sex drive is increased/reduced.	0	1	2	3
I sleep too long, stay in bed.	0	1	2	3
I suffer from insomnia.	0	1	2	3
I have minor accidents/make more mistakes.	0	1	2	3
I increase my medication.	0	1	2	3
I use more drugs, alcohol.	0	1	2	3
Low 1-11, Moderate 12-22, High 23-33				

Adapted from Jan Ritchie, "Teaching People to Unwind" 1983, Dept of Health



MONTHLY PROGRESS COMPARISON

PHYSICAL EFFECTS							
	0-20	21-40	41-60				
This month	low	moderate high					
Last month	low	moderate high					
PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS							
	0-7	8-14	15-21				
This month	low	moderate	high				
Last month	low	moderate high					
BEHAVIOURAL EFFECTS							
	1-11	12-22	23-33				
This month	low	moderate high					
Last month	low	☐ moderate ☐ high					