McGill Pain Questionnaire

Patient's Name ____________ Date ____________ Time ____________ am/pm

PRI: S (1-10) A (11-15) E (16) M (17-20) PRI(T) (1-20) PPI ____________

1. Flickering
2. Quivering
3. Pulsing
4. Throbbing
5. Beating
6. Pounding
7. Jumping
8. Flashing
9. Shooting
10. Pricking
11. Boring
12. Drilling
13. Stabbing
14. Lancinating
15. Sharp
16. Cutting
17. Lacerating
18. Pinching
19. Pressing
20. Gnawing
21. Cramping
22. Crushing
23. Tugging
24. Pulling
25. Wrenching
26. Hot
27. Burning
28. Scalding
29. Searing
30. Tingling
31. Itchy
32. Smarting
33. Stinging
34. Dull
35. Sore
36. Hurting
37. Aching
38. Heavy
39. Tender
40. Taut
41. Rasp
ing
42. Splitting

BRIEF
MOMENTARY
TRANSIENT
RHYTHMIC
PERIODIC
INTERMITTENT
CONTINUOUS
STEADY
CONSTANT

E = EXTERNAL
I = INTERNAL

COMMENTS:

FIG. 2. McGill Pain Questionnaire. The descriptors fall into four major groups: sensory, 1 to 10; affective, 11 to 15; evaluative, 16; and miscellaneous, 17 to 20. The rank value for each descriptor is based on its position in the word set. The sum of the rank values is the pain rating index (PRI). The present pain intensity (PPI) is based on a scale of 0 to 5. Copyright 1970 Ronald Melzack.