

7. Neurological Function	
PATIENT SECTION	GP/NURSE SECTION
<p>7.1. Have you had any concerns regarding your function, mobility, or sensation declining or deteriorating over the past year¹⁰? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Details _____</p>	<p>Examination notes</p>
<p>7.2 Have you had an MRI scan of your spine since your initial spinal cord injury? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, why did you have to have one and when? _____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Review MRI results</p>
<p>7.3 Have you been diagnosed with a syrinx? (Ie, fluid filled sac in spinal cord?) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Sure</p> <p>If yes, have you seen a neurosurgeon? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Details (name of neurosurgeon and date last reviewed) _____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Review letters if available</p>
<p>7.4 Have you had any increasing difficulty with any of these activities?</p> <p>Transfers <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</p> <p>Wheelchair Mobility <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</p> <p>Walking <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</p> <p>Bed Mobility <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</p> <p>Performing Stretches <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</p> <p>Transport/Driving <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</p> <p>Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</p> <p>ADLs <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</p> <p>Describe _____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Refer back to surgeon if appropriate</p>

¹⁰ Ascending sensory loss or new neurological symptoms and signs may suggest the possible presence of post-traumatic syringomyelia or syrinx (PTS). This is a cyst filled with CSF within the spinal cord. It has been reported to occur in 20 to 30% of patients after a traumatic spinal cord injury (SCI). It is characterised clinically by the often insidious progression of pain and loss of sensorimotor function that may manifest months to many years after a traumatic SCI. The presence of PTS requires neurosurgical review, and regular monitoring. If left untreated, PTS can result in loss of function, chronic pain or even respiratory failure.