

# Upper Extremity Functional Index (UEFI)

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The Upper Extremity Functional Index (UEFI) is a self-administered questionnaire which measures disability in people with upper extremity orthopaedic conditions. The questionnaire lists 20 activities and the patient gives a score to each based on the difficulty they have completing that activity.

## Scoring and interpretation of scores

The scores given to the 20 questions are added to give a highest possible score of 80. The lowest possible score is 0. A lower score indicates that the person is reporting increased difficulty with the activities as a result of their upper limb condition.

We are interested in knowing whether you are having any difficulty at all with the activities listed below **because of your upper limb** problem for which you are currently seeking attention. Please provide an answer for **each** activity.

**Today, do you or would you have any difficulty at all with:**

Activities		Extreme difficulty or unable to perform activity	Quite a bit of difficulty	Moderate difficulty	A little bit of difficulty	No difficulty
1	Any of your usual work, housework, or school activities	0	1	2	3	4
2	Your usual hobbies, recreational or sporting activities	0	1	2	3	4
3	Lifting a bag of groceries to waist level	0	1	2	3	4
4	Lifting a bag of groceries above your head	0	1	2	3	4
5	Grooming your hair	0	1	2	3	4
6	Pushing up on your hands (eg, from bathtub or chair)	0	1	2	3	4
7	Preparing food (eg, peeling, cutting)	0	1	2	3	4
8	Driving	0	1	2	3	4
9	Vacuuming, sweeping or raking	0	1	2	3	4
10	Dressing	0	1	2	3	4
11	Doing up buttons	0	1	2	3	4
12	Using tools or appliances	0	1	2	3	4
13	Opening doors	0	1	2	3	4
14	Cleaning	0	1	2	3	4
15	Tying or lacing shoes	0	1	2	3	4
16	Sleeping	0	1	2	3	4
17	Laundering clothes (eg, washing, ironing, folding)	0	1	2	3	4
18	Opening a jar	0	1	2	3	4
19	Throwing a ball	0	1	2	3	4
20	Carrying a small suitcase with your affected limb	0	1	2	3	4
<b>Column totals</b>						

**Minimum level of detectable change (90% confidence): 9 points**

**SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ / 80**