

## Disability Support Pension Impairment Tables Questionnaire

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Response: 149

Anonymous

**11a Select the key theme of the proposed changes to the Impairment Tables that is the most important to you**

Fully diagnosed, treated and stabilised (FDTS) requirement

**11b Select the theme of the proposed changes to the Impairment Tables that is the second most important to you**

Chronic Illness

**11c Select the theme of the proposed changes to the Impairment Tables that is the third most important to you**

Medical evidence requirements

**12a (i) The removal of the term 'permanent condition' provides greater clarity that a condition must persist for two years as part of the DSP eligibility criteria**

Strongly agree

**12a (ii) The proposed changes more clearly describe the requirements of diagnosis, treatment and stabilisation of conditions for DSP assessment**

Strongly agree

**12b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes to the FDTS requirement**

Lymphedema and Lipedema effects mainly women. Who struggle to get a correct diagnosis . Most doctors treat them as obesity patients. Which is a wrong diagnosis.  
We live with chronic pain chronic mobility disorders inflammation. Public image .  
We need to be diagnosis properly not a half hearted. Go on and diet lose weight exercise more .  
This all effects our mental health which leads to other problems.  
We need help .

**13a (i) The inclusion of additional defined terms provides greater clarity around terminology used in the Instrument**

Strongly agree

**13a (ii) Simplification in Part 2 of the Instrument improves the guidance and readability of the section**

Strongly agree

**13a (iii) The proposed changes to Table introductions and descriptors has made it easier to understand the requirements of Tables**

Strongly agree

**13a (iv) The additional guidance in appropriate Tables provides greater clarity when considering functional impairment. For example an additional guidance point to all Tables on fluctuating and episodic conditions**

Strongly agree

**13a (v) The updating of references to relevant assistive technology provides clearer guidance and modernises the Tables**

Strongly agree

**13a (vi) The broader range of examples in the Tables illustrates how a person's functional impairment may impact their ability to work**

Strongly agree

**13b Please provide any additional comments on the proposed operational improvements.**

The need to listen to their patient We all don't fit into the square box ☹️

**14a The proposed changes recognise and capture the functional impacts relating to alcohol, drug and other substance misuse in appropriate Tables**

Strongly disagree

**14b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about the impacts from alcohol, drug and other substance misuse.**

If patients cannot get the right treatment they self experiment. This would not need to happen if the medical gurus listen more and not judge by appearances

**15a The addition of guidance recognises the impacts of ongoing side effects from prescribed medication and treatment**

Strongly agree

**15b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about the ongoing side effects of treatment.**

We are giving medication that don't treat the core of the problem. A quick fix give it time to work attitude. Most people know their body. So getting people to take drugs that do more harm than good needs to be addressed

**16a (i) Proposed changes better represent the functional impact of pain**

Strongly agree

**16a (ii) Additional examples of pain related conditions that result in functional impairment provide more clarity around the types of conditions that may be assessed against a Table**

Strongly agree

**16b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about pain.**

Lipedema has not Medicare number so we who suffer it are flick out any treatment through Medicare We live in pain and cannot afford to treatment so we suffer in pain everyday

**17a Additional examples of chronic illnesses that result in functional impairment provide greater clarity around the types of conditions that may be assessed against a Table**

Strongly agree

**17b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about chronic illness.**

To add Lipedema to the Medicare list give us a number so we can seek help for this chronic condition . We need to add chronic conditions to get help . We cannot do this without the government adding this condition. Their so many of us who need help for this chronic condition

**18a Additional examples of renal conditions that result in functional impairment provide more clarity around the types of conditions that may be assessed against a Table**

Unsure

**19a (i) Additional examples of fatigue related conditions that result in functional impairment provide greater clarity around the types of conditions that may be assessed against a Table**

Strongly agree

**19a (ii) The inclusion of a personal care descriptor captures the functional impacts of fatigue on a person's ability to undertake personal care activities**

Strongly agree

**19a (iii) Proposed changes better represent the functional impact of fatigue related conditions**

Strongly agree

**19b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about fatigue.**

Thyroid condition and Lipedema together make fatigue issue . Struggling to get through the day is major concern

**20a Additional examples of cancer and subsequent conditions that result in functional impairment provide more clarity around these types of conditions that may be assessed against a Table**

Strongly agree

**21a (i) Additional examples of specific pieces of evidence that may be used to support a claim assists individuals to identify the accepted range of medical evidence that can be provided**

Agree

**21a (ii) Additional examples of professionals assists individuals identify the range of appropriate practitioners who are able to provide medical evidence in support of their claims**

Agree

**21b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes to medical evidentiary requirements.**

You have one doctors that you have chronic conditions the next says you have a obesity problem . How do win when the doctors are not doing the the right diagnosis

**22a (i) Addition of descriptors better capture shoulder function in Table 2 - Upper Limb Function**

Agree

**22a (ii) The addition of descriptors for the loss of function of a dominant limb under Table 2 – Upper Limb Function better recognises functional impacts of losing a dominant upper limb**

Agree

**22a (iii) Additional examples of specific skin conditions that result in functional impairment provide more clarity around the types of conditions that may be assessed against a Table**

Strongly agree

**22b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about musculoskeletal and skin functions.**

Lipedema causes inflammation which causes lymphatic fluid to break through the skin and weep this causes major infections. This need to address to be included

**23a The proposed changes better capture the functional impacts of balance, dizziness and a person's ability to stand**

Strongly agree

**23b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about balance.**

Lipedema effect the mobility skills and balance . You are unable to walk without aides in Stage 3 and Stage 4 . This needs to be recognised as Impairment

**24a The proposed change will better support individuals by providing a broader range of medical professionals allowed to provide corroborating evidence in support of a diagnosis of a mental health condition for assessment under Table 5 – Mental Health Function**

Agree

**25a The proposed changes improve alignment with other recognised mental health assessment tools (including the World Health Organization Disability Assessment Schedule –WHODAS, Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders – DSM, World Health Organization International Classification of Diseases - ICD)**

Agree

**26a (i) Proposed changes better reflect conditions on the spectrum of neurodiversity**

Strongly agree

**26a (ii) The addition of a new social skills descriptors in the table relating to brain function recognise difficulties a neurodivergent person may experience in social situations**

Strongly agree

**26b Regarding the proposed change on Table 6 – Brain Function to better recognise social skills difficulties, would you prefer to:**

keep the current list of descriptors and require a person to meet only one descriptor for the relevant impairment rating to be assigned

**27a The proposed changes better recognise the need for culturally appropriate assessments**

Strongly agree

**28 In accordance with the Privacy Collection Notice, please select one of the following.**

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