

Normative Data for the Subscales of the
West-Haven Yale Multidimensional Pain Inventory (WHYMPI)

Variable	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Dev
PAIN EXPERIENCE					
Interference	190	0.29	6.00	4.30	1.20
Support	170	0.00	6.00	4.28	1.82
Pain Severity	190	1.67	6.00	4.40	1.01
Self-Control	190	0.00	6.00	3.72	1.47
Negative Mood	190	0.00	6.00	3.55	1.36
RELEVANT SIGNIFICANT OTHER RESPONSES					
Negative	150	0.00	6.00	1.71	1.59
Solicitous	150	0.00	6.00	3.27	1.57
Distracting	150	0.00	5.75	2.51	1.54
DAILY ACTIVITIES					
Household Chores	188	0.00	6.00	2.70	1.53
Outdoor Work	188	0.00	6.00	1.29	1.39
Away from Home	188	0.00	6.00	2.08	1.08
Social	188	0.00	6.00	2.10	1.22

The above means and standard deviations were derived from a population of chronic pain patients admitted for evaluation to the Comprehensive Pain Management Center at the VA Medical Center, West Haven, CT. The population was largely male (88%) with a mean age of 50.5 years (SD=14.2) and a high school education (X=11.8, SD 2.6). Patients were heterogeneous with regard to etiology and site of their primary pain complaint, although 64% complained of low back or leg pain. On average, patients had experienced constant pain for 10.2 years (SD=10.5), 62% were taking pain medication, and 44% were receiving compensation for their pain. Fifty-one percent of the patients were married, and only 23% were employed at the time of evaluation.