Gastrointestinal (GI) Health Assessment

The GI system is quite complex,and evaluating GI health in order to recommend a therapeutic support program can be a difficultundertaking in a busy practice.To simplify matters,the following graph provides aquick scoring system for GI Health as assessed by the Health Appraisal Questionnaire

SECTION A

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | LOW PRIORITY | MODERATE PRIORITY | HIGH PRIORITY |  |  |
| GASTRIC FUNCTION | 1 2 3 4 | 5 6 7 8 | 20 32 44 56 |  |  |
| GI INFLAMMATION | 1 2 3 4 | 5 6 7 8 | 24 40 56 72 |  |  |
| SMALL INTESTINES AND PANCREAS | 2 4 6 8 | 10 12 14 16 | 32 48 64 80 |  |  |
| COLON | 2 4 6 8 | 10 12 14 16 | 30 44 58 72 |  |  |

SECTION B

SECTION C

SECTION D

INTIAL RETEST

**SECTION A**

**1.** Indigestion, food repeats on you after you eat 0 1 4 8

**2.** Excessive burping, belching and/or bloating

following meals 0 1 4 8

**3**. Stomach spasms and cramping during or

after eating 0 1 4 8 **4.** A sensation that food just sits in your stomach

creating uncomfortable fullness, pressure and

bloating during or after a meal 0 1 4 8 **5.** Bad taste in your mouth 0 1 4 8 **6.** Small amounts of food fill you up immediately 0 1 4 8 **7.** Skip meals or eat erratically because you have

no appetite 0 1 4 8

**TOTAL SECTION A:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**SECTION B**

**1**.Strong emotions, or the thought or smell of

food aggravates your stomach or makes it hurt0 1 4 8 **2.** Feel hungry an hour or two after eating a

good-sized meal 0 1 4 8 **3**. Stomach pain, burning and/or aching over a

period of 1-4 hours after eating0 1 4 8 **4.** Stomach pain, burning and/or aching relieved by eating food; drinking carbonated beverages, cream or milk; or taking antacids0 1 4 8 **5.** Burning sensation in the lower part of your

chest, especially when lying down or bending

forward 0 1 4 8 **6.** Digestive problems that subside with rest

and relaxation(0)No (8)Yes

**7.** Eating spicy and fatty (fried) foods,

chocolate, coffee, alcohol, citrus or hot

peppers causes your stomach to burn or ache0 1 4 8 **8.** Feel a sense of nausea when you eat0 1 4 8 **9.** Difficulty or pain when swallowing food or

beverage 0 1 4 8

**TOTAL SECTION B­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **NEVER** | **OCCASSIONALLY** | **OFTEN** | **F**  **R**  **EQUENT**  **L**  **Y** |

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**SECTION C**

**1.** When massaging under your rib cage on your left

side, there is pain, tenderness or soreness 0 1 4 8 **2.** Indigestion, fullness or tension in your abdomen

is delayed, occurring 2-4 hours after eating a meal 0 1 4 8 **3**. Lower abdominal discomfort is relieved with

the passage of gas or with a bowel movement 0 1 4 8

**4.** Specific foods/beverages aggravate indigestion 0 1 4 8 **5.** The consistency or form of your stool changes

(e.g., from narrow to loose) within the course of a

day 0 1 4 8 **6.** Stool odor is embarrassing 0 1 4 8 **7.** Undigested food in your stool 0 1 4 8

**8**. Three or more large bowel movements daily 0 1 4 8

**9.** Diarrhea (frequent loose, watery stool) 0 1 4 8

**10**. Bowel movement shortly after eating

(within 1 hour) 0 1 4 8

**TOTAL SECTION C:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­\_\_\_\_**

**SECTION D**

**1**.Discomfort, pain or cramps in your colon

(lower abdominal area) 0 1 4 8

**2.** Emotional stress and/or eating raw fruits

and vegetables causes abdominal bloating, pain,

cramps or gas0 1 4 8

**3.** Generally constipated (or straining during

bowel movements) 0 1 4 8

**4.** Stool is small, hard and dry0 1 4 8

**5.** Pass mucus in your stool 0 1 4 8

**6.** Alternate between constipation and

diarrhea 0 1 4 8 **7.** Rectal pain, itching or cramping0 1 4 8

**8.** No urge to have a bowel movement 0 1 4 8

**9.** An almost continual need to have a bowel

movement0 1 4 8

**TOTAL SECTION D­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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