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centre in Aberdeen)*

The  
**REFLUX**  
Trial



## **ANNUAL FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONNAIRE**

A questionnaire for people participating in the REFLUX trial,  
which aims to find out whether taking medication or having an operation  
is the best form of treatment for gastro-oesophageal reflux disease

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# REFLUX QUESTIONNAIRE

For the questions in section A - F, please put a cross in the box which best describes how often your symptoms have occurred and the effect they have had on your quality of life.

## SECTION A - HEARTBURN

**A1.** In the last two weeks, how often have you experienced heartburn (a burning sensation which moves up from your chest to your throat)?

Not at all

Once a week

Two or three times a week

Most days

Everyday

**A2.** In the last two weeks, how often have you experienced any discomfort or pain in your chest?

Not at all

Once a week

Two or three times a week

Most days

Everyday

**A3.** In the last two weeks, how much has the heartburn or discomfort/pain in your chest affected your quality of life?

Not at all

A little

Moderately

A lot

Extremely

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**SECTION B - ACID REFLUX**

**B1. In the last two weeks, how often have you experienced acid reflux and/or had an acid taste in your mouth?**

Not at all

Once a week

Two or three times a week

Most days

Everyday

**B2. In the last two weeks, how often have you been sick (vomited)?**

Not at all

Once a week

Two or three times a week

Most days

Everyday

**B3. In the last two weeks, how often have you regurgitated (brought up) quantities of liquid or solids into your mouth?**

Not at all

Once a week

Two or three times a week

Most days

Everyday

**B4. In the last two weeks, how often have you experienced a feeling of nausea (without actually being sick or regurgitating)?**

Not at all

Once a week

Two or three times a week

Most days

Everyday

**B5. In the last two weeks, how often have you wanted to be sick but physically been unable to?**

- Not at all
- Once a week
- Two or three times a week
- Most days
- Everyday

**B6. In the last two weeks, how much have these acid reflux symptoms affected your quality of life?**

- Not at all
- A little
- Moderately
- A lot
- Extremely

### SECTION C – WIND

**C1. In the last two weeks, how often have you experienced a lot of wind from the lower bowel?**

- Not at all
- Once a week
- Two or three times a week
- Most days
- Everyday

**C2. In the last two weeks, how often have you experienced a lot of burping/belching?**

- Not at all
- Once a week
- Two or three times a week
- Most days
- Everyday

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**C3. In the last two weeks, how often have you experienced bloatedness and/or a feeling of trapped wind, in your stomach?**

Not at all

Once a week

Two or three times a week

Most days

Everyday

**C4. In the last two weeks, how often have you experienced loud gurgling noises from your stomach?**

Not at all

Once a week

Two or three times a week

Most days

Everyday

**C5. In the last two weeks, how much have these wind problems affected your quality of life?**

Not at all

A little

Moderately

A lot

Extremely

## SECTION D - EATING AND SWALLOWING

**D1. In the last two weeks, how often have you experienced difficulty swallowing food or have you actually choked on food?**

Not at all

Once a week

Two or three times a week

Most days

Everyday

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D2. In the last two weeks, how often have your eating habits been restricted because of your condition? Examples might be eating more slowly, having smaller portions or eating different foods.

- Not at all
- Once a week
- Two or three times a week
- Most days
- Everyday

D3. In the last two weeks, how much have these problems with eating affected your quality of life?

- Not at all
- A little
- Moderately
- A lot
- Extremely

**SECTION E – BOWEL MOVEMENTS**

E1. In the last two weeks, how often have you experienced diarrhoea and/or loose stools?

- Not at all
- Once a week
- Two or three times a week
- Most days
- Everyday

E2. In the last two weeks, how often have you experienced constipation and/or hard stools?

- Not at all
- Once a week
- Two or three times a week
- Most days
- Everyday

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**E3. In the last two weeks, how often have you had a feeling of an urgent need to have a bowel movement?**

- Not at all
- Once a week
- Two or three times a week
- Most days
- Everyday

**E4. In the last two weeks, how often have you had a feeling of not emptying your bowels?**

- Not at all
- Once a week
- Two or three times a week
- Most days
- Everyday

**E5. In the last two weeks, how much have these bowel problems affected your quality of life?**

- Not at all
- A little
- Moderately
- A lot
- Extremely

## SECTION F – SLEEP

**F1. In the last two weeks, how often have you experienced difficulty in lying down to sleep?**

- Not at all
- Once a week
- Two or three times a week
- Most nights
- Every night



**F2. In the last two weeks, how often have you experienced difficulty getting to sleep because of your reflux symptoms?**

- Not at all
- Once a week
- Two or three times a week
- Most nights
- Every night

**F3. In the last two weeks, how often have you been woken up because of your reflux symptoms?**

- Not at all
- Once a week
- Two or three times a week
- Most nights
- Every night

**F4. In the last two weeks, how much have these sleep related problems affected your quality of life?**

- Not at all
- A little
- Moderately
- A lot
- Extremely

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## SECTION G – WORK, PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the following section, please put a cross in the box which best applies to you.

**G1. In the last two weeks, have your reflux symptoms affected you at work (paid or voluntary)?**

Not applicable (I do not do paid or voluntary work)

No, my symptoms do not affect me

Yes, my symptoms have affected me but I still work

Yes, I have worked less often because of my symptoms

Yes, I have not worked in the last two weeks because of my symptoms

I no longer work because of my symptoms

**G2. In the last two weeks, have your reflux symptoms affected your ability to perform less strenuous activities (such as going for a gentle walk, shopping or housework)?**

Not applicable (I do not perform these activities, though this is not due to my reflux symptoms)

No, my symptoms do not affect me

Yes, my symptoms have affected me but I still perform these activities as often as ever

Yes, I perform these activities less often because of my symptoms

Yes, I have not performed these activities in the last two weeks

I no longer perform these activities at all because of my symptoms

**G3. In the last two weeks, have your reflux symptoms affected your ability to perform strenuous activities (such as brisk walking or swimming)?**

Not applicable (I do not perform these activities, though this is not due to my reflux symptoms)

No, my symptoms do not affect me

Yes, my symptoms have affected me but I still perform these activities as often as ever

Yes, I perform these activities less often because of my symptoms

Yes, I have not performed these activities in the last two weeks

I no longer perform these activities at all because of my symptoms

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**G4. In the last two weeks, have you found that your reflux symptoms have affected any of your social activities (such as going out for meals, going out for drinks or socializing with other people)?**

Not applicable (I do not perform these activities, though this is not due to my reflux symptoms)

No, my symptoms do not affect me

Yes, my symptoms have affected me but I still perform these activities as often as ever

Yes, I perform these activities less often because of my symptoms

Yes, I have not performed these activities in the last two weeks

I no longer perform these activities at all because of my symptoms

**G5. In the last two weeks, how much has the effect of your reflux symptoms on your work, physical or social activities affected your quality of life?**

Not at all

A little

Moderately

A lot

Extremely

**SECTION H – DESCRIBING YOUR OWN HEALTH TODAY**

By placing a cross in one box in each group below, please indicate which statements best describe your own health state today

**Mobility**

I have no problems in walking about

I have some problems in walking about

I am confined to bed

**Self-care**

I have no problems with self-care

I have some problems washing or dressing myself

I am unable to wash or dress myself

**Usual Activities**

*(e.g. work, study, housework, family or leisure activities)*

I have no problems with performing my usual activities

I have some problems with performing my usual activities

I am unable to perform my usual activities

**Pain/Discomfort**

I have no pain or discomfort

I have moderate pain or discomfort

I have extreme pain or discomfort

**Anxiety/Depression**

I am not anxious or depressed

I am moderately anxious or depressed

I am extremely anxious or depressed

**SECTION H - DESCRIBING YOUR OWN HEALTH TODAY**

Please indicate on this scale how good or bad your own health state is today.

The best health state you can imagine is marked 100 and the worst health state you can imagine is marked 0.

Please draw a line from the box below to the point on the scale that best indicates how good or bad your health state is today.

Your own health state today

*Best imaginable health state*

100

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*Worst imaginable health state*

## SECTION I – GENERAL HEALTH

Please fill in all the questions again by putting a cross in the relevant box of the answer that applies to you.

These questions ask for your views about your health and how you feel about life in general. Do not spend too much time in answering as your immediate response is likely to be the most accurate.

1. In general, would you say your health is:

Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Compared to one year ago, how would you rate your health in general now?

Much better now than one year ago	Somewhat better now than one year ago	About the same as one year ago	Somewhat worse now than one year ago	Much worse now than one year ago
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. The following questions are about activities you might do during a typical day. Does your health now limit you in these activities? If so, how much?

	Yes limited a lot	Yes limited a little	No, not limited at all
a) <b>Vigorous activities</b> , such as running, lifting heavy objects, participating in strenuous sport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <b>Moderate activities</b> , such as moving a table, pushing a vacuum cleaner, bowling or playing golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Lifting or carrying groceries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Climbing <b>several</b> flights of stairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Climbing <b>one</b> flight of stairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Bending, kneeling or stooping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Walking <b>more than one mile</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Walking <b>several hundred yards</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Walking <b>one hundred yards</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) Bathing or dressing yourself	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. During the past 4 weeks, how much of the time have you had any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities as a result of your physical health?

	All of the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	A little of the time	None of the time
a) Cut down on the <b>amount of time</b> you spent on work or other activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <b>Accomplished less</b> than you would like	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Were limited in the <b>kind</b> of work or other activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Had <b>difficulty</b> performing the work or other activities (for example, it took extra effort)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. During the past 4 weeks, how much of the time have you had any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities as a result of any emotional problems (such as feeling depressed or anxious)?

	All of the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	A little of the time	None of the time
a) Cut down on the <b>amount of time</b> you spent on work or other activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <b>Accomplished less</b> than you would like	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Did work or other <b>activities less carefully than usual</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. During the past 4 weeks, to what extent has your physical health or emotional problems interfered with your normal social activities with the family, friends, neighbours, or groups?

Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Quite a bit	Extremely
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. How much bodily pain have you had during the past 4 weeks?

None	Very mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe	Very severe
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. During the past 4 weeks, how much did pain interfere with your normal work (including both outside the home and housework)?

Not at all	A little bit	Moderately	Quite a bit	Extremely
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. These questions are about how you feel and how things have been with you during the past 4 weeks. For each question, please give the one answer that comes closest to the way you have been feeling. How much of the time during the past 4 weeks...

	All of the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	A little of the time	None of the time
a) Did you feel full of life?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Have you been very nervous?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Have you felt so down in the dumps that nothing could cheer you up?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Have you felt calm and peaceful?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Did you have a lot of energy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Have you felt downhearted and depressed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Did you feel worn out?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Have you been happy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Did you feel tired?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



10. During the past 4 weeks, how much of the time has your physical health or emotional problems interfered with your social activities?

All of the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	A little of the time	None of the time
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. How TRUE or FALSE is each of the following statements for you?

	Definitely true	Mostly true	Don't know	Mostly false	Definitely false
a) I seem to get sick a little easier than other people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) I am as healthy as anybody I know	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) I expect my health to get worse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) My health is excellent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## SECTION J - HEALTH CARE RELATED QUESTIONS

In the following questions, we are trying to find out about some of the costs you incurred over the last **12 MONTHS** as a result of your health problems.

If you are not sure or cannot remember exact details, please give the best answer you can.

### 1. CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Please tick the box, which best describes your current employment status.

- |                      |                          |              |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Full time employment | <input type="checkbox"/> | Housework    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Part time employment | <input type="checkbox"/> | Seeking work | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Student              | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Retired              | <input type="checkbox"/> |              |                          |

### 2. TIME AWAY FROM WORK, DUE TO ILLNESS

If you are in paid employment, how many days off work have you had in the past **12 MONTHS** because of health problems?

Days in total       Days because of reflux symptoms

### 3. VISITS TO NHS HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

a) How many times in the past **12 MONTHS** have you personally visited your GP? Do not include visits made on behalf of others, or if you are a woman attending routine visits because of your pregnancy.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total number of visits | <input type="checkbox"/> Visits because of your reflux symptoms |
|---|---|

b) How many times in the past **12 MONTHS** have you personally had a visit from your GP?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total number of visits | <input type="checkbox"/> Visits because of your reflux symptoms |
|---|---|

Please give details of the visits that you have had TO or FROM your GP in the spaces below  
(continue on a separate sheet if necessary).

**Visit 1**

*Date of visit*

Month   Year  2  0

*Reason for visit*

**Visit 2**

*Date of visit*

Month   Year  2  0

*Reason for visit*

**Visit 3**

*Date of visit*

Month   Year  2  0

*Reason for visit*

**Visit 4**

*Date of visit*

Month   Year  2  0

*Reason for visit*

c) How many times in the past 12 MONTHS have you personally had to attend the outpatients or casualty department of a hospital?

Total number of visits

Visits because of your **reflux** symptoms

d) How many times in the past 12 MONTHS have you personally been admitted to a hospital as a day case (do not stay overnight)?

Total number of day case admissions

Admissions because of your **reflux** symptoms

Please give details of the day case admissions you have had and approximate date, in the spaces below (continue on a separate sheet if necessary).

**Admission 1**

**Date of admission**

Day   Month   Year  2  0

**Reason for day case admission**

**Admission 2**

**Date of admission**

Day   Month   Year  2  0

**Reason for day case admission**

**Admission 3**

**Date of admission**

Day   Month   Year  2  0

**Reason for day case admission**

**Admission 4**

**Date of admission**

Day   Month   Year  2  0

**Reason for day case admission**

e) How many times in the past **12 MONTHS** have you personally been admitted to a hospital for treatment as an inpatient (overnight or longer)?

Total number of **inpatient** admissions

Admissions because of your **reflux** symptoms

Please give details of the inpatient stays you have had, in the spaces below.  
(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

**Admission 1**

*Date of admission*

Day

Month

Year

*Number of nights*

*Reason for admission and details of any procedures*

**Admission 2**

*Date of admission*

Day

Month

Year

*Number of nights*

*Reason for admission and details of any procedures*

**Admission 3**

*Date of admission*

Day

Month

Year

*Number of nights*

*Reason for admission and details of any procedures*

**Admission 4**

*Date of admission*

Day

Month

Year

*Number of nights*

*Reason for admission and details of any procedures*

#### 4. PRESCRIBED MEDICATION FOR REFLUX

Are you currently being PRESCRIBED medication for reflux symptoms?

YES   
↓

NO  → *If NO, please go to question 5 on page 29*

If YES, please put a cross in the box against the current dose you are being prescribed and write in the number of tablets you have taken in the last two weeks.

*(Please note the dose can be found on the side of your tablet bottle or packet)*

	Dose (mg)			Number of tablets taken in the last 2 weeks
Omeprazole (Losec)	10mg <input type="checkbox"/>	20mg <input type="checkbox"/>	40mg <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Lansoprazole (Zoton)	15mg <input type="checkbox"/>	30mg <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="text"/>
Pantoprazole (Protium)	20mg <input type="checkbox"/>	40mg <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="text"/>
Rabeprazole (Pariet)	10mg <input type="checkbox"/>	20mg <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="text"/>
Esomeprazole (Nexium)	20mg <input type="checkbox"/>	40mg <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="text"/>
Ranitidine (Zantac)	150mg <input type="checkbox"/>	300mg <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="text"/>
Famotidine (Pepcid)	20mg <input type="checkbox"/>	40mg <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="text"/>
Nizatidine (Axid)	150mg <input type="checkbox"/>	300mg <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="text"/>
Cimetidine (Tagamet)	400mg <input type="checkbox"/>	800mg <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="text"/>
Domperidone (Motilium)	10mg <input type="checkbox"/>	20mg <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="text"/>
Metoclopramide (Maxolon)	10mg <input type="checkbox"/>	20mg <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="text"/>

If you are prescribed any other medication (tablets or liquid) for your reflux symptoms that are not listed above, please list below the name(s) of the medicine(s) and include the number of times you have taken it in the last two weeks.

Names of medication	Number of times taken in last 2 weeks
e.g. Gaviscon	

**5. NON PRESCRIBED MEDICATION FOR REFLUX**

Please list below the names of any NON PRESCRIBED (over the counter) medication (tablets/liquid) you take for your REFLUX symptoms and include the number of times you have taken it in the last two weeks.

Names of medication	Number of times taken in last 2 weeks
e.g. Rennie's	

**IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS** about your gastro-oesophageal reflux symptoms, your reflux treatment or this study, please write them below.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN COMPLETING  
THIS QUESTIONNAIRE**

*Once you have completed the form, please return it in the pre-paid envelope provided  
or to the following address:*

**REFLUX Trial Office  
Health Services Research Unit  
Polwarth Building  
Foresterhill  
Aberdeen AB25 2ZD  
Tel: 01224 XXXXXX  
Fax: 01224 XXXXXX  
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