

Date	Family caregiver	Counselor	ID number/case number

# Resilience and Strain Questionnaire for Caregivers (RESQ-CARE)

## - for use in professional counseling -

#### Dear family caregiver,

Caregiving changes one's everyday life, but this role can impact family caregivers differently. Some recover quickly from the demands associated with caregiving. Others are at risk of developing physical or mental health problems. This depends on various factors, but particularly one's own resilience and the care-related burden.

The aim of this questionnaire is to evaluate the ratio of these factors. Based on your answers, we can better align the counseling with your current situation.

Please think back over the last four weeks when responding. Your answers will be treated confidentially.

#### Information about me

Age	Years	
Gender	○ Female	○ Other
	○ Male	
Relationship to the person	○ Partner	○ Child
I care for (I am their)	<ul><li>Parent</li></ul>	Other:
Living situation	<ul> <li>With the person I care for</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Alone</li></ul>
	With my own family/partner	Other:
Highest educational	<ul> <li>High school graduate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No schooling/education</li> </ul>
attainment	<ul><li>Still in school</li></ul>	Other:
Occupation	○ Retired	<ul><li>In training/studying</li></ul>
	Full-time employment	<ul> <li>Not in employment</li> </ul>
	Part-time employment	
Start of caregiving (I have been caregiving for)	weeks/months/years	



Time spent on caregiving (I provide care for)	hours per week
Support received for caregiving	<ul> <li>No support</li> <li>Supported by relatives, acquaintances, neighbors</li> <li>Professional support</li> <li>In-home care service</li> <li>Care on an hourly basis</li> <li>Day care or night care</li> <li>24-hour care</li> <li>Assisted living</li> <li>Community home for senior citizens or shared care</li> <li>Care home</li> <li>Other:</li> </ul>

### Information about the person I care for

Age	Years		
Gender	○ Female ○ Other		
	○ Male		
Illnesses, impairments	Cardiovascular disease, e.g., heart attack, stroke		
	Chronic physical illness, e.g., rheumatism, arthrosis		
	<ul> <li>Mental/neurological illness, e.g., dementia, Parkinson's disease, depression</li> </ul>		
	Other:		
Support needs	Mobility		
	<ul> <li>Communication and mental abilities, e.g., memory, understanding</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Mental health problems, e.g., sadness, aggressiveness, restlessness</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Self-care, e.g., washing, getting dressed, household tasks</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Medical care, e.g., use of medication, visiting the doctor, using physical/medical aids</li> </ul>		
	Organizing everyday life and social contacts		
Living situation	At home, alone     Care home		
	<ul> <li>At home with family/partner</li> <li>Other:</li> </ul>		
Care level (if applicable)			





# My strength-givers

1.	My inner attitude	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1.	I voluntarily and deliberately chose to take on the caregiving.	0	0	0	0
2.	Through caregiving, I am discovering new, positive sides of myself, of the person I care for, and/or of our relationship with each other.	0	0	0	0
3.	I recover quickly from stress.	0	0	0	0
4.	I feel competent in the care I provide. For example, I have gathered information about the condition of the person I care for and about support services.	0	0	0	0
5.	I am able to rely on my abilities in difficult situations.	$\circ$	0	0	0
2.	My sources of energy	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
6.	Despite the increased demands, I manage to pursue my own interests, e.g., hobbies, sport.	0	0	0	0
7.	I use support for the caregiving, e.g., from family members, friends, professional support.	0	0	0	0
8.	I receive supportive feedback for the care I provide.	0	0	0	0
9.	I have people I can always rely on.	0	0	0	0
10.	I experience joy in my everyday life, e.g., when I pursue pleasant activities.	0	0	0	0



## My strength-sappers

Difficulties in managing the person I care for	agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The person I care for has physical limitations. He/she needs support in everyday life that is difficult for me to provide, e.g., with getting dressed, washing, eating or mobility.	0	0	0	0
The person I care for shows difficult behaviors that are burdensome for me, e.g.: He/she rejects help, is aggressive, has difficulty sleeping, lacks drive.	0	0	0	0
I cannot leave the person I care for alone for an hour.	0	0	0	0
The person I care for has changed for the worse due to their condition, e.g.: He/she is irritable, less compassionate, more negative, less mentally fit.	0	0	0	0
I experience a lot of conflict and arguments with the person I care for.	0	0	0	0
General burdens of my living situation	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
b. Besides the caregiving tasks, I am additionally burdened in my everyday life, e.g., due to my own health, worries about other family members, reconciling caregiving, family and job.	0	0	0	0
I suffer from physical complaints on a daily basis, e.g., pain, shortness of breath, heart palpitations, dizziness.	0	0	0	0
I am worried about my financial situation.	0	0	0	0
I neglect my own health, e.g., I do not take care of my nutrition, getting enough sleep or attending medical check-ups.	0	0	0	0
I feel like I cannot keep up with the many demands in my everyday life. This can express itself, e.g., in a lack of drive, sleep problems, joylessness or irritability.	0	0	0	0
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Thank you for filling out the questionnaire!

