# The Zarit Burden Interview

0: NEVER

1: RARELY

2: SOMETIMES

3: QUITE FREQUENTLY

4: NEARLY ALWAYS

Please circle the response the best describes how you feel.

Que	estion	Score				
1	Do you feel that your relative asks for more help than he/she needs?	0 1 2 6 4				
2	Do you feel that because of the time you spend with your relative that you don't have enough time for yourself?	0 1 2 1 4				
3	Do you feel stressed between caring for your relative and trying to meet other responsibilities for your family or work?	0 1 2 3 4				
4	Do you feel embarrassed over your relative's behaviour?	0 1 2 3 4				
5	Do you feel angry when you are around your relative?	0 1 2 3 4				
6	Do you feel that your relative currently affects our relationships with other family members or friends in a negative way?	0 1 (2) 3 4				
7	Are you afraid what the future holds for your relative?	0 1 2 3 4				
8	Do you feel your relative is dependent on you?	0 1 2 3 4				
9	Do you feel strained when you are around your relative?	0 1 0-3 4.				
10	Do you feel your health has suffered because of your involvement with your relative?	0 0 2 3 4				
11	Do you feel that you don't have as much privacy as you would like because of your relative?	0 0 2 3 4				
12	Do you feel that your social life has suffered because you are caring for your relative?	0 1 2 3 4				

Question			Score				
13	Do you feel uncomfortable about having friends over because of your relative?	0	0	2	3	4	
14	Do you feel that your relative seems to expect you to take care of him/her as if you were the only one he/she could depend on?	0	1	2	3	4	
15	Do you feel that you don't have enough money to take care of your relative in addition to the rest of your expenses?	0	1	2	3	4	
16	Do you feel that you will be unable to take care of your relative much longer?	0	1	0	3	4	
17	Do you feel you have lost control of your life since your relative's illness?	0	1	(2)	3	4	
18	Do you wish you could leave the care of your relative to someone else?	0	1	2	3	4	
19	Do you feel uncertain about what to do about your relative?	0	1	2	3	4	
20	Do you feel you should be doing more for your relative?	0	1	2	3	4	
21	Do you feel you could do a better job in caring for your relative?	0	1	2	3	4	
22	Overall, how burdened do you feel in caring for your relative?	0	1	(2).	3	4	

= 51

# Interpretation of Score:

- 0 21 little or no burden
- 21 40 mild to moderate burden

(41 - 60 moderate to severe burden)

61 - 88 severe burden

Patient last name:	Date of birth://				
Patient first name:	Date://				

# **Formal Caregiver-2 Interview**

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#### **GPS Tracking**

- Normal GPS tracking
  - o Lower Burden a little

#### Security

- Very important
- Careful to how has access to the patients location
- If immediate family can help maybe someone else can
  - o Burden stays the same

#### **Memory Prompt**

- Help find what they want with lots of pictures
  - o Burden goes down

#### Patient Page ability

- Patient paging
- Helps because any contact between them is good
  - Lower burden

#### Reminders

- Reminders with pictures
- But more for the caretaker then the patient
  - o Burden would go down

#### Journal

- Look at the times the patient has been in a down mood or high mood
- Both for the caretaker and the patient
- Keep the patient in the loop by showing them what they have been doing
  - Burden goes down

## **Panic Button**

- Very stressful
- Would much rather have the patient paging ability
  - o Burden goes up

### Specialized checklist

- Things to do
- To keep track what the patient can do and can't do or what they could and can't do now
  - No change in burden

## **Brain Games**

- Use lots of numbers
- Puzzles
- Matching
- Crosswords
  - o Burden would go down

# Information portal

- Good idea
  - o Burden does not change

## Extra

- Having a portal of basic information on the patient
  - o Their likes and dislikes
  - o What changes their mood

Things they often forget and remember