Hormonal Symptom Tracker for Perimenopause & Menopause

To gain a better understanding of how your hormones may be influencing your daily life, I encourage you to rate the following perimenopause/menopause symptoms on a scale of 1 to 3. Tracking these symptoms regularly—ideally daily or as often as possible—can help you identify patterns and determine if adjusting your hormone therapy might be beneficial.

Remember: During perimenopause, hormone levels can fluctuate significantly, even while you're still menstruating (whether regularly or irregularly). Your body is still producing estradiol, progesterone, and testosterone, and factors such as stress, fatigue, and environment can impact these levels. This variability may mean that dosage adjustments are worth discussing with your healthcare provider.

This symptom tracker is adapted from the Greene Scale, with additional symptoms included to provide a more comprehensive assessment.

Rating Scale:

Rate each symptom using the following scale:

- **1 Mild:** The symptom is present but not significantly bothersome.
- **2 Moderate:** The symptom is noticeable and somewhat bothersome.
- **3 Severe:** The symptom is significantly bothersome and impacts daily life.
- **0 Not Present:** You are not experiencing this particular symptom.

Symptom List:

- 1. Sleeplessness/Insomnia
- 2. Mood Changes (e.g., irritability, sadness, emotional sensitivity)
- 3. Headaches
- 4. Joint Pain/Stiffness
- 5. Backaches
- 6. Depression
- 7. Anxiety/Nervousness
- 8. Pain or Discomfort During Intercourse
- 9. Vaginal Dryness
- 10. Formication (Crawling Sensations Under the Skin)
- 11. Frequent Urination
- 12. Hot Flashes/Night Sweats
- 13. Irritability/Agitation
- 14. Unusual Tiredness/Fatigue
- 15. Dry or Itchy Skin
- 16. Decreased Libido/Sexual Desire

- 17. Increased Facial Hair
- 18. Feelings of Loneliness or Unloved
- 19. Dizziness/Lightheadedness
- 20. Muscle Aches/Pains
- 21. Drowsiness
- 22. Decreased libido
- 23. Breast tenderness
- 24. Breast fullness
- 25. Racing mind at night
- 26. Mental fogginess
- 27. Impatient but clear of mind
- 28. Water retention
- 29. Difficulty relaxing
- 30. Aggressivity
- 31. Body hair loss
- 32. Increased oil in skin
- 33. Increased hair growth
- 34. Increased acne/pimples
- 35. Loss of sense of security
- 36. Muscular weakness, flabbiness
- 37. Groggy or edgy
- 38. Pelvic cramps
- 39. Malaise
- 40. Temperature swings

To gain insight into whether estradiol, progesterone, or testosterone levels may be contributing to your specific symptoms, refer to the "Finding Your Optimal Hormone Dose" guide in the tools section of <u>Essend.io</u>.

Got questions? Head over to the Community Discord Chat—it's part of your Essend Community membership! I'll be there to help guide you.

Reference: Greene, JG. Constructing a Standard Climacteric Scale. *Maturitas*. 1998;29:25-31.