POEM for self-completion

Patient Details: _________________________
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______________________________________     Date: _________________________________

Please circle one response for each of the seven questions below about your eczema. Please leave blank any questions you feel unable to answer.

1. Over the last week, on how many days has your skin been itchy because of the eczema?
   No days   1-2 days   3-4 days   5-6 days   Every day

2. Over the last week, on how many nights has your sleep been disturbed because of the eczema?
   No days   1-2 days   3-4 days   5-6 days   Every day

3. Over the last week, on how many days has your skin been bleeding because of the eczema?
   No days   1-2 days   3-4 days   5-6 days   Every day

4. Over the last week, on how many days has your skin been weeping or oozing clear fluid because of the eczema?
   No days   1-2 days   3-4 days   5-6 days   Every day

5. Over the last week, on how many days has your skin been cracked because of the eczema?
   No days   1-2 days   3-4 days   5-6 days   Every day

6. Over the last week, on how many days has your skin been flaking off because of the eczema?
   No days   1-2 days   3-4 days   5-6 days   Every day

7. Over the last week, on how many days has your skin felt dry or rough because of the eczema?
   No days   1-2 days   3-4 days   5-6 days   Every day

Total POEM Score (Maximum 28): _________________
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How is the scoring done?
Each of the seven questions carries equal weight and is scored from 0 to 4 as follows:

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<td>3-4 days</td>
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<td>5-6 days</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Every day</td>
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Note:

- If one question is left unanswered this is scored 0 and the scores are summed and expressed as usual out of a maximum of 28
- If two or more questions are left unanswered the questionnaire is not scored
- If two or more response options are selected, the response option with the highest score should be recorded

What does a poem score mean?
To help patients and clinicians to understand their POEM scores, the following bandings have been established (see references below):

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<tr>
<td>0 to 2</td>
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<td>3 to 7</td>
<td>Mild eczema</td>
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<td>8 to 16</td>
<td>Moderate eczema</td>
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<td>17 to 24</td>
<td>Severe eczema</td>
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<td>25 to 28</td>
<td>Very severe eczema</td>
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References