# **Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Test Template**

# Section 1: Understanding Your Fatigue

# **Exercise 1: Identifying Triggers**

List specific situations or events that may trigger your fatigue. Rate the intensity of triggers on a scale of 1-10.

### **Exercise 2: Fatigue Journal**

Maintain a daily fatigue journal recording highs and lows. Describe associated emotions, activities, and stressors.

## **Exercise 3: Symptom Inventory**

Create a checklist of common ME/CFS symptoms. Regularly assess and note the presence and severity of each.

# **Section 2: Managing Fatigue Episodes**

### **Exercise 4: Early Warning Signs**

Identify subtle signs indicating an approaching fatigue episode. Develop strategies for early intervention.

# **Exercise 5: Coping Strategies**

Compile a list of effective coping mechanisms. Include activities, relaxation techniques, and support systems.

## **Exercise 6: Medication Tracker**

Create a medication schedule and tracking system. Record dosage, effects, and any side effects.

# Section 3: Lifestyle and Self-Care

## **Exercise 7: Sleep Hygiene**

Develop a healthy sleep routine. Track sleep patterns and their impact on fatigue.

### **Exercise 8: Daily Routine**

Structure a daily routine to promote stability. Incorporate self-care activities and consistent meal times.

### **Exercise 9: Stress Management**

Identify sources of stress and develop coping strategies. Regularly assess stress levels and adjust as needed.

# Section 4: Building a Support System

### **Exercise 10: Support Network**

List individuals who provide emotional support. Establish communication strategies with each.

### **Exercise 11: Communication Plan**

Develop a plan for communicating with loved ones during fatigue episodes. Include specific preferences and triggers.

## **Exercise 12: Crisis Plan**

Create a crisis intervention plan. Specify emergency contacts, coping strategies, and professional resources.

# **Section 5: Reflecting and Goal Setting**

### **Exercise 13: Weekly Reflection**

Reflect on the week, noting challenges and successes. Set small, achievable goals for the upcoming week.

# **Exercise 14: Future Goals**

Outline long-term goals related to managing fatigue. Break them down into manageable steps.