S1_Interview Guide

Can you say that you are fully informed about your health condition and the necessary procedures related to it?

Were you provided with information about the possible outcomes of the procedure, as well as the potential risks of undergoing or not undergoing it? Were you informed about any alternatives to the recommended procedure(s)?

Who provided you with information about your illness and the surgery?

Can you say that you received all the necessary information from your surgeon? Please explain.

Was the information you received from the surgeon useful and important to you?

Did you understand all the information provided by the surgeon?

Did the surgeon present the information in a way that was acceptable to you?

How many questions did you ask your surgeon about the illness and the surgery?

Did you seek a second opinion from another doctor regarding your illness? Please explain why or why not.

Was the information you received from the surgeon sufficient, or did you seek additional information on your own?

If you sought additional information, where or from whom did you seek it? Did you use the internet, books, the library, individuals with a similar diagnosis, or family members?

Were you able to find the information you were looking for on your own? Where?

Was it easy for you to find the information?

What sources of information do you prioritize? Which are most important to you, and which are less important?

When did you start seeking information independently—immediately after learning about your illness or the need for surgery?

How often did you seek information, and how intensively?

What specifically interested you? What did you want to learn more about? What topics were you curious about at the time of diagnosis, and what were you interested in as the surgery approached?

Where did you search for additional information, or from whom did you seek it?

Which sources of information do you prefer? Can you rank them in order of importance?

Which sources of information do you trust the most—personal (doctors, medical staff) or impersonal (internet, books)?

On what basis did you decide to undergo the surgical procedure?

Did the information provided by your surgeon play a crucial role in your decision-making, or did you rely more on the information you gathered on your own? Please explain.

Can you recall the specific moment and the information that led you to decide to undergo the surgery?

Pre- and Postsurgery

Did you seek information on your own before the surgery?

What kind of information did you need and look for before the surgery? Which topics were you interested in?

From which sources did you seek information?

Did you understand the information you found?

Did you seek information after the surgery?

What kind of information did you need and look for after the surgery? What interested you?

Where did you seek that information?

Did you find the information you were looking for?

Did you understand the information you found?