



Appendix 3: Interview Guide: Patient Interviews

Thank you very much for agreeing to this interview. For the MENTOR study, we would like to introduce a patient guide, which we have supplemented with a part where you can write a diary about your needs. As you have already learned we gave you the booklet, this guide was originally created by the European Society of Medical Oncology. It serves the purpose of giving patients with advanced cancer and their relatives guidance on how to help shape the relationship with their treating oncologist so that it is adapted to their personal needs. Their needs can be physical, mental, social and spiritual.

An appendix with questions on specific topics should help to capture very specific, current needs.

This guide can help you with the following questions:

- What can I expect from the oncologist?
- What questions should I ask him or her?
- What is the best way to make my problems, fears and concerns clear?

In the appendix you can formulate questions for your doctor and note in the diary who your contact person was, when the discussion took place, which questions were addressed and whether measures have resulted from the discussion.

In order to express your ideas for changes / suggestions for improvement to this guide, we would like to interview you. We want to know your opinion on the guide (see questions on the table), the individual chapters and the appendix. We ask you to think aloud with each question. Just say what comes to your mind with this question or with what you associate this question.

We have the following questions:

- Is the guide formulated in a comprehensible way?
- Is the guide appropriate or inappropriate?
- Is it clear/apparent what the guide can be used for?
- Is the guide suitable to recognize your needs and to take measures in consultation with the attending physician / team (e.g. to relieve pain)?
- Timing: When should the guide be distributed?
- Benefit: Do you think you could benefit from this guide?
- Relationship with the oncologist: Do you think that the guide fulfills the purpose of optimizing the relationship with the attending physician?