

Opening Questions

1. Can you please share your experiences about the communication about prognosis and the stage of the illness?
2. How familiar are you with the term “prognosis,” and how do you understand it in the context of cancer?

Prognostic Discussions

3. Can you describe any interactions you've had with health care providers regarding the prognosis of the illness?
4. How did you feel during and after those discussions? Were there any emotions or thoughts that stood out?
5. What information did you receive about the prognosis, and how was it conveyed to you?
6. Were you satisfied with the information provided during these discussions? Why or why not?

Impact and Coping

7. How has the prognosis discussion influenced your emotional well-being and the way you think about the illness?
8. Can you share any instances where the prognosis discussion led to changes in your treatment decisions or life choices?
9. How have you managed to cope with the information and uncertainties presented during these discussions?
10. Have you sought any additional sources of information or support outside of the health care setting?

Cultural and Social Factors

11. In your opinion, how does the cultural background influence the way prognosis is discussed and understood within your community?
12. Are there any cultural or religious beliefs that shape your perspective on prognosis and the future?
13. How have family members, friends, or community members reacted to your discussions about the prognosis?

Caregiver's Perspective

14. Caregivers: Can you describe your role in the patient's care and how you have been involved in the prognosis discussions?
15. How do you perceive the patient's emotional response to prognosis discussions, and how do you support them through this process?

Communication and Information Needs

16. What information would you have liked to receive during the prognosis discussions that you feel was lacking?
17. Are there any improvements you suggest regarding how health care providers communicate prognosis information?

Looking Forward

18. How do you envision the role of prognosis discussions in your ongoing care journey?
19. What advice would you give to other patients or caregivers facing similar prognosis discussions?

Closing

20. Is there anything else you would like to share about your experiences with prognosis discussions?