Supplementary Table 2: Patients' and health care professionals’ comments from the interviews and survey

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| **PATIENTS‘ COMMENTS** |
| **Area Psyche** |
| **Questions remarked as missing/ wishes to include:**   * Bodily condition * Relevance of the partner * Direct question how one’s feeling mentally * Influence of medication on sleep and psyche * Avolition * Prayer * Hair loss * Private problems * Do you need help mentally * Marred mood * Direct question about anxiety * Tiredness * Variations in feelings |
| **Questions remarked as dispensable/ redundant:**   * Loss of interests * Sadness (n=4) * Uncertainty concerning the future * Altered sleep * The questions are too superficial and need to be differentiated more |
| **Area Cognition** |
| **Questions remarked as missing/ wishes to include:**   * Logical intellectual capacity such as calculating * Has it always been like that * What exactly changed compared to the past * The topic psyche * Connection with the therapeutic situation * Are all thoughts clear * Do memory problems occur occasionally or all the time * Short time memory * Are coherent thoughts precise or confused * Is it hard to make decisions * How does one increase their ability to concentrate * Objective examination of the cognitive changes * Expressiveness (n=2) * Changed memories * Faculty of speech * Memory Retention |
| **Questions remarked as dispensable/ redundant:**   * The example reading a newspaper when questioning about concentration * The whole topic cognition * Memories need to be defined more clearly – negative or positive |
| **Area Body** |
| **Questions remarked as missing/ wishes to include:**   * Dealing with mental state * Is one able to manage housekeeping * How long ago was the operation and where exactly is the tumor located * Are there additional problems independent of the tumor * General condition * Vertigo attacks * Balance impairments (n=3) * It needs to be assessed what exactly the patients means with their answer as well as a question concerning motion sequence and support with car driving * The reason for nausea needs to be noted as well as nausea without vomiting considered and for epilepsy a question regarding genetic factors needs to be asked * Exhaustion |
| **Questions remarked as dispensable/ redundant:**   * Tiredness/Exhaustion * Help in everyday life such as eating and washing (n=2) |
| **Area Role Functioning** |
| **Questions remarked as missing/ wishes to include:**   * If one started new leisure activities now * More precise enquiries after the answer „yes“ and the importance rating * Reduced agility during leisure activities * How does the employment situation develop * Counselling concerning leisure time * Changes during the illness trajectory * The present situation in general * Child care and family life * Attitude to life * Does one regret not being able to work and does one have support concerning leisure activities * Does one exercise |
| **Questions remarked as dispensable/ redundant:**   * Hobbies * The whole topic (n=2) |
| **Area Social Support** |
| **Questions remarked as missing/ wishes to include:**   * The questions are asked too general and neighborly help is missing * What kind of support * Can others cope with the situation * How does one socialize in general * Early counseling concerning mental and physical well-being and counseling with the partner about side effects of the medication * Handling of family * Do neighbors behave differently |
| **Questions remarked as dispensable/ redundant:**   * The whole topic (n=3) |
| **Area Unmet Needs** |
| **Questions remarked as missing/ wishes to include:**   * Psychologist instead of Psychooncologist * Speech therapist * How outgoing and sociable one is * If one is religious * Support by the environment in general * Being lucky means having the people you need * What does one expect from the help * Need of support concerning employment situation * Need of financial counseling |
| **Questions remarked as dispensable/ redundant:**   * Pastor (n=5) * Friends * Social worker and nutrition counseling |
| **All areas in general** |
| **Topics remarked as missing/ wishes to include:**   * Including illness trajectory and asking if hedge is given * Practical tips for coping with the illness * Appetite * Helplessness during physician-patient-consultation and exchange of information * Economic situation * Information provision * Mood |
| **Topics remarked as dispensable/ redundant:**   * Mood * Unmet needs (N=2) * Body |

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| **HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS‘ COMMENTS** |
| **Comments on the area Psyche** |
| * Every patient is sadder, strained and uncertain * Timing of the questions is essential * Where there burdensome events in the family lately? * Contact with friends and family * Are you tired? * I ask questions more generally and not that specific * Increasing strains in the family * I ask about mood changes and thoughts and don’t anticipate negative content with my questions |
| **Comments on the area Cognition** |
| * Long- or short-term memory? * Patients do realize this less than family members do * Questions about organic brain changes are important, I don’t see a psychodynamic creation at the beginning |
| **Comments on the area Body** |
| * „Coordination problems“ should be framed more precisely * Maybe specify physical capacity and if eating or washing is meant * Some things are obvious and can be detected without asking |
| **Comments on the area Role Functioning** |
| * Question about occupation and dealing with set tasks, I prefer questions about leisure activities * Problems with partner, family and children |
| **Comments on the area Social Support** |
| * Those questions should rather be directed at environment and family |
| **Comments on the area Unmet Needs** |
| * What’s the point in asking about need of support that isn’t realizable? |
| **Comments on the areas in general** |
| No comments were made |