

Appendix 1

PART 1:
Have you received any radiation, chemotherapy, or additional surgery since discharge from the hospital? If yes, describe.
Were there any complications with the surgical wound such as infection?
Do you think that you received the placebo or the treatment pill prior to surgery, or are you not sure?
Do you consider your postoperative pain management in the hospital to have been excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?
Do you have pain as a result of your chest surgery?
What was your average pain score (numeric rating scale (NRS) 0-10) of post-thoracotomy pain in the last week?
What was your highest pain score (NRS 0-10) of post-thoracotomy pain in the last week?
Are you using any opioids, Tylenol, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDS), or other medications for pain? If yes, specify type, dose and frequency.
PART 2: For patients having any post-thoracotomy pain, the following questions would then be asked. From now on the questionnaire only refers to the pain that you feel is a result of your chest surgery and not to other pains you may have. Think about how the pain has felt over the last week. Please say whether any of the descriptions match your pain exactly.
Does your pain feel like strange, unpleasant sensations in your skin? Words like pricking, tingling, pins and needles might describe these sensations.
Does your pain make the skin in the painful area look different from normal? Words like mottled or looking more red or pink might describe the appearance.
Does your pain make the affected skin abnormally sensitive to touch? Getting unpleasant sensations when lightly stroking the skin, or getting pain when wearing tight clothes might describe the abnormal sensitivity.
Does your pain come on suddenly and in burst for no apparent reason when you're still? Words like electric shocks, jumping and bursting describe these sensations.
Does your pain feel as if the skin temperature in the painful area has changed abnormally? Words like hot and burning describe these sensations.
Do you have pain over the scar?
Is your pain felt in the chest wall on the side that was operated on?
Did the pain come on right after surgery?
Has the pain improved with time?