

PANDA topic guide
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Background

Objective: To understand more about the patient's life and context at home.

Can you tell me a little about yourself?

- How old are you?
- Where do you live? Is that an urban or rural area?
- Do you have a job? If so, what sort of job do you do?
- What family support do you have available?
- What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

Surgical care overview

Objective: To understand more about the patient's condition and the surgery that they had to treat it

Could you tell me about what brought you to hospital for your operation?

- What condition were you being treated for?
- What operation did you have?
- Was it a planned (elective) or unplanned (emergency) operation?
- How long ago was your operation?
- How has your recovery been?

Perioperative care pathway

Objective: To understand what patients' priorities for future surgical research are through their surgical care stories

Say to the patient: In this next part of the interview, we'll be walking through your patient journey from the time you were diagnosed up to today. We would be very grateful to learn from your experiences at each stage.

Please answer the questions below for each of the following stages:

- Before you came to hospital
- During your hospital stay
- After you'd left the hospital

From your experience (for each stage in the perioperative care pathway)

- What went *well* at this stage?
- What could have been *improved* at this stage? *How* would you improve it?
- What was *worrying* you at this stage?
- What felt like the most *important* thing to you at this stage?

Conclusion

Objective: To identify the patient's single key priority in their surgical journey

Based on your experiences what do you think is the single most important area for researchers to focus on improving over the next 10 years?

Patient involvement group

Objective: To identify patients that might be interested in ongoing community engagement and involvement activities, having built a rapport during your discussions.

Say to the patient: We are looking for patients that would be interested in helping us as researchers to improve the way that we do research to ensure that all patients benefit. If you would like to be part of our 'patient involvement' group, you will have the opportunity to volunteer for this at the end of your interview/questionnaire. This would not involve you being the 'subject' of research (i.e., nothing being changed about your care) but helping us to improve the way that we perform research for other patients. We would be very grateful for your support.

Ask: Would you be happy to be contacted about being involved in a patient group?

Very many thanks for your time.