

Items in this questionnaire ask you about your experiences with head and neck cancer. Please choose the answer by checking one box for each question that best describes how you have felt over the **past seven days**.

Please mark your answer like this: ● *Not like this:* ⊗ ⊙

1. **Pain.** (Choose one)

- ☐ I have no pain.
- ☐ There is mild pain not needing medication.
- ☐ I have moderate pain-requires regular medication (codeine or non-narcotic)
- ☐ I have severe pain controlled only by narcotics.
- ☐ I have severe pain not controlled by medication.

2. **Appearance.** (Choose one)

- ☐ There is no change in my appearance.
- ☐ The change in my appearance is minor.
- ☐ My appearance bothers me but I remain active.
- ☐ I feel significantly disfigured and limit my activities.
- ☐ I cannot be with people due to my appearance.

3. **Activity.** (Choose one)

- ☐ I am as active as I have ever been.
- ☐ There are times when I can't keep up my old pace, but not often.
- ☐ I am often tired and have slowed down my activities although I still get out.
- ☐ I don't go out because I don't have the strength.
- ☐ I am usually in bed or chair and don't leave home.

4. **Recreation.** (Choose one)

- ☐ There are no limitations to recreation at home or away from home.
- ☐ There are a few things I can't do but I still get out and enjoy life.
- ☐ There are many times when I wish I could get out more, but I'm not up to it
- ☐ There are severe limitations to what I can do, mostly I stay at home and watch TV.
- ☐ I can't do anything enjoyable.

5. **Swallowing.** (Choose one)

- ☐ I can swallow as well as ever.
- ☐ I cannot swallow certain solid foods.
- ☐ I can only swallow liquid food.
- ☐ I cannot swallow because it "goes down the wrong way" and chokes me.

6. **Chewing.** (Choose one)

- ☐ I can chew as well as ever.
- ☐ I can eat soft solids but cannot chew some foods.
- ☐ I cannot even chew soft solids.

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7. **Speech.** (Choose one)

- ☐ My speech is the same as always.
☐ I have difficulty saying some words but I can be understood over the phone.
☐ Only my family and friends can understand me.
☐ I cannot be understood.

8. **Shoulder.** (Choose one)

- ☐ I have no problem with my shoulder.
☐ My shoulder is stiff but it has not affected my activity or strength.
☐ Pain or weakness in my shoulder has caused me to change my work.
☐ I cannot work due to problems with my shoulder.

9. **Taste.** (Choose one)

- ☐ I can taste food normally.
☐ I can taste most foods normally.
☐ I can taste some foods.
☐ I cannot taste any foods.

10. **Saliva.** (Choose one)

- ☐ My saliva is of normal consistency.
☐ I have less saliva than normal, but it is enough.
☐ I have too little saliva.
☐ I have no saliva.

11. **Mood.** (Choose one)

- ☐ My mood is excellent and unaffected by my cancer.
☐ My mood is generally good and only occasionally affected by my cancer.
☐ I am neither in a good mood nor depressed about my cancer.
☐ I am somewhat depressed about my cancer.
☐ I am extremely depressed about my cancer.

12. **Anxiety.** (Choose one)

- ☐ I am not anxious about my cancer.
☐ I am a little anxious about my cancer.
☐ I am anxious about my cancer.
☐ I am very anxious about my cancer

Which issues have been the most important to you during the past 7 days? **Choose up to 3.**

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| <input type="radio"/> Pain | <input type="radio"/> Chewing | <input type="radio"/> Appearance | <input type="radio"/> Speech | <input type="radio"/> Activity |
| <input type="radio"/> Shoulder | <input type="radio"/> Recreation | <input type="radio"/> Taste | <input type="radio"/> Swallowing | <input type="radio"/> Saliva |

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GENERAL QUESTIONS

Compared to the month before you developed cancer, how would you rate your health-related quality of life? (Choose one)

☐ Much better
 ☐ Somewhat better
 ☐ About the same
 ☐ Somewhat worse
 ☐ Much worse

In general, would you say your **health-related quality** of life during the past 7 days has been: (Choose one)

☐ Outstanding
 ☐ Very good
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Fair
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Very poor

Overall quality of life includes not only physical and mental health, but also many other factors, such as family, friends, spirituality, or personal leisure activities that are important to your enjoyment of life. Considering everything in your life that contributes to your personal well-being, rate your **overall quality of life** during the past 7 days. (Choose one)

☐ Outstanding
 ☐ Very good
 ☐ Good
 ☐ Fair
 ☐ Poor
 ☐ Very poor

Please describe any other issues (medical or nonmedical) that are important to your quality of life and have not been adequately addressed by our questions (you may attach additional sheets if needed):

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