

[Insert name of organisation]
Name of interviewee:
Alias or code number
Interview conducted by, and date:

General introduction: Dear [...] thank you very much for agreeing to this conversation about the challenges and suggestions around receiving a diagnosis of your illness and living with it, including issues around managing your illness as you navigate your daily life. This interview will form the basis for the development of innovative solutions for assisting patients on their journey with an illness like the one that you are concered with.

This interview will take up to 60 minutes. You can interrupt and leave the interview at any time and without any explanation. You can also skip individual questions if they make you feel uncomfortable, or if you don't know how to answer that particular question. Your statements remain anonymous and any records of the interview will be deleted after analysis. Your and other interviewees' statements will be analysed by two researchers independently.

The results will be shared with you later, in the form of a webinar presentation. Please feel free to ask back for clarification if any of the questions are unclear. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

We start this conversation with a few simple demographic questions. This is necessary for us to understand the composition of the sample of interviewees.

What is your age?
Insert answer here

What is your gender?
Insert answer here

Where do you live?
Rural area
Village
Small town
Big town

Your level of education
Elementary school
Secondary school
University degree
Academic degree

Country

The next questions concern the receiving of a diagnosis.



Guidance for interviewer: Please don't forget to send out the preparatory email to the interview participants. This is to shorten the time spent on the interview.

Allow the participant sufficient time to answer, and repeat the question if necessary. Please use imaginative variation questions to get closer to the description of the experience.

Additional comments from the participant can be followed up on through explorative questions.

You are encouraged to use the technique of bracketing to keep an open mind.

LEAVE YOUR HYPOTHESES BEHIND! :-)

Your own comments and observations should be inserted into the comments box at the end.

Please don't forget the informed consent form.

Please allow choice between Male, Female, Non-binary and Rather not say

Mark as appropriate

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How do your remember the time when you received your diagnosis?

Imaginative variation and exploration: When you say you don't remember, what do you remember? How would you describe the feelings you had at the time? When you say you did not feel anything, what does that mean? When you say it was a long time ago, what does that mean to you? Etc.

What is your exact diagnosis that you have received?

Try to be as specific as possible and ask about pulmonary fibrosis to the extent possible.

Please describe your experience with your current treatment(s) and care.

If there is no treatment, what do you do then? Check on care experience (+ and -)

Please describe your relationship with others around you as a person living with PF: your family, friends, colleagues, professional caregivers. Have you experienced any changes in these relationships as a result of your illness?

Also explore any changes that may have occurred.

Please describe a typical day in your life.

Explore how their situation has changed. Focus on physical conditions, impact on different activities, the time necessary to do things, the time to rest, the time for care and treatments, doing sports etc.

Please describe your hopes and dreams for your future.

Explore further if treatment is NOT mentioned.

Thank you very much for your thorough and comprehensive answers. We will now process this in a summary which will help us understand better what patients like you experience with their illness. We will also share the findings with you. In case you have any questions, comments or concerns, please write to Dr. Tamás Bereczky on tamasbereczky@me.com.

--- Interview ends ---

Any other comments or observations by the interviewer

Insert answer here

Please add notes here on metacommunication like body language, particularly long silences, laughter, tears, etc.