

DECISION QUALITY WORKSHEET FOR BREAST CANCER SURGERY

Instructions

This survey has questions about what it is like for you to make decisions about surgery for your early stage breast cancer.

Please check the box or circle the number 2 to answer each item.

Your answers will tell us three important things:

1. What matters most to you?
2. How well are we doing our job of giving you information?
3. What do you talk about with your health care providers?

Thank you!

Section 1: What Matters Most to You

This set of questions includes some reasons other women have given for choosing their breast cancer surgery. We are interested in what is important to you.

Please mark on a scale from 0 to 10, how important each of the following are to you as you are thinking about your decision about surgery.

How important is it to you to . . .

	Not at all important					Extremely important					
1.1. keep your breast?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.2. remove your entire breast to gain peace of mind?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.3. <u>avoid</u> having radiation?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

1.4. Which treatment do you want to do to treat your early stage breast cancer?

- Lumpectomy only
- Lumpectomy and radiation
- Mastectomy
- Other surgery: _____
- I am not sure

Section 2: Facts About Breast Cancer Surgery

This set of questions asks about some facts that doctors think are important for patients to know about breast cancer. The correct answer to each question is based on medical research. Please do your best to answer each question.

2.1. For most women with early breast cancer, how much would waiting a few weeks to make a treatment decision affect their chances of survival?

- A lot
- Some
- A little or not at all

2.2. With treatment, about how many women diagnosed with early breast cancer will eventually die of breast cancer?

- Most will die of breast cancer
- About half will die of breast cancer
- Most will die of something else

2.3. After which treatment is it more likely that women will need to have another operation to remove more tumor cells?

- Lumpectomy
- Mastectomy
- Equally likely for both

2.4. On average, which women with early breast cancer live longer?

- Women who have a mastectomy
- Women who have a lumpectomy and radiation
- There is no difference

2.5. On average, which women have a higher chance of having cancer come back in the breast that has been treated?

- Women who have a mastectomy
- Women who have a lumpectomy and radiation
- There is no difference

Section 3: Talking With Health Care Providers

Please answer these questions about what happened when you talked with health care providers including doctors, nurses and other health care professionals about surgery for breast cancer. The two main options for surgery are mastectomy and lumpectomy and radiation (also called breast conserving surgery).

3.1. Did any of your health care providers talk about mastectomy as an option for you?

- Yes
- No

3.2. How much did you and your health care providers talk about the reasons to have a mastectomy?

- A lot
- Some
- A little
- Not at all

3.3. How much did you and your health care providers talk about the reasons not to have a mastectomy?

- A lot
- Some
- A little
- Not at all

3.4. Did any of your health care providers talk about lumpectomy and radiation as an option for you?

- Yes
- No

3.5. How much did you and your health care providers talk about the reasons to have a lumpectomy and radiation?

- A lot
- Some
- A little
- Not at all

3.6. How much did you and your health care providers talk about the reasons not to have a lumpectomy and radiation?

- A lot
- Some
- A little
- Not at all

3.7. Did any of your health care providers ask you which type of surgery you wanted, a lumpectomy or mastectomy?

- Yes
- No

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