

Patient Questionnaire

On

Pain Management

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Dear Patient,

As a part of our pain management program, our hospital is looking at ways of providing better comfort measures to reduce the amount of pain and suffering associated with illness and/or surgery. We appreciate your taking about 10 minutes of your time to answer these questions. Your feedback is important to us and to future patients.

NAME _____ (Optional) _____ AGE _____ SEX _____

REASON FOR HOSPITALIZATION _____

NUMBER OF DAYS IN THE HOSPITAL _____

TODAY'S DATE _____

1. Did you expect to have considerable pain as part of your hospitalization experience?

_____ Yes _____ No

2. How much pain did you experience while in the hospital?

_____ None _____ Minimal _____ A lot _____ Severe pain

3. Did the doctor or nurse explain the 0-10 pain scale to you?

_____ Yes _____ No

4. Did nursing staff ask you to evaluate your pain on a scale of 0-10?
_____ No _____ Seldom _____ Most of the time _____ Consistently

5. How would you characterize staff response to your request for pain medicine?

Timeliness:

_____ Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor

Caring:

_____ Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor

6. Please check the method(s) that were used to control your pain:

_____ None _____ Self-administered pain pump (PCA)

_____ Pills _____ Pain medicine in the IV or IV drip

_____ Injections (shots) _____ Other (pain patch, epidural, etc) _____

7. Did pain interfere with your ability to: (check all that apply)

___ Move in bed ___ Breathe ___ Relate with others

___ Walk ___ Eat ___ Other (explain)

___ Mood (emotions) ___ Sleep

8. Please check all those that represent your viewpoint:

___ Complaining about pain will distract my doctor from his/her primary responsibility-curing my illness.

___ I don't want to bother the nurse-she's busy with other patients.

___ Pain medicine can't really control pain.

___ People get addicted to pain medicine easily.

___ It's easier to put up with pain than with the side effects that come from pain medicine.

___ Good patients avoid talking about pain.

___ Pain medicine should be saved in case the pain get worse.

___ Pain builds character-it's good for you.

___ Patients should expect to have pain; it's part of almost every hospitalization.

___ I shouldn't have to endure pain; there are medications available to control the pain.

9. Overall, how well do you feel your pain was controlled?

___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair _____ Poor

10. Comments

Thank you for your participation.