

Fictional Patient #3

How does your spinal condition affect your daily life?

It's terrible, I am in pain all the time. I can't do any of the things I used to.

How does your condition affect your family?

I am completely dependent on them. They feel bad for me, I need them to support me.

How does your condition affect your income or ability to work?

I'm unable to work

How does your condition affect your ability to enjoy life?

I have no life, I'm not able to do any of the activities I normally enjoy.

Describe what you hope to gain from surgery:

I just want the pain to go away.

What are your fears regarding treatment of your condition?

I'm afraid of the pain and being worse than I am now.

In general, do you feel optimistic and lucky or do you feel pessimistic and unlucky?

Unlucky

What is your highest level of education (high school, GED, college, other)?

GED

SAMPLE 4 = NEGATIVE

How does your spinal condition affect your daily life?

It's very hard for me to do basic things like get dressed and take care of myself.

How does your condition affect your family?

They have been burdened by my condition, I feel dependent on them.

How does your condition affect your income or ability to work?

I can't work

How does your condition affect your ability to enjoy life?

I feel pain and I'm tired all the time. I don't have much of a life to enjoy.

Describe what you hope to gain from surgery:

I want to be able to stand up straight and get rid of this pain.

What are your fears regarding treatment of your condition?

I don't want to get paralyzed or lose function in my legs.

In general, do you feel optimistic and lucky or do you feel pessimistic and unlucky?

Pessimistic

What is your highest level of education (high school, GED, college, other)?

High school