

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