Appendix 1. Semistructured Phone Interview Guide

1. Tell me about what your pain was like before surgery.
   a. Tell me how your pain affected your daily activities before surgery?
   b. If you had to rate your pain before surgery on a 0-10 scale, 0 being no pain and 10 being the worst pain imaginable, what was it before surgery? And what is it now?
2. How would you say your vulvar pain is now compared to prior to your vestibulectomy?
3. Tell me about your pain over time – and how it has changed.
   a. Did it improve after surgery?
4. If you’re still having pain now, what does your pain feel like?
   a. Tell me how your pain still affects your daily activities.
   b. Did you experience any relief from surgery?
   c. For how long did you experience improvement before recurrence?
5. Are you current sexually active? If no, can you please elaborate on why not?
6. (skip if not sexually active) How has your sexual function, ability to engage and enjoy sexual activity, changed since surgery?
7. (skip if not sexually active) Next are questions regarding pain and discomfort with sexual activity
   a. Over the past 4 weeks, how often did you experience discomfort or pain during vaginal penetration?
   b. Over the past 4 weeks, how often did you experience discomfort or pain following vaginal penetration?
   c. Over the past 4 weeks, how would you rate your level (degree) of discomfort or pain during or following vaginal penetration?
8. Next are questions regarding sexual satisfaction
   a. Over the past 4 weeks, how satisfied have you been with your sexual relationship with your partner?
   b. Over the past 4 weeks, how satisfied have you been with your overall sexual life?
9. Do you feel that your quality of life improved after surgery?
10. When after surgery did you first have intercourse without pain?
11. What treatments had you used in the past for your vulvar pain?
12. Have you used any additional treatments since surgery (physical therapy, creams, lubricants, medications, over the counter medications or therapies)? Any new medications started? Former medications discontinued?
13. Thinking of your overall satisfaction with surgery, how satisfied are you with the overall outcome of your surgery?
14. What would you tell someone who had the same issues you did before surgery who is considering have the vestibulectomy surgery?
   a. Would you recommend this surgery?
15. What, if anything, would you wish you had been told prior to having surgery?
16. Is there anything else that you would like to tell me?