

Qualitative interviews exploring palliative care perspectives of Latinos on dialysis

Palliative care perspectives of dialyzed Latinos

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Supplemental Table 1. Interview Guide

1. Establish a trusting and personalized relationship with the participant so that the participant does not feel threatened during the interview.
2. Start with questions that will help you understand their illness experience and social support system:
 - a. Thinking back to when you were diagnosed with kidney failure, what were some of the conversations that you had with your providers, your family and friends? Which conversations stand out to you?
3. Explore perspectives around symptom alleviation.
 - a. What is your most bothersome symptom and how does it impact your life?
 - b. When your most bothersome symptom is severe, what helps you feel better?
 - c. Are you able to talk to your healthcare provider about your most bothersome symptom? If not, why not?
 - d. Have you been offered treatment for your most bothersome symptom?
4. Explore perspectives around advance care planning.
 - a. Are you familiar with advance care planning? If participant is not familiar, describe advance care planning.
 - b. What would be the ideal setting for a good advance care planning conversation and why?
 - c. What attributes might be important about the person that guides the conversation about advance care planning and why?
 - d. Who helps or supports you when you make important decisions about your care?
 - e. What role, if any, would you want your family to have in medical decision-making?
5. Explore circumstances that improve well-being.
 - a. What does a good day look like for you?

b. How do you stay motivated to continue renal care?

6. Explore challenging aspects of illness

a. Think of a day this past month that was particularly distressing for you, what about that day was challenging?

b. Since initiating hemodialysis what has been the most difficult aspect of your illness?

c. What gives you hope on a difficult day?