

Semi-structured interview

I want you to think back over the pain/discomfort you have had over the past week. I mean ANY kind of pain – headache, bones – anything at all.

1. Have you had any pain/discomfort during the past week?
2. How often did you feel pain/discomfort during the past week?
3. How long do/does these pain(s) usually last?
4. On a typical 24-hour day, how would you rate the intensity of your pain or discomfort? (*refer to rating scale on chart*)
5. What do you think triggered the pain(s)?
6. When you experience pain or discomfort, what do you usually do about it?
7. Before you were diagnosed with your current illness, were you experiencing pain or discomfort at least once per week for any reason?
If yes, can you tell me more about this pain?
 - When you consider all the things you did to manage your breakthrough pain/discomfort during the last week, how effective do you think these things were overall? (*Refer to question on page 3: Effectiveness of Pain Management Strategies*).