Edge Hill University



"What will I be like following head and neck cancer?"

5. Early mouth cancer treated by surgery and radiotherapy

Number of patients giving feedback is 69 out of a total of 119

Patient responses closest to two years following diagnosis as this reflects long term outcome

Percentage of patients scoring on the best two responses for each domain

Activity - I am as active as I have ever been/There are times when I can't keep up my old pace, but not often

Appearance - There is no change in my appearance/The change in my appearance is minor

Anxiety - I am not anxious about my cancer/I am a little anxious about my cancer

Chewing - I can chew as well as ever/I can eat soft solids but cannot chew some food

Mood - My mood is excellent and unaffected by my cancer/My mood is generally good and only occasionally affected

Pain - I have no pain/There is mild pain not needing medication

Recreation - There are no limitations to recreation /There are a few things I can't do but I still get out and enjoy life

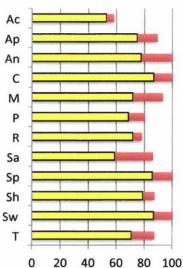
Saliva - My saliva is of normal consistency/I have less saliva than normal, but it is enough

Speech - My speech is the same as always/I have difficulty saying some words but I can be understood over the phone

Shoulder - I have no problem with my shoulder/My shoulder is stiff but it has not affected my activity or strength

Swallowing - I can swallow as well as ever/I cannot swallow certain solid foods

Taste - I can taste food normally/I can taste most foods normally



Yellow show percentage with top 2 responses.

Red show percentage with 'significant' problem.

Quality of Life

63% Good or better

Outstanding 9
Very Good 26
Good 28
Fair 30
Poor 5
Very poor 2

Swallowing Speech
Pain Saliva Recreation

Most important issue

Prominence of word approximates how often it was considered one of the top three most important issues

More information and an interactive search at www.headandneckcancer.co.uk website