APPENDIX-II

INTERVIEW GUIDE FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Respondent’s Name:
Gender:
Age:
Religion:
Caste/ Gotra:
Education:
Occupation:
Total Income (Monthly):

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Beliefs and perceptions regarding cancer

1) What is the disease that you are suffering from and the stage of the disease? What were the initial symptoms of the disease?
2) What do you think causes this disease?
3) What were your reactions at the time of diagnosis and how did you prepare yourself for the treatment?
4) What role your family and the healthcare providers played at the time of diagnosis?
5) What were the various healthcare facilities that your chose for your treatment and reason why you moved from one medical system to the other?
6) What were the factors that affected your health-seeking behaviour?
7) Do you believe in existence of God? Yes/No
   If yes, did your religious beliefs changed after the diagnosis of the disease?
8) What role did the religion played in your health-seeking behaviour?

9) What do you think
   a. God alone can cure your disease
   b. Only you can make efforts to get it cured
   c. Both your efforts and God can cure it

10) Do you believe in karma? How did you visualise your past or present?

11) What is the role of various NGOs and media in health-seeking behaviour?

Concerns of cancer patients undergoing active treatment

12) Does issues relating to identity or integrity of the body bothers you? Yes/No.
    If yes, why and how?

13) What difficulties have you faced as a result of cancer?

14) How much do you interact with your friends/ family/ relatives after diagnosis of the disease?

15) Have you distanced from them in fear that they would get cancer from you?

16) Did the behaviour of any of your friends/ family/ relatives changed after the diagnosis of your disease? Yes/No.
    If yes, how?

17) Did you ever feel isolated or secluded?

18) What are your concerns regarding your family members or the close ones?

19) Did diagnosis with cancer brought changes in social roles expected to be performed by you? Yes/No. If yes, what kind of changes?

20) After diagnosis of your disease did you try to contact any cancer patient? Yes/No.
    If yes, why?
    a. To know about the course of treatment
    b. To know about any other alternative treatment
    c. To know about the chances of your survival

Concerns of cancer patients undergoing symptomatic treatment

21) Are you aware of exact stage of your disease? What do you think whether a patient should be aware of stage of disease? Yes/No.
    If yes, why?
22) What are your concerns at this point of time?
23) How do you conceptualise/explain your health condition and what are the things that are bothering you?