

# STEP 3 GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE - PATIENTS SUPPORTED BY ACCOMPANYING PATIENT

## PREAMBLE

### Length of interview

- Thank the participant for agreeing to answer our questions as part of our study.
- Specify that the interview will last :
  - Approximately 45 to 60 minutes

### Interview rules

- As stated in the information and consent form, everything said will remain **confidential**. To protect your confidentiality, your name will not appear anywhere and you will remain completely anonymous.
- At any time during our conversation, let me know if you have any **questions** or if you prefer **not to answer** a particular question. Also, you can decide **to stop the interview** at any time.
- Remember that we want to know **what you think and feel**. So there is no right or wrong answer.

### Information and consent form

- Have you read and understood **the Information and consent form** ?
- Do you have any questions relating to the information and consent form ?
- The interviewer signs both copies, then invites the participant to sign in turn.
- Then give the participant his or her copy.
- Make sure the participant agrees to the interview being recorded.

(START RECORDING)

1. For what reasons did you agree to meet with an AP ?
2. What were your expectations ?
3. How many times did you come into contact with an AP ? Was it always the same AP as the first time, or did you meet different APs ?
4. Did you ask to meet him/her yourself, or was it suggested to you ?
5. How was the meeting organized ?
6. Can you tell me about the meeting(s) ?
7. Where did you meet ?
8. How long did the meeting last ?
9. What did you talk about ?
10. What did these meetings bring you ?
11. Did they meet your expectations ?
12. What did you appreciate ?
13. What did you appreciate less ?
14. How did you feel during the meeting and after ?
15. Do you feel that you have established a relationship of trust with the accompanying patient ? How do you explain this situation ?

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16. What did it bring you ?
  - on psychological health : hope, depression, energy, sleep, guilt, better ability to receive help, etc.
  - on physical health (disability) : better adherence to treatment (coming to the appointment but also doing their own exercises), better projection of their ability to recover from their cancer, better relationship with the care team (occupational therapist and surgeons), etc.
  - at the social level : relationships with family and friends, ability to return to work or studies, etc.
17. Do you plan to have further contact with another accompanying patient at the Hand Center ? Why ?
18. How could the facility make these encounters as useful as possible for new patients ?
19. Is there anything else you'd like to add or ask ?

**Thank you very much for participating in this interview.**