Appendix A: Topics and main questions in the breast cancer interviews English version

Subject

General information:

* Age
* Former profession
* Ethnicity
* Gender
* Living accommodation
* Civil status
* Children / grandchildren

Topic 1. Breast cancer occurrences and reactions

* Can you tell me what has happened since the moment you suspected something was wrong with your breast?1

Topic 2. Experiences with having breast cancer

* What are your experiences with having breast cancer, breast cancer treatment, and the hospital?

Topic 3. Support from professionals, family members, friends, and others

* Can you tell something about the support you did or did not receive (or still receive) from others during your disease?

Topic 4. Information and engagement in choices concerning the care trajectory

* What did you know about breast cancer and breast cancer care?
* Can you explain how decisions about your treatment were being made?

Topic 5: Wishes concerning care

* What elements of the hospital care are you satisfied with, and not satisfied with?

1Apart from the first question, not all of these questions were asked or asked literally. Many times patients started to talk about these topics by themselves. Careful listening and probing was enough to gather most of the information.