

Subject	Questions
Choosing surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you tell me about why you chose to get the surgery? • Can you describe how you were feeling? Can you exemplify? • What did you do when you decided to receive the surgery • What would you do if you had doubts about getting the surgery?
Pain experience in everyday activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you tell me about your back pain before you had the surgery? How did it affect your life? • Can you describe it to me? Can you exemplify? (e.g. work life, social life, hobbies/interests) • How did you act when you were in pain? What did you do? • How do you experience your back pain now?
The significance of experiencing social support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you tell me about the reactions from your family and friends when you told them you were getting the surgery? • What was it like telling them you were going to get the surgery? • How did you react when they told you it was a good/bad idea?
Level of information received from health care professionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did you experience the information you received from health care professionals regarding your surgery? (before, during, after) • Can you describe the course of treatment to me? Can you exemplify? • What did you do if you felt you were lacking information and felt insecure about your treatment?
Worries on the outcome of surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you tell me about your thoughts on your back after the surgery? Can you exemplify? • Can you describe to me, how you felt after the surgery? What did you do/not do? • Were you worried about the outcome of surgery? What did you do/not do?