

SDC 5: Selected Patient Quotations			
Theme	Subtheme	Patient	Quotation
Psychological Well-Being	Frequency of thinking about a scar	38-yo female with atrophic scar from prior cutaneous infection on the thigh (Patient 2)	<i>I don't go to the beach that much, and I just go ahead and go, but it affects how I feel when I am there. I still go but when I do go I think about it.</i>
	Scar as a reminder	22-year old male with a linear, surgical scar on the arm (Patient 3)	<i>Yeah. I will always remember how I got that scar. ...Well, I don't really remember how I got it, but I just woke up and I had a big gash in my leg.</i>
	Impact on self-image	37 year-old female with hidrenitis suppurativa resulting in scarred sinus tracts and surgical scars on the arms and legs (Patient 38)	<i>...I just feel like for me when, I look at myself in the mirror - no matter how much I diet or change my diet, no matter how much I work out, I could work out like a maniac - I'm never going to like myself anymore. ... I am still going to see myself as being ugly.</i>
Social Well-Being	Talking about the scar with others	24-year old female with linear surgical scar on the breast (Patient 8)	<i>... I don't really want to tell them like 'Oh, I had a breast reduction.' You know? Because that is kind of personal ... a lot of people will ask why and I don't really want to go into it..</i>

	Reaction of others	55 year-old female with atrophic acne scars on the face (Patient 30)	<i>'Why do you have so many wrinkles?' And 'you look so old' ...I broke down in tears. ... I couldn't even tell him. My sister had to tell him. It was so embarrassing to me that I have to explain to an 8 year-old why my skin looks like it does, you know?</i>
	Clothing limitations	44 year-old female with a hypertrophic surgical scar on the abdomen (Patient 9).	<i>I still was handicapped from wearing certain things</i>
Attempts to Conceal	Scar treatment	38 year-old female with hypertrophic scars from surgery on abdomen and atrophic acne scars on cheeks (Patient 15).	<i>And I still get treatments done on my skin just to continue to help minimize the pores, to continue to exfoliate that skin, in hopes that eventually, the leftover scars from acne will go away.</i>
	Conceal with clothing, make-up, hair, or other temporary measures	33 year-old female with a hypertrophic surgical scar on the abdomen (Patient 5).	<i>I am conscious of it. If my shirt rides up or anything I am always trying to pull it down. Especially for pictures.</i>
	Inability to Conceal	26 year-old female with atrophic acne scars on the face (Patient 37)	<i>Like...especially on their face because you can't cover that up. Like are you going to put a mask on all the time?</i>
Determinants of Opinion of Scar	Location of Scar	38 year-old female with atrophic scar from prior cutaneous infection on the thigh	<i>But that is the one that is very embarrassing to me because it is in an intimate location that not everybody sees but for some reason...because it's really large...</i>
	Noticeability of Scar	22 year-old female with linear surgical scars on the breasts (Patient 6)	<i>It is very visible if I wear something that is low down under my armpit or anything.</i>

Sexual Well-Being	Discomfort when naked	33 year-old female with hypertrophic surgical scar on the abdomen (Patient 5)	<i>When undressing around, you know, my husband...I am pretty used to it now, but initially I was pretty uncomfortable and I'd try to cover it.</i>
	Sexual self-consciousness	37 year-old female with hidradenitis suppurativa resulting in scarred sinus tracts and surgical scars on the arms and legs (Patient 38)	<i>I just feel like maybe he might want the attention of another woman that don't have these ugly scars. I feel inadequate. I feel unattractive. I feel...like Frankenstein.</i>
	Scar Location	22 year-old female with linear surgical scars on the breasts (Patient 6)	<i>I think because of where it is on my body it just affected my sex life a little bit more than I wanted it to.</i>
Health/Physical Well-Being	Negative impact of the underlying condition	37 year-old female with surgical scars on the arms and legs (Patient #38)	<i>I am swollen from all of the different trauma to my legs from the surgery and the scars.</i>
	Symptoms	24-year old female with linear surgical scar on the breast (Patient 8)	<i>The scar at the bottom sometimes, it will hurt deep inside ... but on the surface level I can't feel it. I don't have any sensation there. The part that I can feel though it is just itchy.</i>
	Functional Abilities	38 year-old male with hypertrophic surgical scar on the thigh and groin (Patient 12)	<i>But it was kind of preventing me from working out ... I wanted to get back into the gym 'cause I wanted to lose some weight, do cardio, but you know, with this, I really couldn't ... because it was so painful.</i>
Career	Hinderance of Professional Aspirations	55 year-old female with atrophic acne scars on the face (Patient 30)	<i>I feel I never progressed in my career like I would have if I had been more out there and done things instead of feeling more in my comfort zone...</i>
Overall Satisfaction with Scar	Negative	33 year-old female with hypertrophic surgical scar on the abdomen (Patient 5)	<i>I think it's terrible. And unsightly. And big and large. Just not pretty. I don't feel good about it.</i>

	Positive	57 year-old male with linear, surgical scars on the abdomen (Patient 14)	<i>It shows that I have been through a lot and I am here.</i>
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