

General Questionnaire

Research sub-study title: Delay in attending for care among Oral and Oropharyngeal Squamous Cell Carcinoma Patients in Muhimbili National Hospital, Tanzania

ID NO. Date of Interview.....

Having given informed consent on a separate sheet, you are invited to answer few questions below. These questions are administered by an Investigator through interview, but for some reasons, if you prefer to fill them by yourself you are also allowed. Please note also that you are not obliged to complete the whole questionnaire at once. And as you have been informed in the consent sheet, your participation is purely voluntary and denial or withdrawal from the study will not result into any harm or disadvantage on your side.

PART 1. Demographics and Risk Factors

A: Socio-demographical data

1. Age(Years)
2. Sex: ☐ Male. ☐ Female
3. Occupation:
 - i. Petty trading
 - ii. Doing medium to large Business
 - iii. Peasant (subsistence farming)
 - iv. Established farming
 - v. Employed (Civil servant/ employed in private sector)
 - vi. Not employed [not yet secured job]
 - vii. Not employed - Studying
4. Education:
 - i. No formal education
 - ii. Primary school education (4-7 years)
 - iii. Secondary school education (11-13 years)
 - iv. College education
 - v. University degree
5. Marital status

- i. Single
- ii. Married
- iii. Widowed
- iv. Separated
- v. Cohabiting

6. Monthly income

- i. 0 – 90,000 TZS (approximately not more than 3,000/- TZS per day)
- ii. 90,001 – 300,001 TZS (approximately 3,000 – 10,000/- TZS per day)
- iii. 300,001 – 999,999 TZS (approximately 10,000/- – 30,000 TZS per day)
- iv. $\geq 1,000,000$ TZS ($\geq 31,000$ / TZS per day)

7. Do you have active Health insurance?

- i. Yes
- ii. No

FACTORS RELATED TO DELAYS

1. When did this disease begin? months

2. How did the problem initially present? (Multiple responses allowable)

- i. Ulcer
- ii. Swelling
- iii. Mobile tooth/teeth
- iv. Painful tooth/teeth
- v. Discolouration
- vi. Numbness
- vii. Others; specify

3. How did the lesion progress? (Multiple responses allowable)

- i. Fast growing
- ii. Slow growing
- iii. Bleeding
- iv. Causing numbness
- v. Loosening of teeth
- vi. Others (Mention)

4. When you noticed the symptoms for the first time; what came to your mind? **(Multiple responses allowable)**

- i. I had no idea and I was not worried
- ii. I had no ideal but I was worried
- iii. Thought is an oral sore or gum infection
- iv. I ignored as I thought this cannot be a serious disease
- v. I ignored thinking it will clear by itself
- vi. I suspected that is a cancerous lesion

5. How long did you take before you went to attend the health facility for the first time?
..... weeks

6. What caused your delay to seek medical attention for the first time? Check with a tick (✓) where applicable for the reasons mentioned below.

Reason	1.Has not contributed at all	2.Has not contributed	3. It is difficult to ascertain	4.Has contributed	5.Has contributed immensely
I. Lack of money					
II. First tried traditional medicines					
III. Lack of awareness					
IV. Negligence					
V. Religious believes					
VI. Fear					

7. How far is the nearest health facility from where you stay? KM

8. Do you stay more than 5 KM away from a dispensary/health facility/hospital?

[1] Yes [2] No

9. Which type of health facility is near to the place you stay:

- i. Dispensary
- ii. Health Centre
- iii. District Hospital
- iv. Regional Hospital
- v. Referral Hospital

10. Is the nearest hospital having dental services? [1] Yes [2] No
11. If no how far is the nearest health facility providing dental services? Km
12. After attending 1st health facility and advice to go for referral, how long did it take to reach the regional referral hospital? weeks
13. From Regional referral hospital how long did it take to reach MHN? weeks
14. In total how long did it take from the time you attended the first health facility up to reaching MNH? weeks (Or..... months)
15. For each of the following reason below show to what extent has it contribute for your delay from the time you attended the first health facility to the time of arrival to MNH. Check with a tick (✓)

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II. First tried traditional medicines					
III. Lack of awareness					
IV. Negligence					
V. Religious believes					
VI. Witchcraft believes					
VII. Lower hospitals had problem to know what I was suffering.					
VIII. I had not obtained permission from my employer					
IX. I was worried to come for treatment having suspected /known that is cancer					
X. I had no one to take care of my business					
XI. I had other family/social problems					
XII. Other reasons. Specify					

Summary of Clinical assessment as per and Physical assessment Ref Tool on Form and Assessment Clinical Tool (attached).