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Interview topic guide

❖ **Professional Background**

(role, experience, knowledge/training in pain assessment and management, contact with advanced cancer patients)

❖ **Experiences of conducting pain assessments to support to people with advanced cancer**

- Assessment
 - Basic: pain intensity and interference
 - Detailed: underlying aetiology and pain mechanism, linked analgesic prescribing
- Decision-making
- Access to cancer pain management guidelines
- Providing cancer treatments and care
- Communication between oncology and patient
- Follow-up contact between patient and hcp

❖ **Identifying triggers for pain assessment**

- *what factors would lead doctor or nurse to undertake a pain assessment*

❖ **Specific examples of cancer pain assessments that have been conducted**

- *Talk us through how pain is assessed and managed in practice*

❖ **Examples of existing tools used in everyday pain assessment practice**

- *What works with this pain assessment tool or needs improving?*
- *Any challenges with using the tools in everyday practice?*

❖ **Anything that is difficult when people have advanced cancer to assess and manage their pain?**

❖ **Anything that works well?**

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❖ ***Suggestions for how pain assessment could be improved for people with advanced cancer?***

To ask participants that have insight and knowledge into existing clinical pathways:

- ❖ ***Implementing routine pain assessment within existing clinical pathways***
- Describe how a new treatment or procedure is currently integrated into an outpatient service?
 - Who is responsible for making sure everyone is trained and using the new treatment or procedure?
 - How can routine pain assessments be integrated into existing clinical pathways in your oncology outpatient service?
 - Explain what these improvements might make?
 - Any potential system level challenges?

❖ ***Anything you would like to add?***

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