

INTERVIEW GUIDE

Opening

1. Welcome and put the participant at ease and introduction of the researcher (name and background)
2. Interview purpose and process
3. Review and confirm consent

Topic Areas

1. Brief biography
 - Can you/they please tell me about your kidney disease/problem?
 - What do you believe might have caused your/their kidney disease?
 - How does your/their kidney disease currently impact your/their life?
 - Have you/they considered whether to have conservative kidney management (no dialysis) or have you decided to have dialysis?

General prompts

- *Tell me more about ... (as with interview questions/topics)?*
- *Can you give me some examples for this matter?*

2. How decisions were made about management and views on pathway
 - How were the treatment options for managing your/their kidney disease presented to you/them?
 - Who discussed these options with you/them?
 - What information were you/they provided with,
 - Who was involved in making the decision about whether or not to undergo dialysis?
 - What factors influenced your/their ultimate decision regarding kidney disease management?
 - Have you/they reconsidered your/their initial decision, or do you/they anticipate doing so in the future?

General prompts

- *Tell me more about ... (as with interview questions/topics)?*
- *Can you give me some examples for this matter?*

- 3a. For those who chose conservative kidney management
 - What motivated your/their decision to choose conservative kidney management?
 - What did you/they perceive as the potential benefits of conservative kidney management?

General prompts

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- *Can you give me some examples for this matter?*

- 3b. For those who opted for dialysis but have not yet started
 - What influenced your/their decision to undergo dialysis in the future?
 - What do you/they anticipate as the benefits of dialysis?

General prompts

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- *Can you give me some examples for this matter?*

3c. For those already undergoing dialysis:

- What factors led to your/their decision to start dialysis?
- What benefits did you/they anticipate from dialysis?
- Were there any other implications you/they considered?
- Have you/they encountered any unexpected experiences since starting dialysis?
- Can you describe any concerns you/they had during the decision-making process regarding your/their kidney disease management?
- How much time did it take for you to decide on starting dialysis?
- Were your family/significant others involved in the decision? If so how? If not why not?
- What concerns do you/they currently have about the decision that was made regarding your/their kidney disease management?
- How well did you/they understand the consequences and procedures at the time?
- Did you/they feel adequately involved in the decision-making process?
- Overall, how do you/they feel about the management of the decision-making process?
- How do you/they think the decision-making process could be improved or changed?

General prompts

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- *Can you give me some examples for this matter?*

4. Using digital health technologies for education, decision-making and informed consent:

- Can you please tell me about experience of using the internet to learn about your health? Kidney problems?
 - o If so, what sites did you find helpful? What made these sites helpful?
 - o If no experience – ask why not.
- If you wanted to learn something about managing your kidney problem using a computer or laptop which we call digital interface, what would you consider important areas to be covered?
- You probably have experienced giving consent (permission) for a doctor (or another health professional) to do an operation or a procedure or to start dialysis. Thinking back to that experience, what helped you to decide whether to give consent?
- Now imagine the consent to start dialysis is electronic and the information is given to you that way, what would you/they consider is needed for you to give consent that way?
- What features would you/they find most helpful in a digital interface for kidney disease education and decision-making?

General prompts

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- *Can you give me some examples for this matter?*

Closing

I appreciate the time you took for this interview. Is there anything else you would like to add or would like to change any information that has been shared?

I should have all the information I need. Thank you again.