

Appendix 2. Summary of outcomes and outcome themes identified from interviews.

Outcome Theme	Outcome	How many interviews outcome was referenced in	Total number of references in all interviews
Surviving and controlling cancer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referenced in 20 interviews Referenced 90 times in all interviews. 	Curing Cancer	4	6
	Recurrence of Cancer	18	28
	Survival	20	56
Technical aspects of surgery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referenced in 18 interviews Referenced 52 times in all interviews. 	Complete Excision of Cancer	18	52
	Excision of Lymph Nodes	5	5
	Need for splenectomy	1	1
	Operative time	1	2
	Wound Size	7	11
Adverse events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referenced in 20 interviews Referenced 97 times in all interviews. 	Ability to have adjuvant chemotherapy	1	1
	Anaesthetic Complications	1	1
	Anastomotic Leak	6	9
	Anastomotic Stricture	1	1
	B12 Deficiency	5	5
	Bleeding	1	2
	Cardiac Complications	2	2
	Catheter related complications	1	1
	Cerebro-vascular complications	1	1
	Gastrointestinal problems	1	1
	Hernia	1	1
	Intestinal complications	4	10
	Medication-related complications	10	12
Need for reintervention	8	13	

	Peri-operative death	12	20
	Re-Admission to Hospital	3	4
	Respiratory complications	3	3
	Wound Complications	8	10
Recovery from surgery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referenced in 18 interviews • Referenced 57 times in all interviews. 	In Hospital Recovery	11	23
	Length of Stay Following Surgery	11	18
	Peripheral Oedema	1	1
Long-terms problems following surgery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referenced in 20 interviews • Referenced 175 times in all interviews. 	Eating & Drinking	20	75
	Fatigue	16	38
	Gastrointestinal symptoms	11	27
	Pain	10	14
	Weight Loss	12	21
Long-term impacts of surgery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referenced in 20 interviews • Referenced 133 times in all interviews. 	Necessity of long-term feeding	1	1
	Overall QoL	8	10
	Psychological impact	11	40
	Returning to normality	20	82