Appendix. Survey Measure

*Disclosing a Diagnosis of Cancer*  
*Today’s date: ____________________  ID: _____*

**SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS**

1. How old are you? ____________

2. What is your relationship status?
   - [ ] Single  [ ] Separated  [ ] Married  [ ] Divorced  [ ] Widowed

3. What is your race?
   a. Caucasian
   b. African-American
   c. Asian/Pacific Islander
   d. Other __________________________

4. What is your ethnicity?
   a. Hispanic
   b. Non-Hispanic

5. What type of cancer do you have?
   a. Uterine
   b. Ovarian, fallopian tube or peritoneal
   c. Cervical, vulvar or vaginal
   d. I do not know

6. What is the highest level of education you have achieved?
   a. 6-11 years of schooling
   b. High school diploma
   c. Some college
   d. College graduate
   e. Trade school
   f. Postgraduate

7. What is your religion?
   a. No religion
   b. Protestant
   c. Catholic
   d. Jewish
   e. Muslim
   f. Other __________________________

8. How often do you participate in activities of faith based organizations (church, temple, etc.) such as religious services, community gatherings, etc.
   a. Not at all
   b. < 6 times per year
   c. 6-12 times per year
   d. Monthly
   e. Weekly or more often

9. What is your household’s yearly income?
   a. < 25,000
   b. 25,000-49,999
   c. 50,000-74,999
   d. 75,000-99,999
   e. ≥ 100,000
   f. I do not know
   g. I prefer not to answer

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***Here are some questions about your experience when you were first told you had cancer. ***
Please circle your responses.

**DISCLOSURE OF CANCER DIAGNOSIS TO PATIENTS**

10. Method of Disclosure:
    a. By Phone
    b. In a physician’s office
    c. In a hospital, and if so, where?
       i. Emergency Room
       ii. Radiology Department
       iii. Patient Room
       iv. Other: _______________
    d. I do not remember.

11. Who told you your diagnosis the first time?
    a. Primary Care Physician
    b. Gynecologist
    c. Gynecologic oncologist
    d. Non-physician
    e. Other ______________________
    f. I do not remember.

12. Was another person present?    a. Yes                b. No

13. Who was with you when you were first told you had cancer? (Circle all that apply).
    a. No one was with me, I was by myself
    b. Parent
    c. Spouse
    d. Sibling
    e. Child
    f. Significant Other
    g. I do not remember.


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14. How long was the discussion with your doctor (minutes)?
   a. Less than 1 minute
   b. 1-10
   c. 11-30
   d. 31-60
   e. > 60
   f. I do not remember.

***Continued: Please reflect about your experience when you were first told you had cancer. ***
Mark the appropriate box on the right.

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<td>2. The doctor was sensitive to how I was feeling</td>
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<td>3. I was given an opportunity to express my feelings while the news was being delivered</td>
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<td>4. The doctor seemed to think about my needs during the interaction</td>
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<td>5. The doctor took into account my personality and emotionality when s/he delivered the news</td>
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<td>6. The doctor took into account what I already knew about the situation the bad news entailed</td>
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<td>7. The doctor tried to empathize with what I was feeling</td>
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<td>8. The doctor let me set the pace of the transaction</td>
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<td>9. Rather than sticking to a plan, the doctor allowed my reaction to dictate the flow of the transaction</td>
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<td>10. The doctor gave me control over how the news was broken</td>
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Physician Behaviors

1. The doctor decided when the news was delivered
2. I was given written materials about the condition and/or the services available
3. The doctor sat close to me
4. The doctor checked with me several days later to see whether I had any questions or concerns
5. I felt that the doctor kept his/herself from showing me how s/he was truly feeling during the interaction
6. The doctor used body language and nonverbal cues to let me know that bad news was forthcoming
7. The doctor initiated physical contact with me (e.g., held hands, hugged, etc.)
8. The doctor pressured me to respond in a certain way during the interaction
9. The doctor seemed nervous as I received the news.

PHYSICIAN COMMUNICATION SKILLS:

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<td>2. Treated me with respect</td>
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<td>3. Showed interest in my ideas about my health</td>
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<td>4. Understood my main health concerns</td>
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<td>5. Paid attention to me (looked at me, listened carefully)</td>
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<td>6. Let me talk without interruptions</td>
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<td>7. Gave me as much information as I wanted</td>
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<td>8. Talked in terms I could understand</td>
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<td>9. Checked to be sure I understood everything</td>
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<td>10. Encouraged me to ask questions</td>
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<td>11. Involved me in decisions as much as I wanted</td>
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12. Discussed next steps, including any follow-up plans | 1 2 3 4 5 |
13. Showed care and concern | 1 2 3 4 5 |
14. Spent the right amount of time with me | 1 2 3 4 5 |

**Trust**

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<td>1. Sometimes my doctor cares more about what is convenient for him/her than about my medical needs.</td>
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<td>2. My doctor is extremely thorough and careful.</td>
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<td>3. I completely trust my doctor's decisions about which medical treatments are best for me.</td>
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<td>4. My doctor is totally honest in telling me about all of the different treatment options available for my condition.</td>
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<td>5. All in all, I have complete trust in my doctor.</td>
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**Environment**

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<td>1. I received the news in a quiet place</td>
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<td>2. The place where I received the news was comfortable</td>
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<td>3. I received the news in a private location</td>
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<td>4. The doctor delivered the news in person</td>
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<td>5. The doctor made certain there was no interruptions while s/he broke the news</td>
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<td>6. Someone (e.g. a nurse) accompanied the doctor while s/he gave the news</td>
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1. The doctor conveyed some measure of hope.

2. The doctor talked to me about how the cancer would have an effect on my ability to become pregnant in the future.

3. The doctor discussed treatment options during the same time he/she told me my diagnosis.

Overall impressions: Please rate your experiences: 0% (poor) -100 % (excellent)
1. Overall, how satisfied were you with the way you were told about your diagnosis of cancer? _____

Additional comments:
___________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________

1. I feel pleasant

2. I feel nervous and restless

3. I am satisfied with myself

4. I wish I could be as happy as others seem to be

5. I feel like a failure

6. I feel rested

7. I am "calm, cool and collected"

8. I feel that difficulties are piling up so that I cannot overcome them


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<td>I lack self confidence</td>
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<td>I feel secure</td>
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<td>I make decisions easily</td>
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<td>I feel inadequate</td>
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<td>16.</td>
<td>I feel content</td>
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<td>Some unimportant thoughts run through my mind and bother me</td>
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<td>I take disappointments so keenly that I can't put them out of my mind</td>
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<td>I am a steady person</td>
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<td>I get in a state of tension or turmoil as I think over my recent concerns and interests</td>
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Thank you!