Appendix 1

Common questions
• According to you which of the following is the most important for you
  • Decrease in symptoms
  • Prolongation of Life
  • Both of the above
  • Something else (specify ....................).

• If it is both of the above which is more important?
  • Decrease in symptoms even if life is not prolonged
  • Prolongation of life even if symptoms and problems do not decrease
  • Both have equal importance.

• According to you prolonging life means prolonging life by at least prolonging life by
  • 1 month
  • 2–4 month
  • 4–6 month
  • >6 month to 1 year
  • >1 year.

• As explained to you earlier, you would have realized that chemotherapy will not prolong life of all patients; If so: If how many people benefit will you be willing to take chemotherapy?
  • One person in 100
  • One person in 50
  • One person in 20
  • One person in 10
  • One person in 5.

Specific questions
• What percentage (%) of your lives do you wish to spend in each of the following places shown in the picture below

• You would have understood that, as a result, of side-effects of chemotherapy there is a risk of dying. Up to what % are you ready to accept the risk of death due to toxicity?
  • 1% risk
  • 2–5% risk
  • 6–10% risk
  • 11–20% risk.

• Certain side-effects of chemotherapy affect day to day living activities. Up to what % are you ready to accept such side-effects?
  • 1–10% risk
  • 11–20% risk
  • 21–30% risk
  • 31–40% risk.

• Number the following side-effects from 1 to 10 in ascending order of their acceptability to you, that is 1st been most unacceptable and 10th been most acceptable.
• Fever
• Vomiting
• Nausea
• Loose motions
• Skin rash
• Numbness of hands and feet
• Muscle pain
• Fatigue
• Weakness of body
• Constipation.

• Number the following methods of administration of chemotherapy in ascending order of their acceptability to you, that is 1st been most unacceptable and last been most acceptable.
  • 5 days continuous intravenous chemotherapy (once in 21 days)
  • 3–4 h of intravenous chemotherapy (once in 21 days)
  • 1–2 h of intravenous chemotherapy (once in a week)
  • Oral tablets daily at home.

• If you require hospital admissions for side-effects up to how many times minimum, it is acceptable to you?
  • Zero times/No admission
  • 1–2
  • 3–4
  • >5 times.

• Per month up to maximum how much money you are ready to spend for your treatment?
  • 1000 INR to 1 lakh INR
  • 1–2 lakh INR
  • 2–3 lakh INR
  • >3 lakh INR.

• If you are ready to spend a small amount for treatment are you ready to take less effective treatment?
  • Yes
  • No.

• When you take a cheaper, less effective treatment the effect on prolongation of life will be less up to how many months is it acceptable to you?
  • 1–2 months
  • 3–4 months
  • >4 months.

• To improve your disease control are you ready to participate in a new drug study?
  • Yes
  • No If No why no.