eRAPID Systemic development work

Overview of eRAPID programme development grant (2011-2013)

The eRAPID systemic development work took place over 18 months during 2011-2013 funded by NIHR PDG scheme RP-DG-1209-1003. This section provides a brief overview of the developmental work completed during this phase and how this was subsequently built upon in the initial phases of the eRAPID programme grant.

Mapping professional and care pathways

Existing patient care pathways for the management of AE at St. James University Hospital were mapped in order to identify how eRAPID could be most effectively integrated. In order to map clinical pathways, patients (n=26), carers (n=6) and staff (n=15) at varying stages of the treatment trajectory were interviewed. An audit of the newly introduced local acute oncology service was undertaken, focusing on the telephone triage system. Patients who had unplanned admissions were asked to complete a survey about their experiences (n=40), and a sub-set (n=26) completed interviews to further explore their experiences. This audit is described in detail in a published paper.¹

In addition, methods of collecting patient information on contacts with healthcare outside of the hospital and health economics data on additional costs patients encountered as a result of their chemotherapy (e.g. non-prescription medications, travelling costs etc.) were piloted.

Development of the AE items

To identify the most common AE experienced by patients with breast, gynaecological, colorectal, lung and renal cancer which would be suitable for self-reporting, an extensive literature review was undertaken, in addition to analysis of a databank of 800 cancer patients' consultations. Sixteen common AE were identified and a further three item areas were added after consultation with clinical and patient representatives. Self-report items were developed for each AE, using criteria which mapped directly on the Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE). The CTCAE is commonly used by clinicians to grade patients' chemotherapy toxicities.

It was essential that patient self-reporting could map onto the CTCAE, in order for them to be clinically relevant to staff, and so that clear guidelines for necessary medical intervention could be established based on existing practice.

In order to evaluate the items for comprehensibility and relevance to patients, cognitive interviews were undertaken. Sixty patients purposively sampled by age, gender and tumour group (median age 61.5, range 35–84, 12 breast, 12 gynaecological, 13 colorectal, 12 lung and 11 renal) participated. Patients were asked to complete all items on a touch-screen computer prior to taking part in an audio-recorded cognitive interview to explore understanding of each item. Following interviews, 33 amendments were made. 29% of changes related to question comprehension, 68% to response options and 3% to order effects. These amendments to phrasing and language improved patient understanding but maintained CTCAE grading and key medical information. The cognitive interviews are described in detail in a published paper. ²

Development of self-management advice

Self-management advice for each AE was collated from local and national guidelines and reputable websites. This advice was evolved into two forms – brief, immediate advice to be displayed at the end of the self-report questionnaire for reported symptoms, and more detailed advice (lifestyle advice etc.) for each symptom to be displayed on a separate website for patients to browse at their leisure. Self-management advice was iteratively reviewed by the local RAG (N=9), clinical staff (N=19) and patients actively receiving chemotherapy (N=13) to ensure comprehensibility and clinical relevance. Verbal and written feedback was collated and reviewed. The website was completed in September 2013 and only minor changes to content were made following this to keep content up to date with local guidelines.

Development of the IT systems

As described in Section 2 of this report, an existing web-based questionnaire tool (QTool³) was further developed to meet the needs of eRAPID⁴. The main development needed was the facility to provide automated, tailored advice based on scoring algorithms in response to patient symptom reports, in addition to general improvement of usability and functionality. The team worked closely with X-Lab (the software developers who built Qtool) to incorporate new functionality using scoring and dependencies to facilitate the use of scoring algorithms, which could then be used to display automated advice based on questionnaire responses.

Development of the algorithms

In addition to self-management advice where appropriate, guidelines were developed to identify thresholds for advising patients when to contact the hospital and when to self-manage. These were designed in keeping with local and national guidelines and were further developed into a set of algorithms to allow for automated tailored advice on the online system. The finalised algorithms are described in more detail below.

Additional refinement to the eRAPID systemic intervention prior commencing the RCT (2013- 2015)

During the initial stages of the eRAPID programme grant, the research team made further refinements to the intervention prior to commencement of the randomised controlled trial. An overview of activities conducted between 2013-2015 is described in Table 1.

Table 1 Overview of systemic intervention development prior to commencing RCT

	Activity
2013	Further IT development
	Creation of eRAPID login homepage and information website (completed
	September 2013- see Section 2 for more details)
	Refinement of QTool symptom reports-drop down options for additional
	symptoms reporting
	Refinement of QStore functionality and data display
	Consensus meetings conducted with colorectal/breast/gynae clinical
	teams to select items for symptom report and allocate severity grading
	Local R&D approval obtained for clinical usability of eRAPID intervention
	in breast clinic
2014	Clinical usability testing in breast clinic conducted (January-April)
	RCT protocol submitted for ethical REC approval
	REC approval obtained with minor amendments (August)
	Full REC approval received (September)
	Finalised QTool symptoms reports and scoring algorithms completed
	(October)
	Patient symptom report reminder system (via text/email) developed
	(completed December)
2015	eRAPID staff training begins
	RCT open to recruitment (January)

Further IT developments

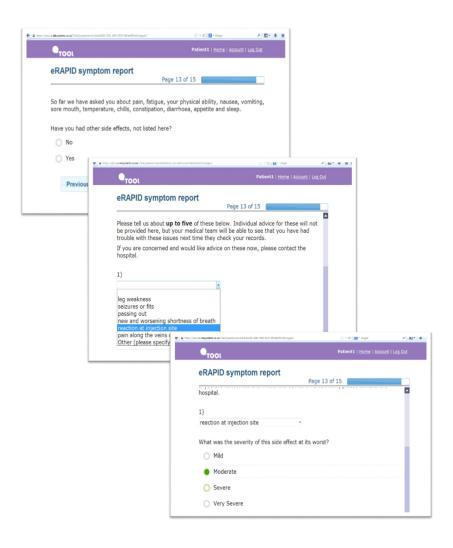
One of the challenges identified from the usability testing was the need for symptom reports to be capable of recording clinically significant and common AE and maintaining the ability to capture wider problems patients may experience- whilst trying to keep the questionnaires brief and limit completion burden.

Strategies to overcome this were investigated and a solution utilising optional dropdown menus was introduced. Dropdown menus could be included at the end of the main questionnaire and gave patients the option of reporting less common

toxicities. For example, if patients answered 'Yes' to the question 'Have you had any other symptoms', a series of dropdown menus would appear from which patients could select AE they had experienced not listed in the main questionnaire (see *Figure 1*)

Any symptoms which patients report via these dropdowns could then be treated in the same way as symptoms reported in the main questionnaire for the algorithms and advice provided. The addition of these questions required further development and testing of the algorithms which was undertaken by the eRAPID research team.

Figure 1 Dropdown questions option at end of main eRAPID systemic symptom reports



Refinement of QStore

The QStore interface was tested by members of the eRAPID research team (N=6) and changes were made to make this more user friendly for both researchers setting up studies, and for clinicians to access and interpret patient reported data.

These changes were mainly related to improving language (e.g. removing technical terms) and streamlining some of the more commonly used processes to make them more intuitive.

Finalising symptom report items and algorithms

An iterative approach was adopted to finalise items and algorithms, utilising consensus meetings with clinicians from each of the relevant disease groups (Colorectal consultant oncologists (N=2), Gynae consultant oncologists (N=2), Breast consultant oncologists (N=2). Clinicians were asked to review draft versions of the eRAPID questionnaires and provide feedback on the relevance of the items and to identify any additional AE that should be included. In addition, following the introduction of the dropdown menus, clinicians were asked to advice on which items would be better as part of the main questionnaire, and which would be suitable for inclusion in the dropdown menus.

A priority list of all items in each questionnaire was also generated to determine the order that advice should be shown in (see Table 5 for more detail)⁵.

In order to finalise the algorithms for symptom advice, clinicians were also asked to set 'levels' for each of the items included. These levels are then used to calculate algorithms to determine the advice displayed to patients.

Each question response is allocated a level of 1, 2 or 3, with three being the most severe:

- Level 1 a number of mild and/or moderate problems, self-management is appropriate. Advice - self-management with shorter pre-amble
- Level 2 potentially serious medical problem, need attention but not emergency admission. Advice – please contact the hospital when convenient to discuss your symptoms

Level 3 - potential medical emergency. Advice – please contact the hospital now, you may need admission. The suggestion for admission generated a lot of comments, upset some patients. Discussed whether to keep the colour Red or Blue and whether to change the words. Decided to keep Red but to remove the words suggesting admission.

Following the clinical usability testing (described below) we introduced an additional branching questions to determine if clinically severe symptoms were currently being experienced or had been experienced (within the last seven days) but had now improved. If improved, the severity level is downgraded to Level 2.

Not all questions were allocated a Level 3 response. For example, although difficulty sleeping is a disruptive symptom for many patients, it is less clinically important in terms of safely delivering chemotherapy, and as such does not have a Level 3 response (see Table 2)

Table 2 Example of eRAPID symptom question and corresponding severity level

Question	Response wording	Severity			
		level			
Diarrhoea					
Have you	No	0			
had	I have had diarrhoea and opened my bowels 2-3	1			
diarrhoea	times more in a 24 hour period than is normal for				
(loose or	me				
watery	I have had diarrhoea and opened my bowels 4-6	2			
stools)?	times more in a 24 hour period than is normal for				
	me				
	I have had diarrhoea and opened my bowels over	3			
	7 times more in a 24 hour period than is normal for				
	me or I have been incontinent (unable to control				
	my bowels)				

Difficulty sleeping							
Have you	No	0					
had	I occasionally have difficulty falling asleep, staying	1					
difficulty	asleep or I wake too early						
sleeping?	sleeping? I often have difficulty falling asleep, staying asleep						
	or I wake too early						
	I always have difficulty falling asleep, staying						
	asleep or I wake too early						

A full list of the final symptom reports for each cancer group can be found below with the assigned severity grading for each response option. The following algorithm framework (Table 3) was then applied to the underlying scoring of the full symptom report to guide the level of patient advice immediately presented to patients.

Table 3 eRAPID systemic RCT symptom report algorithms⁵

Algo	orithm	Advice
Α	One or more severe	Comment - Reworded Red message appears
	scores Level 3 item/	after Level 3 is selected and at the end. Add
	response followed by a	link to eRAPID website for advice, but do not
	branching question	put specific advice as it may distract from the
		main message to call the medical team.
A1	This is a current problem	Level 3 advice for current problems
		Immediate feedback after the item
		You have indicated a serious problem in this
		area. We recommend that you contact the
		hospital now to discuss your symptoms with
		the medical team (St James's University
		Hospital 0113 243 3144 and ask for the
		Oncology Patient Enquiries Bleep Holder).
		Before you contact the hospital and if you feel
		able, please complete the remaining
		questions.
		Feedback at the end

You have indicated that you have experienced some serious symptoms with:

A list is generated by QTool
List all Level 3 and Level 2 in priority order
We recommend that you contact the hospital now to discuss your symptoms with the medical team (St James's University Hospital 0113 243 3144 and ask for the Oncology Patient Enquiries Bleep Holder).

You can also find information and advice about managing your symptoms here.
[hyperlink to eRAPID website]

A2 The issue has been improved

Level 3 advice for resolved problems

You have indicated that you have experienced some serious symptoms with:

A list is generated by QTool

List all Level 3 and Level 2 in priority order

You have reported that you have been experiencing some serious problems which have now improved. If you have not already been in contact with your medical team, we recommend that you contact them to discuss your symptoms when convenient, or mention them at your next clinic appointment (if in the next 1-2 weeks). If you have already been in touch with your medical team regarding your symptoms, please follow the advice they have given you.

You can find some advice on managing your symptoms below.

List advice for all L3 (resolved) and L2 items.

		You can also find information and advice about managing your symptoms here [hyperlink to eRAPID website]
В	No Level 3 Level 2 - 3 or more medically important problems	Level 2 advice You have indicated that you have experienced some serious symptoms with: A list of all Level 2 items is generated by QTool, priority order as in word file 'Priority ratings'. The top highlighted items are medically important and are to be included in this algorithm. The rest, non-highlighted items are included in Algorithm C.
		If your symptoms are new or have changed recently, please either contact the hospital when convenient to discuss your symptoms with the medical team or mention them at your next clinic appointment (if in the next 1-2 weeks).
		You can find some advice on managing your symptoms below. List advice for all L2 items You can also find information and advice about managing your symptoms here . [hyperlink to eRAPID website]
С	No Level 3 scores AND less than three Level 2 scores OR both Level 2 and Level 1 scores	Level 1 advice – self-management You have indicated that you have experienced some mild symptoms with: A list all items is generated by QTool, priority order as in word file 'Priority ratings' Pre-amble:

OR

Level 1 scores only

These symptoms do not require medical attention at present, but there are simple things you can do to help yourself.

Please Note:

The advice below has been prioritised to address the most important medical issues first.

You may be directed to our website for more information.

We cannot provide advice for any symptoms you have added yourself in the free-text boxes. If you are worried and would like advice now, please contact the hospital.

Move to the end, after the specific advice

Once you have finished reading the advice section, click 'Finish' at the bottom of the screen.

You will then be able to:

Print any of the advice or send it to an email address.

Log out of the system.

List advice for.

If L2 item(s)- always add advice in priority order

If L2 + L1 items – add advice for two L2 items, plus a maximum of two of L1 items. For L1 items only show a maximum of four L1 items. For the rest – refer to the website.

		You can also find information and advice about managing your symptoms here . [hyperlink to eRAPID website]
D	No problems at all	Thank you for completing the questionnaire. Please remember to report again in one weeks' time or at any other time you may experience problems.

Clinical usability testing (January – April 2014)

Following development of the eRAPID intervention, clinical usability testing was undertaken in a breast cancer clinic at St James Hospital. The overall purpose of the usability study was to have the end users (staff and patients) use eRAPID in a real life clinical setting. Extensive usability testing had already been undertaken and both patient and staff representatives were involved throughout the development process. A considerable amount of work had also been undertaken to map existing clinical pathways and identify where eRAPID might fit in. However, field usability testing can be a useful tool to troubleshoot practical issues that may not be identified by standard usability testing. This was an important step to streamline some of the complex processes of integrating eRAPID into clinical practice for both patients and staff, prior to the commencement of the RCT. The overall aims of the usability testing were to ensure that:

- 1) training provided to both patients and staff was sufficient and feasible
- 2) that procedures for patient completion and staff access of eRAPID symptom reports were feasible to both parties
- 3) that symptom advice was useful and relevant to patients
- 4) that the safeguards put in place for when severe symptoms were reported by patients were safe and reliable.

The reliability of the eRAPID system from an IT perspective was also assessed. A detailed report of the clinical usability testing is provided in our published paper ⁶.

The testing period ran from mid-January 2014 to mid-March 2014 involving 12 participating patients starting adjuvant or neo-adjuvant chemotherapy treatment for early breast cancer with an age range of 33-73 years (mean 47.5 years, SD=10.3).

Ten members of the breast care clinical team participated in the assessment including two adjuvant breast CNSs and eight doctors who accessed patient eRAPID symptom reports at routine clinic appointments (four senior oncologists (consultants), four oncology trainees).

Overall the clinical field testing indicated that the eRAPID intervention functioned as expected in practical terms and was deemed acceptable to patients. A number of important learning points were gained from this exercise that fine-tuned the intervention from the patient and staff perspective and a description of the main issues identified and the actions taken to resolve them are summarised in Table 4.

Table 4 Issues identified during clinical usability testing and actions taken (adapted from Warrington *et al* BMJ Open 2019)

	Issue identified	Actions taken
Patient	Adherence with weekly	A text and email reminder
adherence	symptom reports was variable.	system was implemented
to weekly	Patients reported that they:	Patient training was adapted to
reporting	Forgot/didn't see the point in	emphasise the reasons for
	completing when well/	weekly completion, even when
	sometimes did not feel well	not experiencing symptoms
	enough to complete/were	
	unsure how often to complete	
Alerts	Alerts were triggered for	Thresholds for sending alerts
	physical ability when neither	for 'physical ability' were
	patient nor clinician felt it was	adapted
	needed.	Branching questions asking 'Is
	Alerts could be generated for	this a current problem?' were
	severe levels of AE that were	added as a further step before
	experienced at any time during	sending alerts to clinicians.
	the last 7 days, including those	See Figure 2 for illustration.
	issues which had already been	Additional branching questions
	resolved. This resulted in	were added for physical ability
	several 'false' alerts being	and fatigue to determine
	triggered.	whether the patient had

	Alerts triggered but then no	sufficient support at home to
	evidence in PPM reports due to	manage
	patient amending their	Report was amended to show
	response. Retracted alerts	retracted alerts
	should still be documented in	
	the reports.	
Usability of	Graphs for symptom reported in	After consultation with an
patient	the dropdown lists look a little	expert on patient interpretation
interface	out of place when not reported	of graphical information (Dr.
	regularly	Yasmina Okan, University of
	Symptom names on graphs	Leeds), we removed graphs
	don't always correspond with	for symptoms reported in the
	those on the questionnaire	dropdown lists as they didn't
	Confusion with some wording –	add much value and were
	e.g. the 'Email your feedback'	confusing.
	link. Patients expected to	Changes made to wording to
	provide us with feedback, rather	ensure consistency and
	than emailing self-management	patient understanding
	advice to themselves.	
Usability of	Feedback from clinicians	The facility for clinicians to
clinician	indicated that:	annotate when alerts were
interface	It would be useful to be able to	acted upon was added
	annotate when alerts have	A triangle indicating each
	been actioned on.	treatment chemo cycle was
	It would be useful to incorporate	added to the graphs
	patients' chemo cycles into the	Changes made to graph
	graphs	display when patients report
	Scores at 0 look like the patient	·0·
	hasn't completed.	
Acceptability	Patients wanted to provide	Two solutions implemented –
of symptom	additional information about	Additional branching questions
report	symptoms – e.g. when they	to specify the timing of
		symptoms

	experienced them or the type of	Addition of a free-text box to
	pain they had.	the pain question for more
	Patients wanted to report	information
	individual symptoms without	
	having to complete the full	
	questionnaire	
Acceptability	Query about what to do if you	Advice added to let your
of self-	are following advice and	clinical team know if
management	symptoms are not resolving	symptoms are not resolving
advice	Query about adding additional	Decided against adding
	links to other websites such as	additional links to external
	Macmillan	websites as it would be too
	Query about adding advice on	difficult to ensure links were
	achy veins and hot flushes	always up to date
		Advice on achy veins and hot
		flushes added
Processes of	Patients were happy with the	Changed processes of
recruitment	level of training given	recruitment for RCT so that
and training	Patients felt pre-	patient information sheet was
	assessment/chemotherapy	given at clinic appointment,
	appointments might be a more	and we would speak to them
	suitable time to approach	at pre-assessment.
	people as they were often quite	Staff training adapted to
	anxious at the clinic	encourage staff to let patients
	appointment	know when they were using
	Patients were not always aware	symptom report data and to
	when staff were using results	encourage patients to
	Staff reported that symptom	complete regularly
	report data was much more	
	useful when completed	
	regularly	

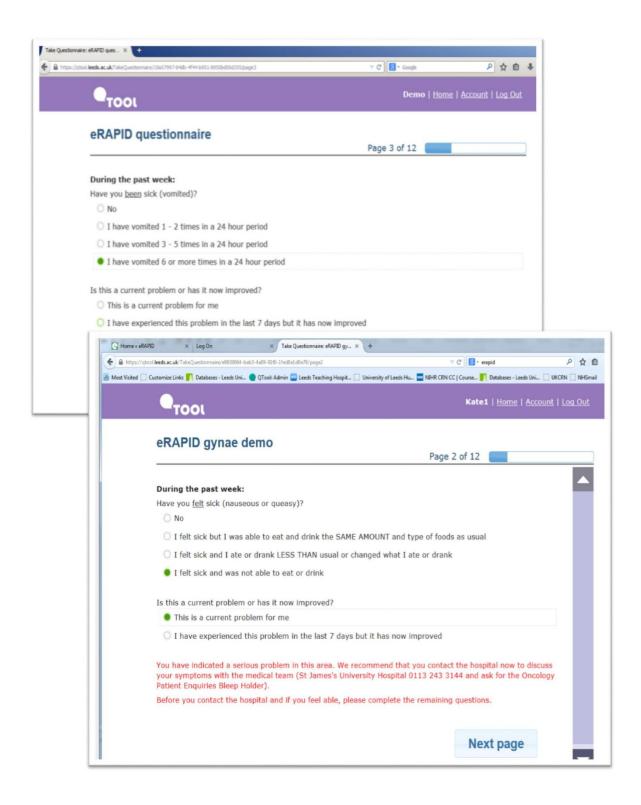


Figure 2 Example of branching questions added

Table 5 Master table of AE items used in symptom report by cancer group

Question	Item (Includes	Dropdown	Responses	Breast	Breast	Colorectal	Gynae
	"During the last 7	menu		Question	Metastatic	Question	Question
	days" for all	wording		type and	Question	type and	type and
	standard items)			level	type and	level	level
					level		
Pain	Have you had pain	n/a	No	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard
	or discomfort		I had mild pain or discomfort	1	1	1	1
	anywhere on your		I had moderate pain or	2	2	2	2
	body?		discomfort and I was not able				
			to do some of the things I				
			normally do (e.g. household				
			chores, shopping)				
			I had severe pain or discomfort	3	3	3	3
			and I was not able to care for				
			myself (e.g. getting out of bed,				
			bathing, dressing)				
Nausea		n/a	No	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard

	Have you felt sick		I felt sick but I was able to eat	1	1	1	1
	(nauseous or		and drink the same amount				
	queasy)?		and type of foods as usual				
			I felt sick and I ate or drank	2	2	2	2
			less than usual or changed				
			what I ate or drank				
			I felt sick and was not able to	3	3	3	3
			eat or drink				
Vomiting	Have you been	n/a	No	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard
	sick (vomited)?		I have vomited 1 - 2 times in a	1	1	1	1
			24 hour period				
			I have vomited 3 - 5 times in a	2	2	2	2
			24 hour period				
			I have vomited 6 or more times	3	3	3	3
			in a 24 hour period				
Diarrhoea	Have you had	n/a	No	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard
	diarrhoea (loose		I have had diarrhoea and	1	1	1	1
	or watery stools)?		opened my bowels 2-3 times				

			more in a 24 hour period than is normal for me I have had diarrhoea and opened my bowels 4-6 times more in a 24 hour period than	2	2	3	2
			is normal for me I have had diarrhoea and	3	3	3	3
			opened my bowels over 7 times more in a 24 hour period than is normal for me or I have been incontinent (unable to control my bowels)	J	3	3	3
Constipation	Have you been	n/a	No	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard
Constipation	constipated?	II/a	I have had occasional constipation which was relieved by changing my diet or taking laxatives	1	1	1	1
			I have had ongoing constipation with stomach discomfort. I was not able to	2	2	2	2

			do some of the things I normally do (e.g. household chores, shopping) and I have changed my diet or taken laxatives every day to relieve the constipation				
			I have had severe ongoing constipation with stomach pain, bloating or feeling sick. I was not able to care for myself (e.g. getting out of bed, bathing, dressing) and it was not relieved by regular laxatives	3	3	3	3
Temperature	Please take your temperature with a thermometer	n/a	My temperature is less than 37.0 °C My temperature is between	Standard 1	Standard	Standard	Standard 1
	and choose the best answer below		37.0 °C and 37.5 °C My temperature is above 37.5 °C but less than 38.0 °C	2	2	2	2

			My temperature is 38.0 °C or above	3	3	3	3
Chills	Have you had	n/a	No	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard
	shivering, shaking and chattering of teeth?		I have felt a little cold with shivering and chattering of teeth	1	1	1	1
			I have felt very cold, with shaking all over my body but this settled very quickly	2	2	2	2
			I have felt very cold, with shaking all over my body for 30 minutes or more	3	3	3	3
				_			_
Physical Activity	Please select from the options below the statement that best describes	n/a	I am up and about and can do everything that I could do before my illness without any difficulty	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard
	your level of physical ability		I am up and about almost all of the time. I cannot do any heavy physical work but I can	1	1	1	1

	during the past		do most other things (e.g.				
	week		household chores, shopping)				
			I am up and about more than	2	2	2	2
			half the day; I can look after				
			myself (e.g. getting out of bed,				
			bathing, dressing) but I cannot				
			do much else				
			I am in bed or in a chair for	3	3	3	3
			more than half of the day and I				
			need some help looking after				
			myself				
			I am in bed or in a chair all the	3	3	3	3
			time and I cannot look after				
			myself				
Appetite	Have you lacked	n/a	No	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard
	appetite or lost		I have lacked appetite but I	1	1	1	1
	interest in food?		was able to eat and drink the				
			same amount and type of food				
			as usual				

		I have lacked appetite and I ate or drank less than usual or I have been taking supplement drinks	2	2	2	2
		I have lacked appetite and I was not able to eat or drink	3	3	3	3
Have you felt tired,	n/a	No	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard
fatigued or lacked energy?		I felt tired but this was relieved by rest	1	1	1	1
		I felt tired but this was not relieved by rest and I had difficulty doing some of the things I normally do (e.g. household chores, shopping)	2	2	2	2
		I felt tired but this was not relieved by rest and I was not able to take care of myself (e.g. getting out of bed, bathing, dressing)	3	3	3	3
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Stoma	Do you have a	n/a	Yes- Go to Q7	n/a	n/a	Standard	Standard
yes/no	stoma (colostomy		No- Go to Q8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	bag) or						
	ileostomy?						
Stoma	Have you	n/a	No	n/a	n/a	Standard	Standard
diarrhoea	increased the		I'm emptying my stoma bag 2 -	n/a	n/a	1	1
	number of times		3 times more in a 24 hour				
	you have had to		period than is normal for me				
	empty your stoma		I'm emptying my stoma bag 4 -	n/a	n/a	3	2
	bag?		6 times more in a 24 hour				
			period than is normal for me				
			I'm emptying my stoma bag	n/a	n/a	3	3
			over 7 times more in a 24 hour				
			period than is normal for me				
Sore mouth	Have you had a	Sore mouth	No	Standard	Standard	Standard	Dropdown
	sore mouth or	or tongue	My mouth was a bit sore	1	1	1	1
	tongue?		My mouth was quite sore but I	2	2	2	2
	OR		was still able to eat soft foods				
			and drink fluids				

	What was the severity of your sore mouth or tongue?		My mouth was very sore and I was not able to eat or drink	3	3	3	3
Sleep	Have you had	Difficulty	No Proceedings of the Process of the	Standard	Standard	Dropdown	Standard
	difficulty sleeping? OR	sleeping	I occasionally have difficulty falling asleep, staying asleep or I wake too early	1	1	1	1
	What was the severity of your difficulty		I often have difficulty falling asleep, staying asleep or I wake too early	1	1	1	1
	sleeping?		I always have difficulty falling asleep, staying asleep or I wake too early	2	2	2	2
Nouronathy	Have you had	Tingling or	No	Drondown	Standard	Standard	Standard
Neuropathy	Have you had tingling or numbness in your fingers or toes?	Tingling or numbness in your	I had a bit of tingling or numbness (perhaps when handling cold or hot objects)	Dropdown 1	Standard 1	1	1

	OR	fingers or	I had tingling or numbness and	1	1	1	1
	What was the	toes	I was not able to do some of				
	severity of the		the things I normally do (e.g.				
	tingling or		buttoning up or using cutlery)				
	numbness in your		I had tingling or numbness and	2	2	2	2
	fingers or toes?		I was not able to carry out				
			daily activities (e.g. I had				
			difficulty walking, dropped				
			things or stepped on things by				
			accident)				
Taste	What was the	Problems	None	Dropdown	Dropdown	Dropdown	Dropdown
	severity of your	with tasting	Mild	1	1	1	1
	problems with	food or	Moderate	1	1	1	1
	tasting food or	drink	Severe	2	2	2	2
	drink?		Very Severe	2	2	2	2
Ascites	What was the the	Swelling of	None	n/a	n/a	n/a	Dropdown
	severity of your	the tummy	Mild	n/a	n/a	n/a	1
	swelling of the	(abdomen)	Moderate	n/a	n/a	n/a	2
			Severe	n/a	n/a	n/a	3

	tummy		Very Severe	n/a	n/a	n/a	3
	(abdomen)?						
Indigestion/	What was the	Indigestion	None	Dropdown	Dropdown	Dropdown	Dropdown
Heartburn	severity of your	or heartburn	Mild	1	1	1	1
	indigestion or		Moderate	2	2	2	2
	heartburn?		Severe	3	3	3	3
			Very severe	3	3	3	3
SOB	What was the	Shortness of	None	Dropdown	Dropdown	Dropdown	Dropdown
	severity of your	breath	I have been short of breath but	1	1	1	1
	shortness of		only when exerting myself				
	breath?		(e.g. climbing stairs)				
			I have been short of breath	2	2	2	2
			when walking around the				
			house and I was not able to				
			do some of the things I				
			normally do (e.g. household				
			chores, shopping)				
			I have been short of breath at	3	3	3	3
			rest and I was not able to care				

			for myself (e.g. getting out of bed, bathing, dressing)				
Reaction at	What was the	Pain,	None	Dropdown	Dropdown	n/a	n/a
injection site	severity of your	swelling or	Mild	1	1	n/a	n/a
	pain, swelling or	redness at	Moderate	2	2	n/a	n/a
	redness at	injection	Severe	3	3	n/a	n/a
	injection site?	site	Very severe	3	3	n/a	n/a
Phlebitis	What was the	Pain along	None	Dropdown	Dropdown	n/a	n/a
	severity of the	the veins of	Mild	1	1	n/a	n/a
	pain along the	your arm	Moderate	1	1	n/a	n/a
	veins of your		Severe	2	2	n/a	n/a
	arm?		Very severe	2	2	n/a	n/a
Sore	Have you had	Soreness or	None	Dropdown	Standard	Standard	Dropdown
hands/feet	soreness or	redness of	My skin was a bit red but was	1	1	1	1
	redness of your	your hands	not painful				
	hands and feet	or feet	My skin was painful, red,	2	2	2	2
	OR		cracked or peeling and I was				
			not able to do some of the				

	What was the		things I normally do (e.g.				
	severity of		household chores, shopping)				
	soreness or		My skin was very painful and I	3	3	3	3
	redness of your		was not able to care for myself				
	hands or feet?		(e.g. getting out of bed,				
			bathing, dressing)				
Nail changes	What was the	Nail	None	Dropdown	Dropdown	n/a	Dropdown
	severity of your	changes	Mild	1	1	n/a	1
	nail changes		Moderate	1	1	n/a	1
	(discolouration,		Severe	2	2	n/a	2
	ridges or bumps)?		Very Severe	2	2	n/a	2
Anxiety	What was the	Feelings of	None	Dropdown	Dropdown	Dropdown	Dropdown
	severity of your	anxiety	I occasionally have	1	1	1	1
	feelings of anxiety		experienced some of these				
	(e.g. feelings of		feelings but they passed or I				
	dread,		was able to calm myself down				
	restlessness,		I have quite often experienced	1	1	1	1
	panic and		these feelings and they have				
	tension)?		interfered with my daily				

			activities (e.g. household chores, shopping) I have frequently experienced these feelings and I am finding it difficult to care for myself (e.g. getting out of bed, bathing, dressing)	2	2	2	2
			batting, aressing)				
Low mood	What was the	Feeling low	None	Dropdown	Dropdown	Dropdown	Dropdown
	severity of your feeling low in mood (e.g.	in mood	I occasionally felt low in mood but it passed or I could lift myself out of it	1	1	1	1
	hopeless, helpless, irritable, guilty or worthless)?		I quite often feel low in mood and no longer enjoy things I used to and find it difficult to carry out daily activities (e.g. household chores, shopping)	1	1	1	1
			I have frequently experienced these feelings and I am finding it difficult to care for myself	2	2	2	2

			(e.g. getting out of bed, bathing, dressing)				
Skin rash	What was the	Skin rash	None	n/a	Dropdown	n/a	Dropdown
	severity of your		I had a small area of skin rash	n/a	1	n/a	1
	skin rash?		I had a skin rash over some of my body and I was not able to do some of the things I normally do (e.g. household chores, shopping)	n/a	2	n/a	2
			I had a skin rash affecting a large area of my body and I was not able to care for myself (getting out of bed, bathing, dressing)	n/a	3	n/a	3
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Nosebleeds	Have you had any nosebleeds OR What was the	Nosebleeds	I had a bit of blood from my nose (e.g. after blowing my nose)	n/a n/a	Standard 1	Dropdown 1	n/a n/a

	severity of your nosebleeds?		I had quite a bit of nose bleeding that took a while to stop	n/a	2	2	n/a
			My nose is bleeding and I cannot get it to stop	n/a	3	3	n/a
Other	What was the	Other	None	Dropdown	Dropdown	Dropdown	Dropdown
symptom	severity of your		Mild	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	symptom?		Moderate	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
			Severe	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
			Very severe	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dependency of	questions						
Timing (all	Is this a current	This is a					
questions	problem or has it	current					
with level 3)	now improved?	problem for					
		me					
		I have					
		experienced					
		this problem					
		in the last 7					

		days but it		
		has now		
		improved		
Support at	Is there someone	No, there is		
home	with you who can	no one with		
(Physical	help you take	me who can		
ability and	care of yourself?	help me		
fatigue)		Yes, there is		
		someone		
		here who		
		can help me		

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