**Interview Guide – Catheters in the Home**



**Appendix 1: Semi-Structured Interview Guide**

First, we will start with a few questions about getting your catheter.

--What kind of catheter do you have? (hickman, midline, or picc)

--Where was it placed?

--At the time, what did you understand about why you were getting the line?

--Walk me through what happened when you got your catheter.

Next, we will talk about how you learned to care for your catheters and do your infusions.

--Who does the infusions?

--Tell me how you or your family member was taught to care for the catheter:

--Were the nurse’s instructions clear?

--What would have made the nurse’s instructions more helpful?

--What signs of catheter or blood infection did they tell you to look for?

--Were you told anything about how catheters may get infected? What did they tell you?

--Are there things you wished they had told you about caring for the catheter?

--Was there anything that was surprising about what they said about the catheter?

--How would you have preferred to learn about caring for the catheter?

--How would you have preferred to learn about performing the infusions?

--Tell me about going from the hospital to your home.

--What time of the day did you leave the hospital?

--When did you get your supplies?

--How did you feel that first day/night?

--Was there a nurse in your home that night?

--Walk me through how you or your family member infuses your medication.

--Do you find this easy or hard to do? Why/why not?

--What supplies do you have in the home from the agency?

--Are there other supplies that could be helpful?

Next, we will talk about how you get help with your catheter when you need it.

--Who is your home care company?

--Who provides your infusions?

--Does anyone else come to your home from the home care company? Who?

--How often does your nurse come?

--Do you know who to call with a problem?

--Have you had any problems with the catheter?

--Have you had any problems with the infusions?

--What did you do?

--How did you feel about this how this issue was handled?

Now let’s talk about what you have been doing since getting the catheter.

--How frequently do you do your infusions?

--How do you feel about this?

--Have the infusions impacted your daily life?

--Are there things you’ve stopped doing because of the catheter or the infusions?

--How satisfied are you with the catheter?

--Why?

--How satisfied are you with the infusions?

--Why?

--Did they give you options as to where you could have gone with the catheter instead of home, like a nursing home or an infusion center?

--How has caring for this catheter at home impacted your quality of life compared with in a

hospital or nursing facility?

--Have you had any trouble with the dressing or the dressing changes? Tell me about this.

Now I will ask you about things you do with the catheter.

--Do you have any pets in the home?

--What kinds?

--Who cares for the pets?

--Do the pets ever contact the catheter?

--Have the pets ever licked, drooled on, or scratched the catheter or where it goes into the skin?

--Who cleans their cage/litter box/cleans up after bowel movements?

--Are you around children at all?

--How old are they?

--What relation are they to you?

--What do they think of the catheter?

--Have they ever asked about the catheter? What did you say?

--Have they ever tried to touch the catheter? What did you do?

--Have you tried to lift the children with the catheter?

--Who does the house cleaning in your home?

--Who does the cooking in your house?

--When you are cooking what do you do with the catheter?

--Do you ever prepare raw meat?

--do you take any precautions?

Next we will talk about water exposures

--How were you told to bathe with the catheter?

--Walk me through how you bathe or shower with the catheter.

--Does the catheter ever get wet while you are bathing?

--What do you do when this happens?

--Do you swim with the catheter?

--In what kind of water?

--What precautions do you take?

--Has the catheter ever gotten wet in other ways? Explain?

Next we will talk about soil exposure

--Since having the catheter, have you done any gardening, yard work, or caring for indoor plants?

--What exactly did you do?

--Did you take any precautions?

Next we will talk about exercise

--Since having the catheter, have you exercised at all?

--What have you done to exercise?

--Have you had any problem with sweating during exercise?

Living situation

--Tell me about your home: apartment, house, etc

--How many people live there?

--Where does your water source come from (well, septic, town water, etc)

--Do you wash your hands or use hand sanitizer or a combination of the two?

--How do you wash your hands after caring for the catheter?

Thank you for your time and participation.