

Appendix A: Background and contextual questions

| Questions | Answers |
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| Would you have answered differently before the ICU stay? | Yes/no |
| Would you have been willing to 'sacrifice' more/fewer years for improvements in quality of life before the ICU stay? Think about the questions where you had to choose between life A and life B. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More • Same • Less • Do not know |
| Which dimension is most important for quality of life? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobility • Self-care • Usual activities (e.g. work, study, housework, family or leisure activities) • Pain/Discomfort • Anxiety/Depression |
| Have you experienced life-threatening illness? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, with myself • Yes, in my immediate family/friends • Yes, through my work • No. |
| How would you rate your overall health? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent • Very good • Good • Less than good • Poor |
| Do you have any long-term illness, long-term after-effects of injury, disability or other long-term illness? By prolonged is meant at least 6 months | Yes/no |
| If yes, what are the long-term / chronic diseases? | Open |
| What is most important to you? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A good life, regardless of the length of that life • A long life, regardless of the quality of that life • Do not know. |
| How much do you agree with the following statements: "There is a life after death"? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly agree • Agree • Disagree • Strongly disagree • Do not know • Do not want to answer |
| What is your highest completed education? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has none / Other • Elementary school • High school education • Vocational education • Short higher education under 3 years (e.g. social and health assistant, technician, bachelor) • Medium-term higher education 3-4 years (e.g. school teacher, police officer, journalist, social worker, physiotherapist) • Long higher education of more than 4 years (e.g. engineer, M.Sc., doctor, psychologist) |
| Do you live with others? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I live alone • I live with my parents • I live with my spouse/partner • I live with children / children under 16 years • I live with others aged 16 or over |
| How is your attachment to the labor market? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have a job / self-employed • I am unemployed and receive unemployment benefits • I am unemployed and receiving cash benefits • I'm a student • I am outside the labor market (e.g. pension/early retirement) • Other (e.g. leave or sickness benefits) |
| What is your annual income before tax? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than DKK 199,999. • From DKK 200,000 to DKK 299,999. • From DKK 300,000 to DKK 399,999. • From DKK 400,000 to DKK 499,999. • From DKK 500,000. • Do not want to answer/Do not know |
| What is your ethnic origin? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danish • Descendant (Western) • Descendant (Non-Western) • Immigrant (Western) • Immigrants (Non-Western) • Do not want to answer/Do not know |
| What is your age? | 1-100 years |
| What is your gender? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male • Female • Other • Do not want to answer |

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| Do you have children? | Yes/no |
| What is the children's age? | 0-100 years |
| What were you admitted to the intensive care unit for? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma (e.g. car accident, other accident) • Sudden illness (e.g. poisoning, cardiac arrest) • Long-term disease that got worse (e.g. cancer, kidney disease) • Planned hospitalization (e.g. after surgery) • Other (please describe) • Do not want to answer/Do not know |
| Did the hospitalization come suddenly or was it part of a longer course of illness? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sudden • Part of longer course of illness |
| How long did it take before you recovered from the hospitalization? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0-3 months • 3-12 months • More than 12 months • Not yet • Do not want to answer / Do not know |
| Are you back today at the same level of health as before the hospitalization? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, completely • Yes. Mentally, but not physically • Yes. Physically, but not mentally • No, slightly deteriorating health (a. Mental, b. Physical) • No, very deteriorating state of health (a. Mental, b. Physical) • Other: please describe |
| Have you or a close family member had COVID-19 since your ICU stay? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, I have • Yes, a close family member have • Yes, both • No |
| If yes, how serious was it? | <p>For me:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required admission to hospital • Required admission to ICU • Many symptoms but no need for hospital admission • Few days or less of symptoms <p>For close family member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required admission to hospital • Required admission to ICU • Many symptoms but no need for hospital admission • Few days or less of symptoms |
| To interviewer: Where did the interview take place? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At home • Hospital • Other, where? |