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| **SOCRATES Questions** | |
| a Site (Location) Can you show me where it hurts? Can you point with your finger to the spot where it hurts? Where does it hurt? Where is your pain? Where is it sore? | b Character Could you describe what the pain feels like? Can you describe the pain? What's the pain like? What kind of pain do you feel? What kind of pain is it? Is it getting more or less severe? How bad is the pain? Does it wake you up at night? Does it interfere with your everyday life? Does it affect your work? Is the pain better or worse now? |
| c Timing (Duration) How long have you had this pain? How long has it been bothering you? How long does it last? Do you have it all the time or does it seem to come and go? Is it constant or intermittent? Did it happen suddenly or gradually? How often do you get it? | d Onset When does it come and when does it go? When did this pain start? What were you doing at the time this pain started? When was the last time you were without pain? When was the first time you noticed that something was wrong? Have you had anything like this before? |
| e Exacerbating  Does anything relieve the symptoms or make them worse? What do you do when it happens? Is there anything that makes it better or worse? Is there any position that makes it feel better or worse? Have you received any drugs for your pain? How long does it take for the medicine to take effect? After you take the medicine, how long is it before you feel better? What makes the pain go away/disappear? | f Radiation Does the pain move to another part of your body? In which direction does the pain go? Does the pain seem to move anywhere else? Has the pain spread? Has the pain affected any other part of your body? |
| g Associated  What brings it on? What are your symptoms? Is it related to eating / coughing / your mood / tiredness / broken skin / body position / movement? Do you notice any side-effects? Does anything else happen at the same time? | h Severity What score would you give the pain on a scale from 1 to 10? Is the pain getting worse? How is the pain impacting your daily life? |

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