

The MDASI Symptom Library



Individual and sets of symptom items from the MDASI Symptom Library may be added to the core MDASI or a MDASI module to create an experimental MDASI that is tailored to your clinical research or practice needs. Items are added to the end of the original questionnaire to maintain the integrity of its psychometric validity.

All symptom items are available in English, as well as in various languages.

Contact us at symptomresearch@mdanderson.org to obtain permission to use any of the MDASI Symptom Library items to create a tailored questionnaire (**REQUIRED**). Our expert faculty can assist you with:

- > Design of a customized MDASI that meets the needs of your study or practice;
- > Availability in linguistically and psychometrically validated language translations of your selected items;
- > Information about the sensitivity of particular items in specific populations.

Charges will apply for consultation services. Charge will depend on the scope of the request.
ITEMS MAY NOT BE USED WITHOUT CONSULTATION.

	SYMPTOM	Original Tools
1	Abdominal cramping	PeriOp-GYN
2	Abdominal swelling or fullness	GIST
3	Back pain	OC
4	Balance or falling	MPM, SCLC
5	Bloating/abdominal tightness	PeriOp-GYN
6	Blood in your urine	PeriOp-BLC
7	Breast changes	Br
8	Bone aches	MM
9	Bruising easily or bleeding	CLL, CML, GIST
10	Change in appearance	BT
11	Changes in sexual function	GVHD
12	Change in sense of smell	COVID, GI
13	Change in taste	COVID, GI
14	Changes in vision	BT
15	Chest heaviness or tightness	MPM
16	Choking/coughing (food/liquids going down the wrong pipe)	HN
17	Constipation	Br, CLL, HN, GI, LC, MM, OC
18	Coughing	LC, TT
19	Diarrhea	AML, CLL, CML, GVHD, GIST, CLL, RCC
20	Diarrhea, or watery stools via stoma (abdominal opening)	GI
21	Difficulty speaking (finding the words)	BT
22	Difficulty chewing	HN
23	Difficulty concentrating	BT
24	Difficulty swallowing	GI, Thy, TT
25	Difficulty swallowing/chewing	HN
26	Difficulty understanding	BT
27	Difficulty with voice/speech	HN
28	Disturbed sleep	Core
29	Dizziness	PeriOp-Gyn
30	Eye problems	GVHD
31	Feeling drowsy (sleepy)	Core
32	Fatigue (tiredness)	Core
33	Feeling bloated	GI, OC, OC Plus
34	Feeling of being distressed (upset)	Core
35	Feeling of malaise (not feeling well)	AML, CML
36	Feeling physically sick	BMT
37	Feeling physically weak	BMT
38	Fever or chills	AML, EPT
39	Frequent urination	PeriOp-BLC
40	Groggy or confusion	PeriOp-GYN
41	Having dry mouth	Core
42	Headache	AML, CML, RCC, COVID, EPT
43	Hoarseness	Thy
44	Hot flashes	Br, PeriOp-GYN
45	Inability to eat	ESO
46	Inability/difficulty urinating	PeriOp-GYN
47	Irritability	BT
48	Itching	Skin
49	Joint stiffness or soreness	GVHD
50	Leaking urine	PeriOp-BLC
51	Leg cramps or leg muscle pain	OC, OC PLUS
52	Loss of control of bowel and/or bladder	SP
53	Mouth/throat sores	HN, RCC-23
54	Muscle soreness or cramping	CML, GIST
55	Muscle weakness	AML, GVHD, GVHD-GI, MM,MPM
56	Nausea	Core
57	Night sweats	CLL, EPT
58	Numbness or tingling	Core
59	Pain	Core
60	Pain in the abdomen	OC
61	Pain or burning with urination	OC, EPT
62	Problem with bitter taste	TCM
63	Problem with feeling cold	Thy, TCM
64	Problem with feeling hot	Thy
65	Problem with lack of appetite	Core
66	Problem with mucus in mouth and throat	HN
67	Problem with nighttime cough	HF
68	Problem with paying attention (concentrating)	MM, OC, TT, OC PLUS
69	Problem with racing heartbeat (palpitation)	HF, TCM

MDASI Tool Legend-Modules	
AML-MDS	Acute Myeloid Leukemia/Myelodysplastic Syndromes
BMT	Blood and Marrow Transplant
Br	Breast
BT	Brain Tumor
CLL	Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia
CML	Chronic Myeloid Leukemia
COVID	COVID
CX	Cervix
EPT	Early Phase Trials-Immunotherapy
ESO	Esophageal
GI	Gastrointestinal
GVHD	Graft Versus Host Disease
GIST	Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor
HF	Heart Failure
HN	Head & Neck
LC	Lung Cancer
MM	Multiple Myeloma
MPM	Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma
OC	Ovarian Cancer
Peri-Op-BLC	Perioperative Bladder
Peri-Op-Gyn	Perioperative Gynecologic
PeriOp-Hep	Perioperative Hepatic/Liver
RCC	Renal Cell Carcinoma
SCLC	Small Cell Lung Cancer
Skin	Skin
SP	Spine Tumor
TCM	Traditional Chinese Medicine
Thy	Thyroid
TT	Chemo Radiation/Targeted Therapy

70	Problem remembering	Core
71	Problem with sweating	TCM
72	Problem with tasting food	HN
73	Problem with your teeth or gums	HN
74	Radiating spine pain	SP
75	Rash	MM, Skin
76	Rash or skin change	CML, OC PLUS,RCC-23, EPT
77	Regurgitation (acid reflux)	ESO
78	Sad	Core
79	Shortness of breath	Core
80	Skin pain/burning/rash	HN
81	Skin problems	AML, GVHD, GIST
82	Sore mouth or throat	MM, OC, OC PLUS, ESO
83	Sore throat	LC, TT, LC Modified
84	Stomal problems	PeriOp-BLC
85	Swelling of your feet	SCLC
86	Swelling of hands, legs, feet, abdomen, or around eyes	CML, GIST,EPT
87	Urinary urgency	OC, OC PLUS
88	Vaginal discharge or bleeding	CX
89	Vaginal dryness	Br
90	Vision	BT
91	Vomiting	Core
92	Weakness on one side of the body	BT