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**TABLE ONE**  
**THE CHRONOLOGY OF JULIA'S DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT AND RECOVERY FROM ANAL CANCER (2006)**

	Dec/Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Clinical events</b>	Visits GP. Colorectal cancer suspected. Has hospital tests. Anal cancer diagnosed.	10 days in hospital. Surgery in which temporary stoma fitted	Recovery from surgery	13 weeks chemo- and radiotherapy including two week hospital stay			Checks and tests	Surgery for Stoma closure. Severe post-surgery pain	Recovery from operation. Pain easing by time of second interview			Cancer in remission and permanent stoma deemed unnecessary
<b>Research involvement</b>	Agreed to participate	Pre-treatment medical consultation and pre-surgery interview recorded								Post-treatment interview recorded		
<b>Financial situation</b>	Successfully running own business	Has to close business as unable to work. Problems with paying rent	Receiving Income Support			Job seekers allowance		Salaried job				
<b>Son aged 16</b>		Julia concerned about impact of her condition on relationship		Sitting exams	Away from home		Back home					
<b>Partner / boyfriend (and mother)</b>	(Feared that shock might kill elderly mother)	Attended pre-treatment consultation. Julia concerned about impact of her condition on relationship	Supported Julia throughout the treatment period				Absconded from hospital and had sex immediately after second, stoma removal operation		Relationship ongoing			