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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
Clinical events	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
Research involvement	Agreed to participate	Pre-treatment medical consultation and pre-surgery interview recorded									Post-treatment interview recorded	
Financial situation	Successfully running own business	Has to close business as unable to work. Problems with paying rent			Receiving Income Support					Job seekers allowance		Salaried job
Son aged 16		Julia concerned about impact of her condition on relationship		Sitting exams		Away from home		Back home				
Partner / boyfriend (and mother)	(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		