

Discussion Questions for Personal Relationships

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GENERAL

- 1. What are the biggest problems you face in your relationships with your spouse, partner, family or friends? Do you feel understood and supported?
- 2. Do you take time to reflect on problems and define them before you talk to your partner or family? (for example journaling or talking to a therapist)
- 3. Do you feel like you can share your pain level in a constructive way? Why or why not?
- 4. Do you share what you need from others? For example, "I'm having a rough day and need some space."
- 5. What are some things that help your communication with family/ friends? (For example, picking a good time to talk or looking at the other person's perspective on a topic)

WORK

- 1. Have you shared your diagnosis and/or limitations with your supervisor or HR? Why or why not?
- 2. Have you asked for accommodations to work remotely part of the time? Have you applied for a different position (maybe one in admin vs. working with the public or a desk job vs. one that requires lifting, standing etc.)? Why or why not?

DATING

- 1. How and where do you meet people to date?
- 2. Do you screen a potential date before using energy to meet in person?
- 3. When is the best time for you to share your diagnosis, limitations and/or disability with a date?
- 4. Do friends and family pressure you to share details of your personal life? How to you respond when asked questions you don't want to answer?