**Supplemental Table.** Interview Guide.

1. What brought you into the hospital this time?
2. How does being in the hospital make you feel?
3. How would you describe your current health?
4. What effect does coming to the hospital have on your health?
5. What impact does coming to the hospital have on your spirits?
6. We know that people with complex health conditions vary in what is most important to them. Sometimes we have conversations with patients asking them, if they were to become sicker, what matters most to them, what are their fears, and what are the things they want to keep and the things that they are willing to give up. What has been your experience with these kinds of conversations?
7. Looking back, what do think are the reasons that you have spent so much time over the past year in the hospital?

[If the patient expresses wishes of not spending so much time in the hospital, ask] What do you think would help you to remain out of the hospital?

1. Can you identify one particular event that started all of these?
2. What are the services that you can receive in the hospital but not outside the hospital?
3. While you are in the hospital, what are the things that help you the most toward getting better?
4. During your previous hospitalizations, when you were told that you were going to be discharged from the hospital, how ready did you feel about leaving the hospital?
5. Can you tell me about the support you have outside the hospital? What additional resources would be helpful for you?