

QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire examines the perceptions of people about the scar that they would have in case of a thyroid surgery. This survey consists of 15 questions in total and will take not more than 5 minutes to complete. The results obtained from your answers are of scientific value and information will be kept confidential.

Please read the questions thoroughly and then specify the answer that best suits you and mark the most suitable option.

Thank you very much for your contribution!

1. How old are you?

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2. What is your gender?

- a. Female
- b. Male
- c. I do not want to specify

3. What is your educational status?

- a. I did not study
- b. Primary school
- c. Secondary school
- d. High school
- e. Bachelor degree
- f. Master degree
- g. PhD degree

4. What is your profession?

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5. Where do you live currently?

- a. Metropolis
- b. City
- c. Country / Village

6. In your opinion, how is your income?

- a. Very good
- b. Good
- c. Adequate
- d. Less than adequate
- e. Very inadequate

7. Have you ever had a healing wound which left a scar afterwards?

- a. Yes
- b. No

8. If you happen to have a thyroid surgery, would you feel uncomfortable because of the scar on your neck occurred by surgery?

0: No, not at all.

- 1: A little bit
- 2: Quite a bit
- 3: Yes, extremely

9. If you had a scar on your neck due to thyroid surgery, would you feel uncomfortable because of the length of the scar?

0: No, not at all.

- 1: A little bit
- 2: Quite a bit
- 3: Yes, extremely

10. If you had a scar on your neck due to thyroid surgery, would you feel uncomfortable because of the thickness of the scar?

0: No, not at all.

- 1: A little bit
- 2: Quite a bit
- 3: Yes, extremely

11. If you had a scar on your neck due to thyroid surgery, would you feel uncomfortable because of the darkening color of the scar?

0: No, not at all.

- 1: A little bit
- 2: Quite a bit
- 3: Yes, extremely

12. Would it have damaged you if there was a scar on your neck after the thyroid surgery?

0: No, not at all.

- 1: A little bit
- 2: Quite a bit
- 3: Yes, extremely

13. If you had a scar on your neck due to thyroid surgery, would your confidence on your appearance be decreased because of the scar?

0: No, not at all.

- 1: A little bit
- 2: Quite a bit
- 3: Yes, extremely

14. If you had a scar on your neck due to a thyroid surgery, would you find yourself less attractive because of the scar?

0: No, not at all.

- 1: A little bit
- 2: Quite a bit
- 3: Yes, extremely

15. If you had a scar on your neck due to a thyroid surgery, would you find yourself less feminine / masculine because of the scar?

0: No, not at all.

- 1: A little bit
- 2: Quite a bit
- 3: Yes, extremely

Supplementary Fig. 1. Questionnaire used for the study.