

We have over 1,000 members!

Here's what we learned so far



We've analyzed more than **300 posts and comments** in the Community Chat and Newsfeed articles on many different topics related to their fibroids journey, from treatment options, living with Fibroids, symptoms management, doctor/patient relationship, etc.

How are fibroids affecting our members' QOL?

Our members' conversations are helping us uncover the profound impact that living with fibroids has in our members' lives.

"I have fibroids. my symptoms are so crucial, I can't function at all."
- jonesandrea1967

"I'm frustrated, I'm contemplating whether or not bearing children is safe for me anymore...I hate this so much"
- Michelle L.

"My life quality is zero please help! I'd like to talk with an educated person. Seems doctors are not aware of the symptoms these things can cause."
- aderbeenz

"I don't have any children and I'm scared that I will never be able to carry a baby within my womb."
- shonaheard

How users express their symptoms

The following words and phrases are how our members have described their symptoms in our community chat and newsfeed:

looking for a miracle
depressing stressful huge challenge
indescribable pain
terrible pain difficult painful horrifying
intense pain shooting pains monstrous
excruciating pain

We performed **sentiment analysis of our members' exchanges in the platform** to see just how positive or negative is their perception about surgical options for fibroids, more specifically, **hysterectomies**, and here's what we found:

Overall sentiment (all sources)

The vast **majority of mentions are negative** - members strongly recommend other members to consider multiple options before deciding on a hysterectomy.

Negative
90%

On the other hand, **only a few members talk positively** about their experience with the hysterectomy option. A very few don't seem to have a clear sentiment one way or the other.

Positive:
6%

Neutral:
4%

Are members happy with their providers?

We've seen plenty of posts on our newsfeed articles and in our community chat of women expressing physical pain, feelings of frustration, and fear of the unknown. However, Responsum for Fibroids has also been the perfect place for members to discuss their frustrations about the care their receiving from health experts and look for advice.

"I am really just over the pain! My gynecologist doesn't understand what I'm going through. I take so much ibuprofen at this point to manage pain from my fibroid."
- tankgirl721

"It was so damn frustrating... I felt like she wasn't taking me seriously, I wasn't told about other options, I was rushed. I'm looking for another doctor now and I think you should do the same. we deserve better"
- Jael Jackson

"I'm ready for a change and looking to focus on better treatment options. My current doctor was unhelpful..."
- Gillian

"Every doctor made me feel like my uterus was the largest they had seen from fibroids"
- Lori

How is Responsum for Fibroids helping our members navigate these challenges?

Responsum's mission to educate and empower patients doesn't solely rely on providing a safe space for patients to share their experiences and find support, we are also working on equipping members with the tools they need to become better advocates for themselves and make better decisions about their health.

We create content daily to help them better understand their condition, learn how to talk to their loved ones and providers about their needs, and get reliable information about treatment options, research, and policy efforts.

"This article is very timely. As a WOC and recently diagnosed with fibroids and rare disease in having a microadenoma or brain tumor, this is encouraging. I'm documenting my health journey and hope it helps others and practitioners and amplify those practitioners who are doing great work!!!"
- Brandy

"I appreciate this article. As of late, I have been really focusing on my diet to try to alleviate some of my symptoms as much as possible. It is too early to tell exactly how much it is helping, but so far I have noticed significantly less stomach discomfort and fatigue."
- HopeJae