



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREFERENCE SURVEY FORM (CPS)

### I. General Instructions

The Preference Survey Form is completed during the interview portion of the participant's clinic visit, prior to the participant obtaining a CT scan (if they have agreed to the CT exam). The interviewer must be certified and should be familiar with and understand the document titled "General Instructions for Completing Paper Forms" prior to completing this form.

All interviewers must be consistent in reading the questions clearly, and using the exact wording on the form. It is important that there be no omissions or additions in reading the questions. Do not add any interpretations. Problems should be recorded in a note log.

The interviewer must show an interest in the interview and use a pleasant, non-judgmental tone and posture. Greet the participant cordially.

In introducing the questionnaire the suggested statement follows: "Hello (Ms./Mr. participant's name). My name is \_\_\_\_\_. In this brief interview we want to collect information on: 1) your perception of your personal health; and 2) your attitude toward medications that are used to prevent a heart attack.

### II. Detailed Instructions for Each Item

**0a-0b.** Record the completion date and the staff ID in these fields.

#### 1. Overall, how satisfied are you with life these days?

First, read the transition statement: "This questionnaire asks your perception of your health and attitude toward medications to prevent a heart attack." For clarification, the interviewer may say "In this case, perception of health means one's general impression of their own health".

Then read the following statement introducing the scale used for this question: "The first question asks how satisfied you feel, on a scale from 0 to 10, with 0 meaning you feel "not at all satisfied" and 10 meaning you feel "completely satisfied." Try to gauge the participant's understanding of this scale – if you believe there is confusion, please repeat the above statement again for the participant.

If the participant asks "satisfied with what?", please respond "Currently, how satisfied are you with your life as a whole?"

The participant should then mark the box that best described their level of satisfaction.

## **2. Compared to other people your age and sex, how would you rate your risk of a heart attack?**

This question seeks to gauge the participant's perception of their own heart attack risk. If the participant asks "compared to what?", please re-emphasize that they are rating their risk compared to "other people your age and sex", i.e. other 75 year old man, etc.

If the participant states that they have already had a heart attack, they should still answer this question. The participant should still answer this question with regard their perception of their risk compared to other people their age and sex (some of which may have had a heart attack in the past). If the participant has already had a heart attack, we are asking them to rate their risk of having another heart attack?

## **3. Taking medication helps prevent a heart attack in people your age.**

Prior to this question, please read the prompt: "Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statement:"

This question seeks to gauge the participant's perception of how well medicines help prevent heart attacks in people their age. If they ask "what kind of medications", please responds "common medications like cholesterol medications, blood pressure medications, and aspirin".

If the participant responds "of course these medications prevent heart attacks" please make clear that this questions seeks their opinion about the effectiveness of these medications for "people your age".

This question uses a five-point Likert scale, running from Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree.