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Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the entire research group, I thank you for your continued willingness to share the details of your life to help improve the health of women everywhere. The success of the Nurses' Health Study is, of course, directly attributable to the outstanding quality of the information which you have faithfully provided for nearly a quarter of a century.

The attached questionnaire has been redesigned to make it easier to complete. We have increased the size of the print and made it generally less "crowded." We hope you like the change! We have NOT used this as an opportunity to increase the number of questions. Please be assured that this booklet contains the same number of questions as our standard six-page survey.

We value **each** member of the Nurses' Health Study as a colleague in our research, regardless of your employment (or retirement) status. Also, whether your health has been excellent or if you have been ill, your response is equally important. In short, no matter what your circumstances, we need to hear from you!

It is with our deepest gratitude that we thank you again for the time and care that you have continued to offer in furthering the study of women's health. The value of your contribution has been enormous.

Best Regards,

Frank E. Speizer, M.D.
 Principal Investigator



Do we have your correct address and name?
 Make any necessary changes and return this page with your completed booklet.

Do you have Internet e-mail?

If you do, please print your e-mail address in the box so that we may send you occasional updates on the progress of the Nurses' Health Study.

Please print neatly and differentiate numbers and letters (e.g., 1 vs l or i, 0 vs O, 5 vs S)

We will not release your e-mail address to anyone!

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INSTRUCTIONS

Please use an ordinary No. 2 pencil to answer all questions. Fill in the appropriate response circles completely, or write the requested information in the boxes provided. Note that some questions ask for information **since June 1998**, some ask for **current status**, and some ask about events over **longer periods**. The form is designed to be read by optical-scanning equipment, so it is important that you make **NO STRAY MARKS** and keep any write-in responses **within** the spaces provided. Should you need to change a response, erase the incorrect mark completely. If you have comments, please write them on a separate piece of paper.



EXAMPLE 1: Write your weight in the boxes . . .
 . . . and fill in the circle corresponding to the figure at the head of each column.
 Please fill in the circle completely, do not mark this way:

Current Weight
POUNDS

1	4	0
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●	○	○
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NOTE: It is important that you write in your weight in addition to completing the corresponding circles. This allows us to confirm that the correct circles have been filled in.

EXAMPLE 2: Mark "Yes" bubble and Year of Diagnosis bubble for each illness you have had diagnosed.

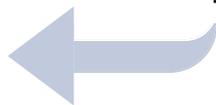
9. Since June 1998, have you had any of these physician-diagnosed illnesses?

	YEAR OF DIAGNOSIS			9
	BEFORE JUNE 1 1998	JUNE 98 TO MAY 2000	AFTER JUNE 1 2000	
Diabetes mellitus	●	○	●	1
Elevated cholesterol	○	○	○	2
High blood pressure	●	●	○	3

LEAVE BLANK FOR "NO," MARK HERE FOR "YES"

If your name and address as printed on this questionnaire are no longer correct or are incomplete, or if you are providing your e-mail address, please make any necessary changes on the letter and enclose it with your completed form.

Otherwise, please tear off the cover letter (to preserve confidentiality) and return the booklet in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.



1. Is this your correct Date of Birth?

Yes

No → If No, Please write correct date.

MONTH	DAY	YEAR

2. What is your current weight?

POUNDS		
0	0	0
1	1	1
2	2	2
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3. What is the difference between your highest and lowest weight during the last two years?

- No change
 2–4 lbs.
 5–9 lbs.
 10–14 lbs.
 15–29 lbs.
 30–49 lbs.
 50 or more lbs.

4. Have you had your uterus removed?

- No
 Yes → Date of surgery:
 Before June 1, 1998
 After June 1, 1998

5. Have you ever had either of your ovaries surgically removed?

- No
 Yes → a) How many ovaries do you have remaining?
 None One

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PLEASE DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA

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6. **Since June 1998, have you used Evista (raloxifene) or Nolvadex (tamoxifen)?**

- Yes
- No

a) How many months have you used each drug during the 24-month period between June 1998 and June 2000?

Evista:

- Not Used
- 1-4 months
- 5-9
- 10-14
- 15-19
- 20-24 months
- Used only after 6/2000

Nolvadex:

- Not Used
- 1-4 months
- 5-9
- 10-14
- 15-19
- 20-24 months
- Used only after 6/2000

b) Are you currently using Evista or Nolvadex?

- No, not currently
- Yes, Evista
- Yes, Nolvadex

7. **Since June 1998, have you regularly used any over-the-counter (e.g., "alternative," "herbal," "natural" or soy-based) preparations for hormone replacement or to treat postmenopausal symptoms? (Do not include food sources such as tofu, soy milk or soy bars.)**

- Yes
- No

a) Please mark the type(s) of preparations you have used at least once a week, and the number of months used between June 98 and June 2000.

MONTHS USED BETWEEN JUNE 98 AND JUNE 2000

<input type="radio"/> Soy estrogen supplement (e.g., Estroven)	<input type="radio"/> 1-4 months	<input type="radio"/> 5-9	<input type="radio"/> 10-14	<input type="radio"/> 15-19	<input type="radio"/> 20-24 mo.
<input type="radio"/> Soy powder (e.g., Iso-Soy)	<input type="radio"/> 1-4 months	<input type="radio"/> 5-9	<input type="radio"/> 10-14	<input type="radio"/> 15-19	<input type="radio"/> 20-24 mo.
<input type="radio"/> Black cohosh (e.g., Remifemin)	<input type="radio"/> 1-4 months	<input type="radio"/> 5-9	<input type="radio"/> 10-14	<input type="radio"/> 15-19	<input type="radio"/> 20-24 mo.
<input type="radio"/> Dong quai (e.g., Rejuvex)	<input type="radio"/> 1-4 months	<input type="radio"/> 5-9	<input type="radio"/> 10-14	<input type="radio"/> 15-19	<input type="radio"/> 20-24 mo.
<input type="radio"/> Natural progesterone cream or wild yam cream (e.g., Progest Cream)	<input type="radio"/> 1-4 months	<input type="radio"/> 5-9	<input type="radio"/> 10-14	<input type="radio"/> 15-19	<input type="radio"/> 20-24 mo.
<input type="radio"/> Other, e.g., phytoestrogens (specify)	<input type="radio"/> 1-4 months	<input type="radio"/> 5-9	<input type="radio"/> 10-14	<input type="radio"/> 15-19	<input type="radio"/> 20-24 mo.
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8. Since June 1998, have you used prescription female hormones?

- Yes →
- No

a) How many months have you used them during the 24-month period between June 1998 and June 2000?

- 1-4 months
- 5-9
- 10-14
- 15-19
- 20-24 months
- Used only after June 2000

b) Are you currently using them (within the last month)?

- Yes, currently
- No, not currently

c) Mark the types of hormones you have used the longest during this period.

Combined:

- Prempro (Pink)
- Prempro (Blue)
- Premphase
- Combipatch
- FemHRT

Estrogen:

- Oral Premarin
- Patch Estrogen
- Vaginal Estrogen
- Ogen
- Estrace
- Estratest
- Other Estrogen (specify type in box below)

Progesterone/Progestin (e.g., Provera):

- Provera/Cycrin/MPA
- Vaginal
- Micronized (e.g., Prometrium)
- Other progesterone (specify below)

Other type of hormones used, please specify:

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3	3	3
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d) If you used oral conjugated estrogen (e.g., Premarin) what dose did you usually take?

- .30 mg/day or less (Green)
- .625 mg/day (Brown)
- .9 mg/day (White)
- 1.25 mg/day (Yellow)
- More than 1.25 mg/day
- Dose unknown
- Did not take oral conjugated estrogen

e) If you used oral medroxyprogesterone (e.g., Provera, Cycrin), what dose did you usually take?

- 2.5 mg or less
- 5-9 mg
- 10 mg
- More than 10 mg
- Dose unknown
- Not used

f) What was your pattern of hormone use (Days per Month)?

Oral or Patch Estrogen:

- Days per Month
- Not used
 - <1 day/mo
 - 1-8 days
 - 9-18
 - 19-26
 - 27+ days/month

Progesterone:

- Days per Month
- Not used
 - <1 day/mo
 - 1-8 days
 - 9-18
 - 19-26
 - 27+ days/month

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9. Since June 1998, have you had any of these physician-diagnosed illnesses?

LEAVE BLANK FOR "NO,"
MARK HERE FOR "YES"

MARK "YES" BUBBLE AND YEAR OF DIAGNOSIS BUBBLE FOR EACH ILLNESS YOU HAVE HAD DIAGNOSED.

YEAR OF DIAGNOSIS		
BEFORE JUNE 1 1998	JUNE 98 TO MAY 2000	AFTER JUNE 1 2000

Fibrocystic/other benign breast disease	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Confirmed by breast biopsy?	<input type="radio"/> N No	<input type="radio"/> Y Yes		
Breast cancer	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cancer of the cervix (include in-situ)	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cancer of the uterus (endometrium)	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cancer of the ovary	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Colon or rectal polyp (benign)	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cancer of the colon or rectum	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cancer of the lung	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Melanoma	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Basal cell skin cancer	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Squamous cell skin cancer	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other cancer	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Specify site of other cancer				
Diabetes mellitus	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Elevated cholesterol	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
High blood pressure	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Myocardial infarction (heart attack)	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hospitalized for MI?	<input type="radio"/> N No	<input type="radio"/> Y Yes		
Angina pectoris	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Confirmed by angiogram?	<input type="radio"/> N No	<input type="radio"/> Y Yes		
Coronary bypass or angioplasty	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Congestive heart failure	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stroke (CVA)	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
TIA (Transient ischemic attack)	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Peripheral artery disease or claudication of legs (not varicose veins)	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Confirmed by angiogram/surgery?	<input type="radio"/> N No	<input type="radio"/> Y Yes		
Carotid surgery (Endarterectomy)	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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9. (Continued)
 Since June 1998, have you had any of these physician-diagnosed illnesses?

LEAVE BLANK FOR "NO,"
 MARK HERE FOR "YES"

YEAR OF DIAGNOSIS		
BEFORE JUNE 1 1998	JUNE 98 TO MAY 2000	AFTER JUNE 1 2000

MARK "YES" BUBBLE AND YEAR OF DIAGNOSIS BUBBLE FOR EACH ILLNESS YOU HAVE HAD DIAGNOSED.

Pulmonary embolus	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	24
Periodontal bone loss	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	25
Osteoporosis	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	26
Vertebral fracture, X-ray confirmed	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	27
Hip replacement	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	28
Fractures: Wrist or Colles' Fracture	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	29
Hip fracture	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	30
Gastric or duodenal ulcer	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	31
Cholecystectomy	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	32
Glaucoma	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	33
Macular degeneration of retina	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	34
Cataract—1st Diagnosis (Dx)	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	35
Cataract extraction	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	36
Asthma, Doctor diagnosed	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	37
Emphysema or Chronic bronchitis, Dr. Dx	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	38
A.L.S. (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis)	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	39
Parkinson's Disease	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	40
Diverticulitis/diverticulosis	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	41
Ulcerative colitis/Crohn's	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	42
Kidney stones	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	43
Interstitial Cystitis (Dx by cystoscopy)	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	44
Pernicious Anemia/B12 deficiency	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	45
Active TB (X-ray or culture Dx)	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	46
Other major illness or surgery since June 1998	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	47

Please specify:

Date:

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10. Have you ever had any of these physician-diagnosed illnesses?

LEAVE BLANK FOR "NO,"
MARK HERE FOR "YES"

YEAR OF FIRST DIAGNOSIS

1996 or Before 1997-1998 1999 2000 2001

MARK "YES" BUBBLE AND YEAR OF DIAGNOSIS BUBBLE FOR EACH ILLNESS YOU HAVE HAD DIAGNOSED.

Multiple sclerosis	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>				
Shingles	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>				
Increased eye pressure in either eye (over 25mm/Hg)	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>				
Depression, Dr. Dx	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>				
SLE (systemic lupus)	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>				
Osteoarthritis	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>				
Rheumatoid arthritis, Dr. Dx	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Rheumatoid factor <input type="checkbox"/> Negative/unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Positive						

11. In the past two years have you had:
(If yes, mark all that apply)

	No	Yes, for Screening	Yes, for Symptoms
A physical exam?	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Y
Exam by eye doctor?	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Y
Bimanual pelvic exam?	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Y
Breast exam by clinician?	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Y
Mammogram?	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Y
Fasting blood sugar	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> Y

12. How many teeth have you lost since 1996?

- None 1 2 3 4 5-9 10+

13. How many of your teeth have ever had root canal therapy?

- None 1 2 3 4 5-9 10+

14. Have you ever had physician-diagnosed atrial fibrillation?

- Yes →
 No

a) Year of First Diagnosis

- Before 1986 1986-1992 1993-1996 1997+

b) Which of the following best describes your pattern of atrial fibrillation?
(Mark one)

- Single resolved episode
 Recurrent episodes that end spontaneously
 Recurrent episodes terminated by treatment
 Permanent or chronic atrial fibrillation

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15. Have any of the following biological relatives had...

		Relative's Age at First Diagnosis (Do not count half siblings.)				
		Before Age 50	Age 50 to 59	Age 60 to 69	Age 70+	Age Unknown
Ovarian Cancer?						
<input type="radio"/> No	Mother <input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Sister <input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Breast Cancer?						
<input type="radio"/> No	Mother <input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	One Sister <input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Additional Sister <input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Daughter <input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Colon or Rectal Cancer?						
<input type="radio"/> No	Parent <input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	One Sibling <input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Additional Sibling <input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pancreatic Cancer?						
<input type="radio"/> No	Parent <input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Sibling <input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lung Cancer?						
<input type="radio"/> No	Parent <input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Sibling <input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Melanoma?						
<input type="radio"/> No	Parent <input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Sibling <input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Offspring <input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Glaucoma?						
<input type="radio"/> No	Parent <input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Sibling <input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16. Did you have a colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy since June 1, 1998?

- No Yes → **Why did you have the colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy? (Mark all that apply.)**
- Bleeding in stool
 - Abdominal pain
 - Family history of colon cancer
 - Diarrhea or constipation
 - Positive test for occult fecal blood
 - Barium enema
 - Routine or follow-up screening (no symptoms)

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17. Your Blood Cholesterol (if checked within 5 years):

- Unknown/Not checked within 5 years
 <140 mg/dl
 140–159
 160–179
 180–199
 200–219
 220–239
 240–269
 270–299
 300–329
 330+ mg/dl

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18. How often do you have difficulty holding your urine until you can get to a toilet?

- Never
 Hardly ever
 Some of the time
 Most of the time
 All of the time

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19. During the last 12 months, how often have you leaked or lost control of your urine?

- Never
 Less than once/month
 Once/month
 2–3 times/month
 About once/week
 Almost every day

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a) When you lose your urine, how much usually leaks?

- A few drops
 Enough to wet your underwear
 Enough to wet your outerclothing
 Enough to wet the floor

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20. Do you currently smoke cigarettes?

- Yes → How many/day?
 1–4
 5–14
 15–24
 25–34
 35–44
 45+
 No

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21. What is your normal walking pace outdoors?

- Slow (less than 2 mph)
 Normal, average (2 to 2.9 mph)
 Brisk pace (3 to 3.9 mph)
 Very brisk, striding (4 mph or faster)
 Unable to walk

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22. How many flights of stairs (not steps) do you climb daily?

- No flights
 1–2 flights
 3–4 flights
 5–9 flights
 10–14 flights
 15 or more flights

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23. a. During the last month, how often did you have pain or discomfort in or around the knee(s)?

- Never
 Less than once/week
 One day/week
 2–6 days/week
 Daily

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b. During the last year, did you have any knee pain or knee discomfort when doing any of the following?

	Never	Some-times	Usually	Always	Can't do at all
Walking 2 to 3 blocks (1/4 mile)	<input type="radio"/>				
Bending your knee or squatting	<input type="radio"/>				
Getting up from chair without using your arms	<input type="radio"/>				

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24. Have you ever noticed pain, stiffness, enlargement or swelling of the joints nearest to your fingernails?

- Yes
 No

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25. Number of times you have fallen to the ground in the past 1 year:

- None
 1
 2
 3
 4
 5 or more

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26. Regular Medication (mark if used regularly in past 2 years)

Analgesics

Acetaminophen (e.g., Tylenol)

Days per week:

1 2-3 4-5 6+ days



Tablets per week:

1-2 3-5 6-14 15+ tablets

"Baby" or low dose aspirin

Days per week:

1 2-3 4-5 6+ days



Tablets per week:

1-2 3-5 6-14 15+ tablets

Aspirin or aspirin-containing products (325mg/tablet or more)

Days per week:

1 2-3 4-5 6+ days



Tablets per week:

1-2 3-5 6-14 15+ tablets

Ibuprofen (e.g., Advil, Motrin, Nuprin)

Days per week:

1 2-3 4-5 6+ days



Tablets per week:

1-2 3-5 6-14 15+ tablets

Celebrex or Vioxx (COX-2 inhibitors)

Other anti-inflammatory analgesics, 2+ times/week (e.g., Aleve, Naprosyn, Relafen, Ketoprofen, Anaprox)

Other regular medication

Thiazide diuretic

Lasix

Calcium blocker (e.g., Calan, Procardia, Cardizem)

Beta-blocker (e.g., Inderal, Lopressor, Tenormin, Corgard)

ACE Inhibitors (e.g., Capoten, Vasotec, Zestril)

Other antihypertensive (e.g., Aldomet, Apresoline)

Steroids taken orally (e.g., Prednisone, Decadron, Medrol)

Inhaled steroids

Inhaled bronchodilator

Digoxin

Antiarrhythmic

Coumadin

"Statin" cholesterol-lowering drugs [e.g., Mevacor (lovastatin), Pravachol (pravastatin), Zocor (simvastatin), Lipitor]

Number of years used:

0-2 yrs 3-5 yrs 6+ yrs

Other cholesterol-lowering drug

Cimetidine (Tagamet)

Prilosec or Prevacid

Other H2 blocker (e.g., Zantac, Pepcid)

Insulin

Oral hypoglycemic medication

Prozac

Zoloft

Paxil

Celexa

Other antidepressants (e.g., Elavil, Tofranil, Pamelor)

Minor tranquilizers (e.g., Valium, Xanax, Ativan, Librium)

Meridia (sibutramine)

Phentermine

Xenical

Other regular medication (no need to specify)

No regular medication

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27. In a typical week during the past year, on how many days did you consume an alcoholic beverage of any type?

- No days 1 day 2 days 3 days 4 days 5 days 6 days 7 days

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28. In a typical month during the past year, what was the largest number of drinks of beer, wine and/or liquor you may have had in one day?

- None 1-2 3-5 6-9 10-14 15 or more

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29. What is your **current** work status? (Mark all that apply)

- Retired Full-time non-nursing employment Nursing full-time
 Homemaker Part-time non-nursing employment Nursing part-time

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30. What is your **current** marital status?

- Married Widowed Divorced Separated Never married

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31. Your living arrangement:

- Alone With spouse or partner With other family Nursing home Other

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32. Have you ever received a blood transfusion? (exclude transfusions of your own blood)

- Yes No
- a) Total number of units received in your lifetime?
 None 1-2 3-4 5-10 11 or more

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b) Your age at transfusion(s)? (Mark all that apply)

- Before age 30 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

b

33. DURING THE PAST YEAR, what was your average time PER WEEK spent at each of the following recreational activities?

	TIME PER WEEK									
	Zero	1-4 Min.	5-19 Min.	20-59 Min.	One Hour	1-1.5 Hrs.	2-3 Hrs.	4-6 Hrs.	7-10 Hrs.	11+ Hrs.
Walking for exercise or walking to work	<input type="radio"/>									
Jogging (slower than 10 minutes/mile)	<input type="radio"/>									
Running (10 minutes/mile or faster)	<input type="radio"/>									
Bicycling (include stationary machine)	<input type="radio"/>									
Tennis, squash, racquetball	<input type="radio"/>									
Lap swimming	<input type="radio"/>									
Other aerobic exercise (aerobic dance, ski or stair machine, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>									
Lower intensity exercise (yoga, stretching, toning)	<input type="radio"/>									
Other vigorous activities (e.g., lawn mowing)	<input type="radio"/>									
Weight training or resistance exercises (Include free weights or machines such as Nautilus)	Arm weights	<input type="radio"/>								
	Leg weights	<input type="radio"/>								

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34. Do you currently take a multi-vitamin? (Please report other individual vitamins in question 35.)

- Yes → a) How many do you take per week?
 No 2 or less 3-5 6-9 10 or more

b) What type of multivitamin do you take? (Mark brand name equivalent if generic is used, e.g., *Sentury* is equivalent to *Centrum*)

Mark the ONE type used most frequently.

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Allbee + C | <input type="radio"/> Formula 100, Nutri-100 | <input type="radio"/> Shaklee Vita-Lea |
| <input type="radio"/> Caltrate 600 | <input type="radio"/> Health Balance Daily Pack | <input type="radio"/> Solotron for Women |
| <input type="radio"/> CVS Daily | <input type="radio"/> Healthy Directions Forward Plus | <input type="radio"/> Stresstabs |
| <input type="radio"/> CVS Daily with Minerals | <input type="radio"/> Nuskin Life Pack | <input type="radio"/> Surbex T |
| <input type="radio"/> CVS Pro-Vite | <input type="radio"/> Ocuville | <input type="radio"/> Theragran |
| <input type="radio"/> CVS Mega Multi | <input type="radio"/> Ocuville Plus | <input type="radio"/> Theragran M |
| <input type="radio"/> Central Vite | <input type="radio"/> One A Day Antioxidant Plus | <input type="radio"/> Unicap |
| <input type="radio"/> Central Vite Plus | <input type="radio"/> One A Day Essential | <input type="radio"/> Unicap-M |
| <input type="radio"/> Central Vite Select | <input type="radio"/> One A Day Maximum | <input type="radio"/> Unicap Senior |
| <input type="radio"/> Centrum, Century, Sentury | <input type="radio"/> One A Day Womens | <input type="radio"/> VI-MIN 75 |
| <input type="radio"/> Centrum Silver | <input type="radio"/> Protegra | <input type="radio"/> Women Power Pack |
| | | <input type="radio"/> Z-Bec |

If your type is not listed, write exact brand/type here →

Specify exact brand and type.

c) Does your multivitamin include iron?

- No Yes Not Sure

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

35. Do you take the following separate preparations?

DO NOT REPORT CONTENTS OF MULTI-VITAMINS MENTIONED ABOVE.

AMOUNT PER DAY

	No	Yes	If Yes, per day:	Dose	Less than	8,000 to	13,000 to	23,000 IU	Don't know
Vitamin A	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes, seasonal only <input type="radio"/> Yes, most months	→ If Yes, } Yes, } per day:	Dose	<input type="radio"/> Less than 8,000 IU	<input type="radio"/> 8,000 to 12,000 IU	<input type="radio"/> 13,000 to 22,000 IU	<input type="radio"/> 23,000 IU or more	<input type="radio"/> Don't know
Beta-carotene	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes	→ If Yes, } Yes, } per day:	Dose	<input type="radio"/> Less than 8,000 IU	<input type="radio"/> 8,000 to 12,000 IU	<input type="radio"/> 13,000 to 22,000 IU	<input type="radio"/> 23,000 IU or more	<input type="radio"/> Don't know
Vitamin C	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes, seasonal only <input type="radio"/> Yes, most months	→ If Yes, } Yes, } per day:	Dose	<input type="radio"/> Less than 400 mg	<input type="radio"/> 400 to 700 mg	<input type="radio"/> 750 to 1250 mg	<input type="radio"/> 1300 mg or more	<input type="radio"/> Don't know
Folic acid	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes	→ If Yes, } Yes, } per day:	Dose	<input type="radio"/> Less than 100 mcg	<input type="radio"/> 100 to 300 mcg	<input type="radio"/> 301 to 500 mcg	<input type="radio"/> 501 mcg or more	<input type="radio"/> Don't know
Vitamin E	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes	→ If Yes, } Yes, } per day:	Dose	<input type="radio"/> Less than 100 IU	<input type="radio"/> 100 to 250 IU	<input type="radio"/> 300 to 500 IU	<input type="radio"/> 600 IU or more	<input type="radio"/> Don't know
Calcium <small>(Include Calcium in Tums, etc.) (1 Tums = 200 mg elemental calcium)</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes	→ If Yes, } Yes, } per day:	Dose per day (elemental calcium):	<input type="radio"/> Less than 400 mg	<input type="radio"/> 400 to 900 mg	<input type="radio"/> 901 to 1300 mg	<input type="radio"/> 1301 mg or more	<input type="radio"/> Don't know
Niacin	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes	→ If Yes, } Yes, } per day:	Dose	<input type="radio"/> Less than 50 mg	<input type="radio"/> 50 to 300 mg	<input type="radio"/> 400 to 800 mg	<input type="radio"/> 900 mg or more	<input type="radio"/> Don't know
Zinc	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes	→ If Yes, } Yes, } per day:	Dose	<input type="radio"/> Less than 25 mg	<input type="radio"/> 25 to 74 mg	<input type="radio"/> 75 to 100 mg	<input type="radio"/> 101 mg or more	<input type="radio"/> Don't know

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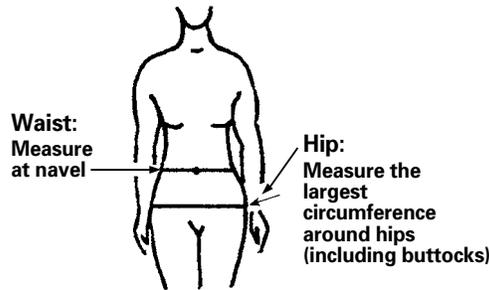
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36. Question 36, which should only be answered if a tape measure is available, asks about body measurements. This information will be more accurate if you follow these suggestions:

- ▶ Make measurements while standing
- ▶ Avoid measuring over bulky clothing
- ▶ Try to record answers to the nearest 1/4 inch (do not estimate)

If a tape measure is not available, please leave blank.

WAIST	
Inches	Fraction
0 0	0
1 1	1/4
2 2	2/4
3 3	3/4
4 4	
5 5	
6 6	
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HIP	
Inches	Fraction
0 0	0
1 1	1/4
2 2	2/4
3 3	3/4
4 4	
5 5	
6 6	
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37. The following items are about activities you might do during a typical day. Does your health now limit you in these activities? If so, how much? (Mark one response on each line.)

	Yes, Limited A Lot	Yes, Limited A Little	No, Not Limited At All
Vigorous activities, such as running, lifting heavy objects, participating in strenuous sports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Moderate activities, such as moving a table, pushing a vacuum cleaner, bowling, or playing golf	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lifting or carrying groceries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Climbing several flights of stairs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Climbing one flight of stairs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bending, kneeling, or stooping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking more than a mile	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking several blocks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking one block	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bathing or dressing yourself	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

38. Please indicate the name of someone at a **DIFFERENT PERMANENT ADDRESS** to whom we might write in the event we are unable to contact you:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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39. These questions are about how you feel and how things have been with you **during the past 4 weeks**. For each question, please give the one answer that comes closest to the way you have been feeling.

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How much of the time during the **past 4 weeks** ...
(Mark one response on each line.)

	All of the Time	Most of the Time	A Good Bit of the Time	Some of the Time	A Little of the Time	None of the Time
Did you feel full of pep?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you been a very nervous person?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you felt so down in the dumps nothing could cheer you up?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you felt calm and peaceful?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Did you have a lot of energy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you felt downhearted and blue?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Did you feel worn out?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you been a happy person?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Did you feel tired?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you felt hopeless about the future?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you thought about or wanted to commit suicide?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you felt no interest in things?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Did you have difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

40. During the **past 4 weeks**, how much of the time has your **physical health or emotional problems** interfered with your social activities (like visiting with friends, relatives, etc.)?

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- All of the time Most of the time Some of the time A little of the time None of the time

41. Please choose the answer that best describes how true or false each of the following statements is for you. (Mark one response on each line.)

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	Definitely True	Mostly True	Not Sure	Mostly False	Definitely False
Over the past 4 weeks, I have felt about the same as I have felt during the past year	<input type="radio"/>				
I seem to get sick a little easier than other people	<input type="radio"/>				
I am as healthy as anybody I know	<input type="radio"/>				
I expect my health to get worse	<input type="radio"/>				
My health is excellent	<input type="radio"/>				

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42. During the **past 4 weeks**, have you had any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities as a result of any **emotional problems** (such as feeling depressed or anxious)? (Mark one response on each line.)

- a) Cut down the amount of time you spent on work or other activities Yes No
- b) Accomplished less than you would like Yes No
- c) Didn't do work or other activities as carefully as usual Yes No

43. During the **past 4 weeks**, to what extent has your physical health or emotional problems interfered with your normal social activities with family, friends, neighbors, or groups?

- Not at all Slightly Moderately Quite a bit Extremely

44. How much **bodily pain** have you had during the **past 4 weeks**?

- None Very mild Mild Moderate Severe Very severe

45. During the **past 4 weeks**, how much did **bodily pain** interfere with your normal work (including both work outside the home and housework)?

- Not at all A little bit Moderately Quite a bit Extremely

46. During the **past 4 weeks**, have you had any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities as a result of your **physical health**? (Mark one response on each line.)

- a) Cut down the amount of time you spent on work or other activities Yes No
- b) Accomplished less than you would like Yes No
- c) Were limited in the kind of work or other activities Yes No
- d) Had difficulty performing the work or other activities (for example, it took extra effort) Yes No

47. In general, would you say your health is:

- Excellent Very Good Good Fair Poor

48. How often do you go to religious meetings or services?

- More than once a week Once a week 1 to 3 times per month
 Less than once per month Never or almost never

49. How many hours each week do you participate in any groups such as social or work group, church-connected group, self-help group, charity, public service or community group?

- None 1 to 2 hours 3 to 5 hours 6 to 10 hours 11 to 15 hours 16 or more hours

50. How many living children do you have?

- | | | | | | | |
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| Daughters | <input type="radio"/> None | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 or more |
| Sons | <input type="radio"/> None | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 or more |

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51. How many of your children do you see at least once a month?

- None 1 2 3 4 5 or more

52. Apart from your children, how many relatives do you have with whom you feel close?

- None 1 to 2 3 to 5 6 to 9 10 or more

53. Apart from your children, how many close relatives do you see at least once a month?

- None 1 to 2 3 to 5 6 to 9 10 or more

54. How many close friends do you have?

- None 1 to 2 3 to 5 6 to 9 10 or more

55. How many of these friends do you see at least once a month?

- None 1 to 2 3 to 5 6 to 9 10 or more

56. Is there any one special person you know that you feel very close to; someone you feel you can share confidences and feelings with?

- Yes → a) How often do you see or talk with this person?
 No Daily Weekly Monthly Several times/year Once/year or less

57. Can you count on anyone to provide you with emotional support (talking over problems or helping you make a difficult decision)?

- None of the time A little of the time Some of the time Most of the time All of the time

58. How many people can you count on to provide you with emotional support?

- None One Two Three or more

59. Have you been employed within the past 2 years?

- Yes → To what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statement?
 No

My job security is good

- Strongly Disagree Disagree Agree Strongly Agree Not currently employed

60. How many total hours of actual sleep do you get in a 24-hr period?

- 5 hours or less 6 hours 7 hours 8 hours 9 hours 10 hours 11+ hours

61. Do you snore?

- Every night Most nights A few nights a week Occasionally Almost never

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62. Outside of your employment, do you provide regular care to any of the following?

(Mark one response on each line. For people to whom you do not provide regular care, mark "Zero Hours.")

	HOURS PER WEEK					
	Zero Hrs.	1-8 Hrs.	9-20 Hrs.	21-35 Hrs.	36-72 Hrs.	73+ Hrs.
Your children	<input type="radio"/>					
Grandchildren	<input type="radio"/>					
Disabled or ill spouse	<input type="radio"/>					
Disabled or ill parent	<input type="radio"/>					
Disabled or ill other person	<input type="radio"/>					

63. How *stressful* would you say it is to provide care to the individuals mentioned above?

- Not applicable Not at all Just a little bit Moderately Extremely Don't know

64. How *rewarding* would you say it is to provide care to the individuals mentioned above?

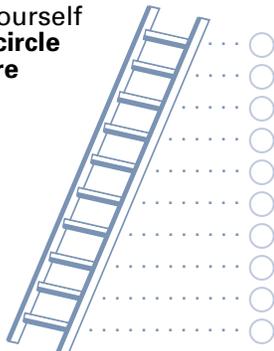
- Not applicable Not at all Just a little bit Moderately Extremely Don't know

65. The following questions relate to how you feel about your standing in US society and in your community.

a) Think of this ladder as representing where people stand in the United States.

- ◆ At the top of the ladder are the people who are the best off—those who have the most money, the most education, and the most respectable jobs.
- ◆ At the bottom of the ladder are the people who are the worst off—those who have the least money, the least education, and the least respected jobs or no job.

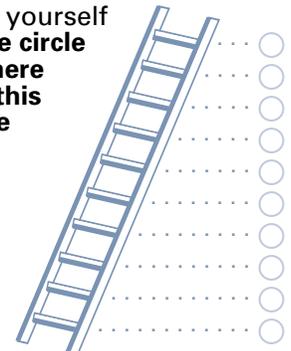
Where would you place yourself on this ladder? **Fill in the circle that best represents where you think you stand, relative to other people in the United States.**



b) Now think of this ladder as representing where people stand in their communities. People define community in different ways. Please define it in whatever way is most meaningful to you.

- ◆ At the top of the ladder are the people who have the highest standing in their community.
- ◆ At the bottom of the ladder are the people who have the lowest standing in their community.

Where would you place yourself on this ladder? **Fill in the circle that best represents where you think you stand at this time in your life, relative to other people in your community.**



66. Did you need any help from someone else to complete this questionnaire?

- No
 Yes → What kind of help did you need? (Mark all that apply.)

- Help with vision Help with memory This questionnaire was completed by someone other than the participating nurse. (Please elaborate on the next page and include your name, telephone number and relationship to the participant.)
 Help with writing Other

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