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Dear Colleague:

In the summer of 1976 you and 121,700 other registered nurses embarked on a remarkable journey to expand our understanding of the health of women. Twenty-eight years later, the fruits of our collaboration are bountiful. Hundreds of scientific papers have been published and, as a result, many of the facts that people take for granted about health and diet have come from the Nurses' Health Study. We humbly thank you for making this possible through your dedication, enthusiasm and loyal participation.

The attached questionnaire was designed to be easier to read and complete. We have increased the size of the print and made it generally less "crowded." We have NOT increased the number of questions. Please be assured that this booklet contains the same number of questions as our standard six-page survey. Your prompt reply is most helpful.

We value **each** member of the Nurses' Health Study as a colleague in our research, regardless of your retirement or employment 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!**

Your continued participation by documenting your lifestyle is fundamental to the validity of the study. It is with our deepest gratitude that we thank you again for the time and care that you have continued to offer to help us all learn more about women's health.

Best Regards,

Graham A. Colditz, MD, DrPH Principal Investigator

Frank E. Speizer, MD Founding Principal Investigator

Frank E. Sperge, M.D.

Do you have an e-mail address?

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 I or i, Ø vs O, 5 vs S)

We will <u>not</u> release your e-mail address to anyone!

Do we have your correct address and name?

Make any necessary changes and return this page with your completed booklet.

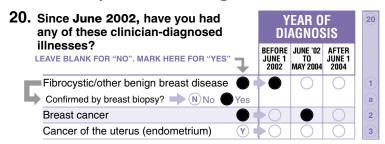
INSTRUCTIONS

Please use an ordinary No. 2 pencil to answer all questions. Fill in the appropriate response circles completely. The form is designed to be read by optical-scanning equipment, so it is important that you keep any write-in responses **within** the spaces provided and erase any incorrect marks completely. If you have comments, please write them on a separate piece of paper.

Please fill in the Do not mark this circles completely. Way: ♥ ♥ •



EXAMPLE: Mark "Yes" bubble <u>and</u> Year of Diagnosis bubble for each illness you have had diagnosed.



- Please tear off the cover letter (to preserve confidentiality) and return the questionnaire in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.
- 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 return it to us.
- Thank you for completing the 2004 Nurses' Health Study Questionnaire.

Federal research regulations require us to include the following information:

There are no direct benefits to you from participating in this study.

The risk of breach of confidentiality associated with participation in this study is very small.

Your choice to participate in this study is completely voluntary and you may decline or withdraw at any time without penalty.

Although complete information is important to the study, you may skip any question you do not wish to answer.

You will not receive monetary compensation for participating.

If you have any questions regarding your rights as a research participant, you are encouraged to call a representative of the Human Subjects Committee at the Brigham and Women's Hospital (617-525-3170).

20. Since June 2002, have y clinician-diagnosed illnes	ou had	d any of these			YEAR OI IAGNOS	
LEAVE	BEFORE JUNE 1 2002	JUNE '02 TO May 2004	AFTEI JUNE 2004			
MARK "YES" BUBBLE AND YEAR OF DIAGNOSIS BUBBLE FOR EACH ILLNESS YOU	L	Fibrocystic/other benign breast disease Confirmed by breast biopsy? No Y	Yes	0	0	0
HAVE HAD DIAGNOSED.		Breast cancer	Ŷ	0	0	0
		Cancer of the uterus (endometrium)	(Y)	0	0	0
		Cancer of the ovary	(Y)	0	0	0
		Colon or rectal polyp (benign)	Ŷ I	0	0	0
		Cancer of the colon or rectum	Y	0	0	0
		Cancer of the lung	(Y) I	0	0	0
		Melanoma	Y	0	0	0
		Basal cell skin cancer	(Y) I	0	0	0
		Squamous cell skin cancer	Y	0	0	0
		Chronic lymphocytic leukemia	(Y) I	0	0	0
	Г	Other cancer	(Y) I	0	0	0
	L	Specify site of other cancer				
		Diabetes mellitus	(Y)	0	0	0
		Elevated cholesterol	Y	0	0	0
		High blood pressure	(Y)	0	0	0
	L	Myocardial infarction (heart attack) Hospitalized for MI? No Yes	(Y)	0	0	0
	L	Angina pectoris Confirmed by angiogram? No Y	Yes	• 0	0	0
		Coronary bypass, angioplasty, or stent	Y	0	0	0
		Congestive heart failure	(Y)	0	0	0
		Stroke (CVA)	Y	0	0	0
		TIA (Transient ischemic attack)	(Y) I	0	0	0
	Γ	Peripheral artery disease or claudication of legs (not varicose veins)	Y	0	0	0
	L	Confirmed by angiogram/surgery? No	Y Yes			

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21. Have you ever had any of these clinician-diagnosed illnesses or procedures?

	YEAR OF DIAGNOSIS						
LEAVE BLANK FOR "NO," MARK HERE FOR "YES"	—	1996 or BEFORE	1997- 2001	2002	2003	2004+	
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (A.L.S.)	(Y) II	0	0	0	0	0	C
Seizure (1 or more)/Epilepsy	(Y) II	0	0	0	0	0	
Chronic Renal Failure	(Y) II	0	0	0	0	0	C
Barrett's esophagus	(Y) II	0	0	0	0	0	
Shingles	(Y)	0	0	0	0	0	
Increased eye pressure in either eye (over 25 mm/Hg)	(Y) II	0	0	0	0	0	
Pneumonia, x-ray confirmed	(Y)	0	0	0	0	0	C
Osteoarthritis	(Y)	0	0	0	0	0	C
Splenectomy	(Y) II	0	0	0	0	0	C
ICD-Implantable Cardiac Defibrillator	(Y)	0	0	0	0	0	C

22. In the past two years have you had . . .

(If yes, mark all that apply)

	No	Screening	Symptoms
A physical exam?	N	Y	Ŷ
Exam by eye doctor?	N	Y	Ŷ
Mammogram?	N	Y	Ŷ
Fasting blood sugar	N	Ŷ	Ŷ
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23. Did you have a colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy since June 1, 2002?

O No	O Yes	\rightarrow
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Initial reason(s) you had Colonoscopy or Sigmoidoscopy?

- O Visible blood
- Occult fecal blood
- Diarrhea/constipation
- Barium enema
- Prior polyps
- Abdominal pain Family history of colon cancer
- O Follow-up of (virtual) CT colonoscopy
- Asymptomatic or routine screening

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ay	je rangej	Total Time Using Antibiotics										
		None	Less than 15 days	15 days to 2 Months	2–4 Months	4 Mos- 2 Years	2–3 Years	3–5 Years	5+ Years			
	Age 20–39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		C		
	Age 40–59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C		
	Age 60 to the present	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C		

a) What was the most commor	reason that you u	sed an antibiotic?
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 Respiratory infection 	○ UTI	O Acne/Rosacea
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Chronic bronchitis

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Other

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	Acetaminophen (e.g., Tylenol)
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$\overline{\mathbb{C}}$	"Baby" or low dose aspirin (100 mg/tablet or less)
	Days per week: Total tablets per week:
_	1 2-3 4-5 6+ days 1-2 3-5 6-14 15+ tablets
\cup	Aspirin or aspirin-containing products (325mg/tablet or more)
	Days per week: Total tablets per week: 1 2-3 4-5 6+ days 1-2 3-5 6-14 15+ tablets
$\overline{}$	Ibuprofen (e.g., Advil, Motrin, Nuprin)
	Days per week: Total tablets per week:
_	1 2-3 4-5 6+ days → 1-2 3-5 6-14 15+ tablets
J	Celebrex or Vioxx (COX-2 inhibitors) Days per week: 1 2-3 4-5 6+ days
	Days per week.
\bigcirc	Other anti-inflammatory analgesics, 2+ times/week (e.g., Aleve, Naprosyn, Relafen, Ketoprofen, Anaprox)
0	Thiazide diuretic
	Calcium blocker (e.g., Calan, Procardia, Cardizem)
<u> </u>	Beta-blocker (e.g., Inderal, Lopressor, Tenormin, Corgard)
<u> </u>	ACE Inhibitors (e.g., Capoten, Vasotec, Zestril)
<u> </u>	Other antihypertensive (e.g., losartan, doxazosin)
\subset	Coumadin Digoxin Antiarrhythmic
"S	Statin" cholesterol-lowering drug: Mevacor (Iovastatin) Zocor (simvastatin) Crestor Dravachol (pravastatin) Lipitor (atorvastatin) Lescol
\bigcirc	Other cholesterol-lowering drug [e.g., niacin, Lopid (gemfibrozil), Tricor (fenofibrate), Questran (cholestyramine), Colestin, Zetia]
0	Steroids taken orally (e.g., Prednisone, Decadron, Medrol)
0	Insulin Oral hypoglycemic medication
0	SSRI's (e.g., Prozac, Zoloft, Paxil, Celexa)
<u> </u>	Other antidepressants (e.g., Elavil, Tofranil, Pamelor)
<u> </u>	Minor tranquilizers (e.g., Valium, Xanax, Ativan, Librium)
\bigcirc	Prilosec, Nexium, Prevacid (Iansoprazole), Protonix, Aciphex Years used: 0–2 yrs 3–5 yrs 6–9 yrs 10+ yrs
0	H2 blocker (e.g., Pepcid, Tagamet, Zantac, Axid)
\bigcirc	Aricept O Namenda
	Fosamax, Actonel, or other bisphosphonate
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38.	Following are questions about your physical activity at various times in your life and at various
	intensity levels. For each age range below, please estimate the average amount of time that you
	spent in these activities.

We recognize that this is a difficult task, but we ask that you <u>average</u> your activity over seasons and years during the given age categories.

a) Walking to and from School or Work

Average hours per WEEK

	None	0.5	1–2	3–4	5–6	7–10	11+	(a)
Grades 7–8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Grades 9–12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ages 18–22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ages 23–29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ages 30–34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C

b) TV Watching

Average hours per WEEK

	None	1	2–5	6–10	11–20	21–40	41–60	61–90	91+	(b)
Grades 7–8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Grades 9–12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ages 18–22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ages 23–29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ages 30–34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

c) Strenuous Recreational Activity

Causing increased breathing, heart-rate, or sweating (e.g., running, aerobics, lap swimming)

	<u>Average</u>	<u>hours</u>	per	WEEK
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	None	0.5	1–2	3–4	5–6	7–10	11+	
Grades 7–8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Grades 9-12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ages 18–22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ages 23–29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ages 30–34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

d) Moderate Recreational Activity

e.g., hiking, walking for exercise, casual cycling, yard work (do not count activities already reported)

Average hours per WEEK

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	None	0.5	1–2	3–4	5–6	7–10	11+	d
Grades 7–8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C
Grades 9-12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C
Ages 18–22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C
Ages 23–29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C
Ages 30–34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C

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	Other sitting at home (e.g., reading, meal times, at desk)? (hours/week)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sitting at home while watching TV/VCR? (hours/week)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C
	Sitting at work or away from home or while driving? (hours/week)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C
	Standing or walking around at home? (hours/week)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C
	(hours per week)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C

8. How often do you go to re	ligious meetings or s	ervices?	(
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49. Apart fro	om your ch	ildren, hov	v many rela	atives do you have with whom you feel close?	(49
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