

MCBS MAIN STUDY - ROUND 33, SUMMER SUPPLEMENT 2002  
 COMMUNITY COMPONENT  
 PA. PATIENT ACTIVATION

BOX PA1	IF RESPONDENT IS PROXY, GO TO <b>BOX CL1</b> IF SP IS ALIVE AND NOT INSTITUTIONALIZED, GO TO PAINTRO. IF SP IS DECEASED OR IF SP IS ALIVE AND INSTITUTIONALIZED, GO TO <b>BOX CL1</b> .
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PAINTRO. Now I have some questions about how you make health care decisions. Answers to questions like these will help Medicare better understand how people use medical services.

Please keep in mind that there are no right or wrong answers to these questions. Your opinions and experiences are important to us.

[PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE]

PA1. Please tell me how confident you are that you can . . . Identify when it is necessary for you to get medical care.

SHOW CARD PA1	<b>PANECESS</b>	VERY CONFIDENT ..... 1 CONFIDENT..... 2 SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT..... 3 NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT..... 4 REFUSED ..... -7 DON'T KNOW ..... -8
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PA2. [How confident are you that you can . . . ] Identify when you are having side effects from your medications?

SHOW CARD PA1	<b>PASIDEFX</b>	VERY CONFIDENT ..... 1 CONFIDENT..... 2 SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT..... 3 NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT..... 4 NOT APPLICABLE ..... 5 REFUSED ..... -7 DON'T KNOW ..... -8
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PA3. Doctors often give instructions about how you should care for yourself at home, like changing a bandage, taking medicines on schedule, or applying ice packs. How confident are you that you can follow instructions to care for yourself at home?

SHOW CARD PA1	<b>PAINSTRC</b>	VERY CONFIDENT ..... 1 CONFIDENT..... 2 SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT..... 3 NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT..... 4 NOT APPLICABLE ..... 5 REFUSED ..... -7 DON'T KNOW ..... -8
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PA4. Doctors also often make recommendations about changing your habits or lifestyle, such as changing your diet, stopping smoking, or getting regular exercise. How confident are you that you can follow this kind of recommendation, to change your habits or lifestyle?

SHOW CARD PA1	<b>PAMEDREC</b>	VERY CONFIDENT .....	1
		CONFIDENT.....	2
		SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT.....	3
		NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT.....	4
		REFUSED .....	-7
		DON'T KNOW .....	-8

PA5. Thinking about experiences you have had with your health and health care, please tell me how likely you are to do the following:

Change doctors if you are dissatisfied with the way you and your doctor communicate.

SHOW CARD PA2	<b>PACHGDRS</b>	VERY LIKELY .....	1
		LIKELY.....	2
		UNLIKELY.....	3
		VERY UNLIKELY .....	4
		REFUSED .....	-7
		DON'T KNOW .....	-8

PA6. [How likely are you to . . .] Tell your doctor when you disagree with him or her?

SHOW CARD PA2	<b>PADISAGR</b>	VERY LIKELY .....	1
		LIKELY.....	2
		UNLIKELY.....	3
		VERY UNLIKELY .....	4
		REFUSED .....	-7
		DON'T KNOW .....	-8

PA7. Now I am going to read some statements people have made about their doctors. For each statement, please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree.

I prefer doctors who give me choices and help me decide for myself what to do.

SHOW CARD PA3	<b>PAPREFER</b>	STRONGLY AGREE .....	1
		AGREE .....	2
		DISAGREE.....	3
		STRONGLY DISAGREE .....	4
		REFUSED .....	-7
		DON'T KNOW .....	-8

PA8. [Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree that . . . ] Most doctors are about the same when it comes to properly diagnosing medical problems and recommending a treatment?

SHOW CARD PA3
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- PADRSAME**
- STRONGLY AGREE..... 1
  - AGREE ..... 2
  - DISAGREE..... 3
  - STRONGLY DISAGREE ..... 4
  - REFUSED ..... -7
  - DON'T KNOW ..... -8

PA9. These next questions are about practices sometimes associated with receiving medical care. Please tell me if you always, usually, sometimes, or never do the following:

Read about health conditions in newspapers, magazines, or on the Internet.

SHOW CARD PA4
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- PAHCONDS**
- ALWAYS ..... 1
  - USUALLY ..... 2
  - SOMETIMES..... 3
  - NEVER ..... 4
  - REFUSED ..... -7
  - DON'T KNOW ..... -8

PA10. [Do you always, usually, sometimes, or never . . . ] Read information about a new prescription, such as side effects and precautions?

SHOW CARD PA4
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- PARXINFO**
- ALWAYS ..... 1
  - USUALLY..... 2
  - SOMETIMES..... 3
  - NEVER ..... 4
  - REFUSED ..... -7
  - DON'T KNOW ..... -8

PA11. [Do you always, usually, sometimes, or never . . . ] Bring with you to your doctor visits a list of questions or concerns you want to cover?

SHOW CARD PA4
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- PADRQUEX**
- ALWAYS ..... 1
  - USUALLY..... 2
  - SOMETIMES..... 3
  - NEVER ..... 4
  - REFUSED ..... -7
  - DON'T KNOW ..... -8

PA12. [Do you always, usually, sometimes, or never . . . ] Leave your doctor’s office feeling that all your concerns or questions have been fully answered?

SHOW  
CARD  
PA4

- PAANSWR** ALWAYS ..... 1
- USUALLY..... 2
- SOMETIMES..... 3
- NEVER ..... 4
- REFUSED ..... -7
- DON'T KNOW ..... -8

PA13. [Do you always, usually, sometimes, or never . . . ] Take a list of all your prescribed medicines to your doctor visits?

SHOW  
CARD  
PA4

- PALISTRX** ALWAYS ..... 1
- USUALLY..... 2
- SOMETIMES..... 3
- NEVER ..... 4
- NOT APPLICABLE ..... 5
- REFUSED ..... -7
- DON'T KNOW ..... -8

PA14. [Do you always, usually, sometimes, or never . . . ] Make sure you understand the results of any medical test or procedure? (An example would be an x-ray, blood tests, or EKG for heart conditions.)

SHOW  
CARD  
PA4

- PATRSLT** ALWAYS ..... 1
- USUALLY..... 2
- SOMETIMES..... 3
- NEVER ..... 4
- REFUSED ..... -7
- DON'T KNOW ..... -8

PA15. [Do you always, usually, sometimes, or never . . . ] Talk with your doctor or other medical person about your options if you need tests or follow-up care? (An example would be a referral for care by a medical specialist.)

SHOW  
CARD  
PA4

- PAOPTION** ALWAYS ..... 1
- USUALLY..... 2
- SOMETIMES..... 3
- NEVER ..... 4
- REFUSED ..... -7
- DON'T KNOW ..... -8

PA16. Now I am going to read some statements. Thinking about your relationship with your doctor, please tell me if the following statements always, usually, sometimes, or never happen:

My doctor listens to what I have to say about my symptoms and concerns.

SHOW  
CARD  
PA4

- PADRLISN** ALWAYS ..... 1
- USUALLY..... 2
- SOMETIMES..... 3
- NEVER ..... 4
- REFUSED ..... -7
- DON'T KNOW ..... -8

PA17. [The following always, usually, sometimes, or never happens . . . ] I ask my doctor to explain a test, treatment, or procedure to me in detail.

SHOW  
CARD  
PA4

- PADREXP** ALWAYS ..... 1
- USUALLY..... 2
- SOMETIMES..... 3
- NEVER ..... 4
- NOT APPLICABLE..... 5
- REFUSED ..... -7
- DON'T KNOW ..... -8

PA18. [The following always, usually, sometimes, or never happens . . . ] Before I go to a new doctor, I find out as much as I can about his or her qualifications.

SHOW  
CARD  
PA4

- PADRQUAL** ALWAYS ..... 1
- USUALLY..... 2
- SOMETIMES..... 3
- NEVER ..... 4
- NOT APPLICABLE..... 5
- REFUSED ..... -7
- DON'T KNOW ..... -8

PA19. [The following always, usually, sometimes, or never happens . . . ] When I see the doctor, there is not enough time to discuss all of my health concerns.

SHOW  
CARD  
PA4

- PANOTIME** ALWAYS ..... 1
- USUALLY..... 2
- SOMETIMES..... 3
- NEVER ..... 4
- REFUSED ..... -7
- DON'T KNOW ..... -8

PA20. [The following always, usually, sometimes, or never happens . . . ] My doctor explains things to me in terms that I can easily understand.

SHOW CARD PA4	<b>PADREXPL</b>	ALWAYS .....	1
		USUALLY.....	2
		SOMETIMES.....	3
		NEVER .....	4
		REFUSED .....	-7
		DON'T KNOW .....	-8

PA21. [The following always, usually, sometimes, or never happens . . . ] I can call my doctor's office to get medical advice when I need it.

SHOW CARD PA4	<b>PADVICE</b>	ALWAYS .....	1
		USUALLY.....	2
		SOMETIMES.....	3
		NEVER .....	4
		REFUSED .....	-7
		DON'T KNOW .....	-8

PA22. [The following always, usually, sometimes or never happens . . . ] It is difficult for me to keep up with news about medical treatments.

SHOW CARD PA4	<b>PAMEDNWS</b>	ALWAYS .....	1
		USUALLY.....	2
		SOMETIMES.....	3
		NEVER .....	4
		REFUSED .....	-7
		DON'T KNOW .....	-8

PA23. Finally, have you ever brought your doctor information about your medical condition from a newspaper, magazine, or the Internet?

<b>PADRINFO</b>	YES .....	1
	NO .....	2
	REFUSED .....	-7
	DON'T KNOW .....	-8

BOX PA2	GO TO <b>BOX CL1</b> .
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