



INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SEMI-ANNUAL FOLLOW-UP GENERAL INTERVIEW QUESTIONS (03/07/2014) (GNC, VERSION 1, 01/10/2014)

I. General Instructions

The semi-annual follow-up general interview questions (GNC) are completed during the semi-annual follow up interview following the semi-annual follow-up core questions (SAF). The GNC interview is **not** administered to proxy respondents or contacts who answer the SAF questions about the ARIC study participant, nor is the GNC interview administered to ARIC participants who refuse the SAF.

II. Detailed Instructions for Each Item

- 0a. Enter the date of the interview. This date should fall between the scheduling windows on the Participant Tracing Report.
- 0b. Enter the staff ID for the telephone follow-up interviewer ID.

A. SF-12 HEALTH SURVEY

Questions 1-7 in Section A are no longer asked of the participant starting February 19, 2014.

B. CAREGIVER STATUS

- 8. This question asks whether the participant is a caregiver. Please skip to question 12 if the participant responds that they do not currently provide ongoing care. If the participant responds that they are a caregiver, subsequent questions will allow him/her to provide more information concerning that care.
- 9. In this question, the term "spouse" can refer to a spouse or a partner. If the participant's response does not correspond to any of the listed response categories, please use the notelog to identify if the caregiver is a "relative other than spouse" or use the "other" category if the relationship between the caregiver and care recipient is other than that of a relative, friend or neighbor. ARIC is interested in the care provided to family and friends (informal caregiving), not caregiving for pay.
- 10. This question provides information on the extent to which the person providing care is "on call" with respect to the care they are providing. It is possible that the caregiver is living in the same dwelling as the care recipient, who spends the day in a full-day care facility. This should still be considered living with the care recipient.
- 11. This question evaluates the responder's (care giver's) perception of the stress that their caregiver status is contributing. The question does not differentiate between mental and physical stress. After reading the question, please tell the participant that they should select their responses from the following categories; "no strain", "low amount of strain", "moderate amount of strain", "a lot of strain", "extreme amount of strain". This

question does not allow the participant to provide information on when the strain increased or decreased, if at all. For consistency purposes, if asked about the time frame, say: “In the last 4 weeks, how much mental or emotional strain or both was it for you to provide this care?”

12. This question should be answered by everyone, including those who responded “No” to question 8.
13. In this question, the term “spouse” can refer to a spouse or a partner. If the participant’s response does not correspond to any of the listed response categories, please use the notelog to identify if the care recipient is a “relative other than spouse” or use the “other” category if the relationship between the care recipient and the caregiver is other than that of a relative, friend or neighbor. ARIC is interested in the care provided to family and friends (informal caregiving), not caregiving for pay.
14. This question provides information on the extent to which the person receiving care is in constant contact with the caregiver. It is possible that the caregiver is living in the same dwelling as the care recipient, although the care recipient may spend the day in a full-day care facility. This should still be considered as living with the care giver.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

15. sAFU general interview questions completion status. Enter the code that describes whether or not the sAFU general interview questions were completed.
 - A. **Complete**: Direct contact was made within the given time frame. The contact provided all the questionnaire information they could offer. The contact is not required to answer every questionnaire item to have completed the interview.
 - B. **Partially complete, contact again within window (interruptions)**: Direct contact was made, but the questionnaire could not be fully administered due to an interruption – not because of a refusal. This status is not a final status, as the interviewer will be attempting another contact to continue the interview. The final sAFU General Interview Questions Completion Status for the given time frame must be a. Complete, or c. Partially complete; unable to complete within window (done).
 - C. **Partially complete, unable to complete within window (done)**: Direct contact was made, but the questionnaire could not be fully administered in the given time frame.