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**TELEPHONE SCRIPT FOR RELATIVE OF DECEASED PARTICIPANT
(Out-of-Hospital Deaths)**

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Hello. This is _____ from the Cardiovascular Health Study at the University of Pittsburgh. May I please speak to _____ .

If informant is already speaking, proceed.

If informant comes to telephone, reintroduce yourself.

If informant is not available, find out a good time to call back and call then.

If informant is no longer at that number, try to find out how to reach informant.

If the relative is a participant in CHS (or lived with the decedent):

I am calling from the CHS study in which you and <name of decedent> have been participants (in which <name of decedent> was a participant). We were sorry to learn of his/her death.

Would you be willing to answer a short questionnaire? What would be a good day and time for us to visit you?

DATE: ___/___/___ TIME: ___:___ am/pm

(Pause. Allow informant to respond if he/she wants to. It may be necessary to reschedule the interview. Informant may refuse interview at this point. If so, pursue this interview no further. Ask whether informant can recommend someone else who would be willing to talk.)

If the relative is not a cohort member and did not live with the decedent:

Let me explain why I am telephoning. Heart disease has been so widespread in the United States that the National Institutes of Health is conducting a study to look at its causes and treatment. I understand from our records that <name of decedent>, a participant in this study, died in (month and year). I would like to talk to you about him/her.

<name of decedent> gave us his/her consent

to contact a family relative if we needed additional medical information. The events surrounding <name of decedent>'s death may provide clues which will help in the fight against heart disease. Would you be willing to answer a short questionnaire?

What would be a good day and time for us to call you back?

DATE: ___/___/___ TIME: ___:___ am/pm

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