

Attachment B.

Protocol for Cognitive Functioning Pilot Study (ages 60+)

**National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)
Cognitive Functioning Pilot Study**

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Cognitive Functioning Pilot Study Protocol:

Eligibility: Sample persons aged 60 years or older are eligible for the Cognitive Functioning Pilot Study.

Informed Consent: Informed consent will be obtained as a part of standard NHANES consenting procedures.

Exclusion Criteria: There are no exclusion criteria for this component, other than age eligibility.

Study Design: This is an interviewer administered component. Cognitive functioning will be assessed using three brief standardized tests: 1) Consortium to Establish a Registry for Alzheimer's Disease (CERAD) Word List Learning test involving a word list in which recall and memory are assessed; 2) Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale® – Third Edition (WAIS®–III) Digit symbol substitution test which evaluates attention and processing speed; and 3) Animal Fluency Test, designed to assess categorical verbal fluency, a component of executive function. The total time required to complete this component is estimated at 10 minutes.

Data Collection: Participants will take the assessment in a private Mobile Examination Center (MEC) interview room.

Report of Findings: Results will not be reported to the participant.