

Attachment 1c - Introduction to cognitive interview

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Introduction

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this interview today. You have read the Informed Consent form and you agree to take part in this research study. Is that correct? [Interviewer waits for verbal acknowledgment]. You have given your permission for me to tape record your interview today and, if needed, to play it to other people working on this study. Is that correct? [Interviewer waits for verbal acknowledgment].

Before we start, I want to make sure that you understand who we are and why you're here. The National Center for Health Statistics, a federal government statistical agency, is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). One of CDC's key missions is to monitor the health of people in the United States.

Birth certificate data are used to monitor the health of women giving birth and their infants, as well as to determine public policy and funding for maternal and child health at the local, state and national level.

Since use of the 2003 Revised U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth includes changes in data items and in how these data are collected, it is crucial to ascertain how the data are collected and what problems if any are encountered along the way.

Today we will be discussing how you collect birth certificate data. For example, what sources are available to you? How easy/difficult is it to find a specific data item? What do you do if you cannot find a data item? We'll be using the 2003 Revised U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth and the facility worksheets as starting points for our interview, with the understanding that these may differ somewhat from those used in your hospital.

I want to remind you that this interview is strictly confidential. Confidential means that your name will never be linked to the answers you give.

Do you have any questions you want to ask me before we begin?