

Attachment 2 - 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.

The National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) and the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS), collect information about the large portion of ambulatory care provided by physicians and mid-level providers throughout the United States. Both surveys help inform physicians, health care researchers, and policy makers about the changing characteristics of ambulatory care in this country.

We are studying the Patient Record survey form for NAMCS and NHAMCS to ascertain how the data are collected, how medical records are accessed, and what problems if any are encountered along the way so that appropriate data collection mechanisms can be constructed.

Your interview will help us improve the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey Patient Record and the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey Patient Record data collection process.

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?

