

**ATTACHMENT C2**  
**Pre-Focus Group Questionnaire (Group 2)**

**Definition:** Shared decision-making is a process where both the patient and clinician share information, participate in the decisionmaking process, and agree on the best strategy for treatment. The clinician provides personalized information, tools, and/or decision aids to help the patient understand available treatment options, and encourages the patient to consider his or her personal values in making treatment-related decisions.

1. Keeping in mind the definition of shared decisionmaking above, how often would you say you involve your patients in the decisionmaking process regarding their care in each of the following situations?

	Every time	Almost every time	Occasionally	Almost never	Never
Changing their lifestyle behaviors	•	•	•	•	•
Deciding on their medicines (e.g., blood pressure, cholesterol, depression)	•	•	•	•	•
Whether or not to undergo cancer screening tests (e.g., colon, breast, prostate)	•	•	•	•	•
Having surgery (e.g., back surgery, knee or hip replacements)	•	•	•	•	•
Choosing between various cardiac procedures	•	•	•	•	•
Managing chronic conditions	•	•	•	•	•
Having an MRI or CT Scan	•	•	•	•	•

2. When the subject of medical treatments, procedures, or medicine regime comes up, how much time per visit are you able to spend with individual patients discussing options or in decisionmaking processes?

- 3 minutes or less
- 4 to 5 minutes
- 6 to 10 minutes
- 11 to 15 minutes
- More than 15 minutes

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3. To what extent have you found that the following situations prohibit you from fully engaging patients as much as you would like in the decisionmaking process or educating about the patient’s health care options?

	To a great extent	Somewhat	Not at all
Not having enough time with patients	•	•	•
Not having access to trusted sources of information that can be used in this process	•	•	•
Not being able to stay up-to-date on current clinical research	•	•	•
Patients/caregivers having difficulty understanding the information	•	•	•
Patients not being interested in participating in this process	•	•	•
Patients not being confident in participating in this process	•	•	•
Coming from a different culture	•	•	•
Not speaking the same language	•	•	•
Other reasons (Please specify other reasons) _____	•	•	•

4. When you engage in shared decision making with patients, how do you do it (please select all that apply)?

- At the point of care, through one-on-one conversations with the patient
- At the point of care with family or other caregivers present
- By phone before their visit
- Directing patients to a Web site that provides patient decision aids online prior to their visit
- Directing patients to a Web site that provides patient decision aids online after their visit
- In a group setting
- Some other way (please specify)\_\_\_\_\_

5. How valuable would you find each of the following topics in a training course on educating patients about their health care options:

	Very valuable	Somewhat valuable	Not very valuable	Not valuable at all
How to communicate technical information about health care options with patients	•	•	•	•
How to discuss harms and benefits of various health care options	•	•	•	•
How to address different cultural sensitivities of my patients	•	•	•	•
How to convey information to patients with who speak little English	•	•	•	•
How to convey information about likely outcomes of different health care options	•	•	•	•
How to engage patients to better understand their preferences and values	•	•	•	•
Where I can find and access information that would be useful	•	•	•	•

to me in my practice				
Other topics that would be valuable (Please specify) _____	•	•	•	•