


Screeners: Healthcare Patient Consumers

Target Population:

Group A - Consumers who have had a hospital stay within the past 6 months

Group B - Consumers who anticipate a hospital stay within the next 6 months

Recruitment Criteria:

- Ages 40-70
- All participants should regularly use the Internet (at least four times per week)
- Exclude individuals who currently work or previously worked in the health care industry or who have an immediate family member who is currently working in the health care industry.
- Exclude individuals who are current or former employees of the Social Security Administration or the Department of Health and Human Services or one of its related agencies (such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Health Care Financing Administration, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Centers for Disease Control, the Food and Drug Administration)
- Exclude individuals who have participated in a health or health insurance related IDI or focus group within the past year and/or who have participated in an IDI or focus group within the past 6 months.

Recruitment Mix:

- Recruit approximately 50% female and 50% male
- Recruit a mix of race/ethnicity (Caucasian vs. Non-Caucasian)
- Recruit a mix of education level (less than high school, high school graduate/GED, some college, college graduate, post graduate). No more than 8 recruits of the 12 should have education higher than a high-school diploma. (i.e. Some College/Associates, Bachelors, or higher.)

INTRODUCTION

Hello, my name is _____ from _____, a local research firm here in the _____ area. We are working with L&M Policy Research on a project about health care.

If needed: If recruit asks about L&M Policy Research, please say the following: “L&M Policy Research is a company with headquarters in Washington, D.C that conducts research on many different healthcare issues.”

I’m calling today about a project that we are doing about the quality of certain hospital services for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the federal government agency that runs Medicare. For this study we’d like your help figuring out the clearest way to tell people about this hospital information. If you are interested in helping with the project and you meet its requirements, we will invite you to come for an interview on [TBD]. It would take about 90 minutes of your time, and we would pay you [\$XX] at the end of the interview. May I ask you a few questions to see if you qualify to participate? *If yes, continue to #1. If no, thank and end.*

If needed: Since we need to include people who are a mix of different backgrounds and experiences, there are some requirements that I have to check on for all of the people that we bring in to participate. I need to ask you a few questions to see if you meet the requirements for participating in the discussion.

- 1. Are you currently working or have you ever worked in the health care industry?** (e.g., working for a hospital, nursing home, pharmacy, home health agency, medical office, clinic, diagnostic imaging center, health plan, HMO, health insurance company, or pharmaceutical company)

____ YES → *Thank and end call*

____ NO → *Continue*

____ NOT SURE → *Thank and end call*

- 2. Is an immediate family member currently working in the health care industry?** (e.g., working for a hospital, nursing home, pharmacy, home health agency, medical office, clinic, diagnostic imaging center, health plan, HMO, health insurance company, or pharmaceutical company)

____ YES → *Thank and end call*

____ NO → *Continue*

____ NOT SURE → *Thank and end call*



- 3. Are you currently or have you ever been employed by the Social Security Administration or the Department of Health and Human Services or one of its related agencies, such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Health Care Financing Administration, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Centers for Disease Control, or the Food and Drug Administration?**

____ YES → *Thank and end call*

____ NO → *Continue*

- 4. Have you been paid to participate in an interview, focus group, or other group or individual discussion in the past 6 months?**

____ YES → *Thank and end call*

____ NO → *Continue*

____ NOT SURE → *Thank and end call*

- 5. Have you been paid to participate in a health or health insurance related interview, focus group, or other individual or group discussion in the past year?**

____ YES → *Thank and end call*

____ NO → *Continue*

____ NOT SURE → *Thank and end call*

- 6. Which category best describes your age? {Read list below.} {RECRUIT MIX}**

____ 39 or younger → *Thank and end call*

____ 40 – 49 → *Continue*

____ 50 – 59 → *Continue*

____ 60 – 70 → *Continue*

____ 71 or older → *Thank and end call*

- 7. Have you visited Web sites on the Internet?**

____ YES → *Continue*

____ NO → *Thank and end call*



8. How often do you use the Internet for things other than for checking e-mail (e.g., for things such as checking news, online shopping, or searching for information)?

- ___ At least once per day → *Continue*
- ___ At least four times per week → *Continue*
- ___ About twice per week → *Continue*
- ___ About once per week → *Thank and end call*
- ___ Twice per month or less frequently → *Thank and end call*

9. If you were looking to make a major purchase (i.e. shopping for a car, a computer, or any other major purchase), which of the following sources would you use for researching and comparing items before purchasing? {Read EVERY item and check ALL that apply.}

- ___ Friends and family → *Continue*
- ___ Trade magazines or literature (Car and Driver, Consumer Reports, etc.) → *Continue*
- ___ Internet (blue book, AAA) → *Continue*
- ___ Other → *Continue*

10. If you were looking for information to find a hospital for a planned health care service or procedure, which of the following sources would you use? {Read EVERY item and check ALL that apply.}

- ___ Friends and family → *Continue*
- ___ Magazines or other literature (US News & World Report, etc.) → *Continue*
- ___ Internet (hospital websites) → *Continue*
- ___ Other → *Continue*

11. Have you been admitted to a hospital in the last 6 months?

- ___ Yes → *Continue (Recruit for Group A)*
- ___ No → *Continue/skip to 12*

12. Do you anticipate being admitted to a hospital in the next 6 months?

- ___ Yes → *Continue (Recruit for Group B)*

___ No → *Thank and end call*

I have a few more questions about your background. Again, this information will enable us to make sure we have a broad mix of people participating in the interviews. If you feel uncomfortable answering any of these questions, please let me know and we'll go on to the next question.

13. Gender. *{Confirm if needed.}*

___ MALE → *Continue {RECRUIT ~50%}*

___ FEMALE → *Continue {RECRUIT ~50%}*

14. What is the last or highest grade that you finished in school? *{Do not read options.}*
{RECRUIT MIX }

___ Less than high school degree → *Continue*

___ High school degree or GED → *Continue*

___ Some college or two year degree → *Continue*

___ College graduate/4-year college degree → *Continue*

___ More than 4-year college degree → *Continue*

15. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?

___ Yes, Hispanic or Latino → *Continue*

___ No, not Hispanic or Latino → *Continue*

16. Are you White?

___ Yes, White

___ No, Not White → *Continue*

17. Are you Black or African-American?

___ Yes, Black or African-American → *Continue*

___ No, not Black or African-American → *Continue*

18. Are you Asian?



____ Yes, Asian → *Continue*

____ No, not Asian → *Continue*

19. Are you Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander?

____ Yes, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander → *Continue*

____ No, not Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander → *Continue*

20. Are you American Indian or Alaska Native?

____ Yes, American Indian or Alaska Native → *Continue*

____ No, not American Indian or Alaska Native → *Continue*

CONTINUE TO INVITATION BELOW

INVITATION:

Thank you for answering all of my questions. We would like to invite you to participate in the study that will take place on _____ located in _____. The interview will last about 90 minutes. As a thank you for your participation, you will be paid \$XX.

Are you willing to participate? Yes____(CONTINUE) No____(THANK/END)

[Schedule date and time]

Now, let me just verify the spelling of your name and your address, so we can send you a confirmation letter with directions. (RECORD RESPONDENT'S INFORMATION)

Name:_____Telephone:_____

Email:_____

Address:_____

City, State:_____Zip:_____



[IF EMAIL PROVIDED:] Would you rather receive a reminder by email or regular mail?

☐ Email

☐ Regular mail

As I mentioned during our conversation, you will be asked to read and discuss some materials during the interview. So if you use reading glasses or assistive hearing devices, please remember to bring them with you.

If you have any questions or find that you can't attend, please call us right away at _____ so that we can find a replacement. Thank you for your time and for agreeing to help.