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Pre-Test

[Administer the informed consent.]

Introduction

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this study.

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As we go through the tasks, feel free to offer any comments or suggestions that occur to you. We are looking for things about the design that are working well, as well as what could be improved. There are two important things you should keep in mind while you work with the website:

- First, I did not create the design so you can't hurt my feelings with any criticisms you might have. If there are problems with the design, I would like to discuss them with you to see if we can find a way to improve the design.
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I'd like you to know that there are some observers with us today helping me by taking notes, but don't worry about them. You and I will work on this together and they'll just watch and listen.

Do you have any questions for me before we get started?

Background

We have invited persons with a variety of backgrounds to participate in this activity, so I'd like you to tell me:

1. Where do you work and what is your role there?
2. What type of research do you do? How long have you done this kind of research?
3. Have you seen the OCS site before?

- a. [If yes:] What type of information have you looked for on the website? [Probe on areas of research, funding information/opportunities, research tools (such as surveys), publications, etc. Note P's answers to guide their exploration of the website during the tasks.]
- b. [If no:] Based on the name of the site, what kind of information do you think you would find on the site? [Note P's answers to guide their exploration of the website during the tasks.]

Tasks

Novice Participants

1. Take a look at the OCS website [Show P <http://dccps.nci.nih.gov/ocs/>]. Where would you go first on the website? [Note the areas where the P goes and what information they access.]
2. You mentioned before that you were interested in {topic}. Does this website have information on this topic? Let's explore this area. [Direct P to the area with the information.]
3. Are there any other areas on the page that interest you? [Explore all additional areas of the site the P mentions.]
4. [If the participant has not explored all areas of the site:] There are a few other areas of the website. Can you describe the other areas of the website and think about the content that might be there and the people who would be interested in that content? [After P describes one area:] Let's look at the content now. How does this content compare to what you expected to find? [Repeat with all other major parts of the site.]
5. Since you are new to the OCS website, how would you learn about what the Office does? [Note if P finds this information and probe on aspects that are most or less useful.]
6. How would you determine how current the information is that you looked at on the website? How would you determine its accuracy? [Note if the P seems confident or not, and follow up on their reactions if they seem uncertain.]

Expert Participants

1. You mentioned previously looking at {topic} on the OCS website. Can you show me how you accessed that information? [Note the areas where the P goes and what information they access. Repeat for each topic they mentioned earlier.]
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Follow-up Questions

1. I'd like you to reflect on the things you liked and didn't like about the website. What were three things you liked? What were three things you disliked? What would you change about the things you disliked?
2. How easy or difficult was it for you to find information on the OCS website? What would you change about the difficult things to make them easier?
3. Was there anything missing – any information or topics that you expected to see but didn't?
4. Is there anything about the organization of the web pages that you would change?

Wrap up

OK, we're done. Do you have any further questions or comments?

Thanks again for your participation. [Provide P with incentive of \$25.]

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Do you have any questions for me before we get started?

Background

We have invited persons with a variety of backgrounds to participate in this activity, so I'd like you to tell me:

1. Is it the case that you are a cancer advocate? Tell me about it. Have you seen the Office of Cancer Survivorship site before?
 - a. [If yes ("Expert" P):] What type of information have you looked for on the website? [Probe on information to disseminate, types of resources, information on research projects and/or funding, etc. Note P's answers to guide their exploration of the website during the tasks.]

- b. [If no (“Novice” P):] Based on the name of the site, what kind of information do you think you would find on the site? [Note P’s answers to guide their exploration of the website during the tasks.]

Tasks

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Expert Participants

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Wrap up

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2. Have you seen the OCS site before?
 - a. [If yes:] What type of information have you looked for on the website?

- i. [Probe on types of information to disseminate to patients, publications, reports, guidelines, etc. Note P's answers to guide their exploration of the website during the tasks.]
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Background

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1. Do you have a specific connection to cancer?
2. Have you seen the Office of Cancer Survivorship site before?

- a. [If yes:] What type of information have you looked for on the website? [Probe on information for survivors (such as coping with cancer), how to follow up after cancer treatment, survivorship statistics, survivorship research, etc. Note P's answers to guide their exploration of the website during the tasks.]
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Wrap up

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