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Questionnaire

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To participate in this important project, please follow these instructions:

- 1. Read and complete questions 1 through 72.
- 2. Follow instructions for questions that apply to you.
- 3. Read the VA Research Consent Form included with this questionnaire package.
- 4. Return this booklet and the signed Consent Form in the postage-paid addressed envelope enclosed in the package.
- 5. Keep the cover letter and the extra Consent Form for your records.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact:

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MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

- While you can use a pen, please use a PENCIL in case you want to change an answer
- Please do NOT use felt tip pens.

Birthdate:

Last 4 digits of your social security number:

- Make solid, heavy "X" marks in the box.
- Please erase cleanly or white-out any mark you wish to change.
- Please do not make any stray marks on this form.

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NAME:					
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	If you have never used VA services, why not? (Mark all that apply) ☐ I prefer to use other health care coverage ☐ I do not wish to use VA health care services because of concerns about quality of care ☐ I do not know if I am eligible ☐ VA health care services are not in a convenient location for me ☐ Other (Please specify) ☐ Other (Please specify)									
8	Priv	ealth care coverage do y rate or self-purchased ins ployer-based insurance				nt of D	efense's TRICARE	Medi Medi		Other None
		that you may be entitle	d to tl		the VA?	ter from	n the VA Secretary inform	ning yo	ou of pr	ograms and
	⊠ No	Yes (Please sp	pecify	all)			n Wars of the United State			
	Condition Condition	•	No	Yes	Year First To	•		No	Yes	Year First Told
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	е. Нер	atitis		$\boxtimes \rightarrow$	ууууу] q	Frequent bladder infection	s 🗵	\boxtimes	у у у у
	f. Any	other liver trouble		\square	y y y y	r	Significant hearing loss			у у у у
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These questions are about how you feel and how things have been with you <u>during the past 4 weeks</u> . For equestion, please give the one answer that comes closest to the way you have been feeling. How much of the							
	during the past 4 weeks	All of the time	Most of the time	Some the tin		ittle of e time	None of the time
	a. Have you felt calm and peaceful?	\boxtimes	\boxtimes			\boxtimes	
	b. Did you have a lot of energy?			\boxtimes		\boxtimes	
	c. Have you felt downhearted and depressed?			\boxtimes		\boxtimes	
27	During the past 4 weeks , how much of the time has your social activities (like visiting friends, relative All of the time Most of the time			emotional			ed with
28	This question contains a list of comments made by mark how frequently these comments were true for past 4 weeks, please mark the 'Not at all' column	or you during t					
	In the past 4 weeks, have you had?		Not A at all	little bit M	oderately	Quite a bit	Extremely
	 Repeated, disturbing memories of stressful expe the past 	riences from	\boxtimes	\boxtimes			
	 Repeated, disturbing dreams of stressful experie the past 	ences from	\boxtimes				\boxtimes
	 Suddenly acting or feeling as if stressful experie happening again 	ences were	\boxtimes			\boxtimes	
	d. Feeling very upset when something happened th you of stressful experiences from the past	at reminds	\boxtimes	\boxtimes		\boxtimes	
	e. Trouble remembering important parts of stressfu experiences from the past	ıl	\boxtimes				
	f. Loss of interest in activities that you used to enjo	oy	\boxtimes	\boxtimes		\boxtimes	
	g. Feeling distant or cut off from other people		\boxtimes				
	h. Feeling emotionally numb, or being unable to hat feelings for those close to you	ave loving	\boxtimes			\boxtimes	
	i. Feeling as if your future will somehow be cut sh	ort	\boxtimes				
	j. Trouble falling asleep or staying asleep		\boxtimes			\boxtimes	\boxtimes
	k. Feeling irritable or having angry outbursts		\boxtimes				
	l. Having difficulty concentrating		\boxtimes			\boxtimes	
	m. Being "super-alert," or watchful or on guard		\boxtimes	\boxtimes			
	n. Feeling jumpy or easily startled		\boxtimes				
	 Having physical reactions when something remistressful experiences from the past 	nds you of	\boxtimes				
	p. Avoid thinking about your stressful experiences past, or avoid having feelings about them	from the		\boxtimes		\boxtimes	
	q. Avoid activities or situations because they remin stressful experiences from the past	nd you of					



		onowing	problems?	,	
	No at		Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every da
	a. Little interest or pleasure in doing things				
	b. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless				
	c. Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much				
	d. Feeling tired or having little energy				
	e. Poor appetite or overeating				
	f. Feeling bad about yourself or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down				
	g. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television				
	h. Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed. Or the opposite - being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual				\boxtimes
	i. Thoughts that you would be better off dead or of hurting yourself in some way				\boxtimes
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32a	During military service, did you experience any of the following events? (Mark all	that	apply	')	
		No	Yes	N	Estimated umber of Times
	a. Blast or explosion (IED, RPG, land mine, grenade, etc.)				
	b. Motor vehicle, aircraft, or water transportation accident				
	c. Fragment wound or bullet wound above the shoulders				
	d. Falls				
	e. Injury from sports/physical training				
	f. Other injury (Please specify)				
	If you marked NO	for al	l even	ts, skip t	o question 34.
32c	Losing consciousness/"knocked out"→ IF MARKED, about how long were you to Being dazed, confused, or "seeing stars" Not remembering the event Concussion Head injury No, none of the above (Skip to question 34) Did any of the following problems begin or get worse after any of the events in question and problems or lapses Balance problems or dizziness Sensitivity to bright light Irritability Headaches Sleep problems Trouble concentrating Hearing problems Other problems (Please specify) No, none of the above (Skip to question 34)				minutes I that apply)
33	In the past week, have you had any of the following? (Mark all that apply) Memory problems or lapses Balance problems or dizziness Sensitivity to bright light Irritability Headaches Sleep problems Trouble concentrating Hearing problems No, none of the above				

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54	During the past 12 months , how many people have you had sex with?
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55a	During the past 12 months , have you had sex with someone who is not your main partner or whom you do not consider to be your main partner? No (Skip to question 56a) Yes
	FYES, thinking back to the last time you had sex with that person, was a condom used? No Yes
56a	Have you or your partner ever tried, for a period of 12 months or longer , to become pregnant? No (Skip to question 57a) Yes
	56b IF YES , did you or your partner eventually get pregnant?
	56c Did you or your partner seek any medical help while trying to get pregnant? No (Skip to question 57a) Yes
	Did the medical provider find any of the following reasons to explain why you or your partner were having difficulty getting pregnant?
	☑ Problems with ovulation ☑ Semen or sperm problems ☑ Blocked tubes ☑ No reason found ☑ Endometriosis ☑ Other (Please specify)
57a	If you are FEMALE: Have you ever been pregnant, regardless of whether there was a live birth outcome from that pregnancy? No (Skip to question 59) Yes number of pregnancies (Continue with question 58)
	indicate of pregnancies (continue with question 50)
57b	If you are MALE: Have you ever been the biological father in any pregnancy, regardless of whether there was a live birth outcome from that pregnancy?
	No (Skip to question 65) Yes—— number of pregnancies (Continue with question 58)

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Please provide information on ALL of your pregnancies or pregnancies of your partner in which you are the biological father. For multiple birth outcomes, make a separate entry for each (e.g., 2 entries for twins). If you are uncertain about a detail, please provide your best estimate:

Pregnancy	Outcome	Date of pregnancy outcome or due date	Birth weight (if live birth)	Length of pregnancy	Birth defects	Did partner serve in:
1	Live Birth Currently Pregnant Stillbirth Miscarriage Other:	m m / y y	lbs.	Months or Weeks	No Yes (please describe):	○ OEF/OIF○ Military○ None
2	Live Birth Currently Pregnant Stillbirth Miscarriage Other:	m m / y y	lbs.	Months or Weeks	No Yes (please describe):	○ OEF/OIF ○ Military ○ None
3	Live Birth Currently Pregnant Stillbirth Miscarriage Other:	m m / y y	lbs.	Months or Weeks	No Yes (please describe):	○ OEF/OIF ○ Military ○ None
4	Live Birth Currently Pregnant Stillbirth Miscarriage Other:	m m / y y	lbs.	Months or Weeks	No Yes (please describe):	○ OEF/OIF○ Military○ None
5	Live Birth Currently Pregnant Stillbirth Miscarriage Other:	m m / y y	lbs.	Months or Weeks	No Yes (please describe):	○ OEF/OIF○ Military○ None

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If you are FEMALE please continue to question 59. If you are MALE please skip to question 65.

59	What forms of contraception have you used before, during, or after active duty? (Mark all that apply)	Before active duty	On active duty not deployed	On active duty deployed	After separation from active duty
	a. Birth control pills				
	b. Birth control ring	\boxtimes			
	c. Birth control patch				
	d. Male condoms	\boxtimes			
	e. Female condoms				
	f. Tubal ligation				
	g. Partner's vasectomy				
	h. Withdrawal				
	i. Injectable, e.g., Depo-Provera®, Lunelle®				
	j. Calendar/rhythm method or natural family planning	\boxtimes			
	k. Diaphragm or cervical cap				
	1. Intrauterine device (IUD), e.g., Mirena®, copper				
	m. Morning after pills/emergency contraception				
	n. Foam or jelly				
	o. Progestin implant, e.g., Norplant®				
	p. None				
	q. Not sexually active				
	r. Other: (Please specify)				
60	Have you experienced any of the following?	Before active duty	On active duty not deployed	On active duty deployed	After separation from active duty
	a. Irregular periods				
	b. Painful periods				
	c. Abnormal Pap smear				
	d. Pelvic inflammatory disease				
	e. Chronic pelvic pain				
	f. Low sexual interest				
	g. Painful intercourse				
	h. Urinary tract infection				
	i. Hysterectomy	\boxtimes			

Are you currently using a hormonal method to stop or control your period? No Yes (Please specify)
Please answer questions 62-64 only if you were deployed. If not deployed, please skip to question 65.
While deployed, was it easy for you to get contraception? No Yes Not desired
While deployed, did you use any hormonal methods to stop or control your period? No Yes (Please specify) (Skip to question 64)
Were you offered a hormonal method to stop or control your period by a health care provider? No Yes (Skip to question 64)
63c Would you have preferred to have a hormonal method to stop or control your period? ✓ No ✓ Yes
While deployed, did you have access to sanitary supplies (e.g., pads, tampons)? No Yes Not needed
During the past 12 months, what were you doing most of the time? Employed for wages Looking for work or unemployed Student Self-employed On disability/unable to work Retired On active duty Homemaker/caring for family Other (Please specify)
Current
67 Current annual household income before taxes: Less than \$35,000
What is the highest level of education that you have completed? High school degree or equivalent/GED Some college, no degree Bachelor's degree Master's, doctorate, or professional degree Bachelor's degree
What is your race/ethnicity? (Mark all that apply) White
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72 Gender: Male Female
Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your assistance in providing this information is very much appreciated. Please mail this completed questionnaire with the signed Consent Form in the postage-paid envelope as soon as possible. If you have any questions you may call us at 1,877 VET 0088 or a possible was to very subject to the postage of the providing this information is very much appreciated.

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