

Participant Screener and Recruitment Script

“Thank you for calling about the study. I would like to ask you a few questions to see if you¹ are eligible, ok?”

1. IF NOT OBVIOUS: What is your gender?

Male

Female

1. Where area are you calling from? (read options)

Atlanta, GA

Detroit, MI

Oakland, CA

Philadelphia, PA

Other (SPECIFY) _____

3. Do you have sickle cell disease?

Yes

No → If No, SAY: “Thanks for calling, but you are not eligible for this study. This is just for people with sickle cell disease.”

4. What type of sickle cell disease do you have?

Sickle cell anemia or SS or hemoglobin SS

Sickle-hemoglobin C Disease or SC or hemoglobin SC

Hemoglobin sickle beta-thalassemia

“Something else” or “I don’t know” → ASK 4A

4A. When was it first diagnosed? _____

IF IT SOUNDS SUSPICIOUS, SAY: “Thanks – but it doesn’t look like you’re eligible. We want as diverse a group as possible, and it looks like we have enough people with this kind of diagnosis. If we have cancellations, we’ll try to get back in touch to see if you’re still interested.”

5. How old are you?

_____ years old

READ CATEGORIES IF NECESSARY:

15 - 17 years of age

18 - 25 years of age

26 - 35 years of age

¹ For participants in the adolescent focus group, items will be modified to ask about “your child.”

36 or older

6. We want as diverse a group as possible, so I'm going to ask you some demographic questions. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

Yes, Hispanic or Latino

No, not Hispanic or Latino

7. Which of the following best describes you? You may pick more than one. READ CATEGORIES.

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African-American

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

White/Caucasian

Refused

8A. For adolescents/parents What grade (is your child) in? _____

8B. For adults What is the highest level of education that you've completed? (*Read options*):

Grade school

Less than high school graduate/some high school

High school graduate or completed GED

Some college or technical school

Received four-year college degree

Some post graduate studies

Received advanced degree

Other _____

IF PERSON IS ELIGIBLE AND QUOTA HAS NOT BEEN MET, GO TO 9.

OTHERWISE, SAY: We want to get a diverse group of people to participate and it looks like we have enough people who are similar to you. But, if there are cancellations, we'll get back in touch to see if you're still interested. Thanks very much for calling.

9. Are you available on [DATE(s)] at [TIME] to participate in a discussion group?

Yes

No --> If No, SAY: Thanks for calling, but we're only planning on holding one discussion group at this time. However, if we need to reschedule, can we get back in touch with you?

Yes No

The group will be held at [ADDRESS].

We are holding these groups to learn what people with sickle cell disease think is important in helping them manage their disease. We also want to find out the best ways of providing health information to people like you. We are going to use the information we get from the groups to develop informational materials that will help people better manage their sickle cell and avoid complications. As a token of appreciation, you will receive \$50 plus up to \$25 for travel costs. Do you have any questions about the study?

IF YES, ANSWER QUESTIONS USING PROJECT DESCRIPTION.

I would like to get your telephone number so we can call you with a reminder. I'd also like to get your address, so I can send you directions and some more information about the study.

What is your full name? _____

What is your address? _____

What is your e-mail address? _____

Would you rather get the directions and information about the study by mail, phone, or e-mail?

Mail

Phone

E-mail

What are your phone numbers? _____

And which is the best number for contacting you?

Would you rather we reminded you about the discussion group by phone, by e-mail, or both by phone or e-mail?

Phone

E-mail

Phone and e-mail