

**FDA OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH
Medication & Pregnancy
Focus Group Screener Guide**

Introduction: Hello, I am {INTERVIEWER NAME}, and I am calling to invite women in your area to participate in a small group discussion about medication use during pregnancy. This discussion will be confidential and anonymous. Your name or other identifying information will not be shared with anyone outside this research project. You do not need to prepare to participate. We are interested in your opinions and comments on health education materials. You will receive \$75 for your participation and light refreshments will be provided during the discussion. May I ask you a few questions to determine if you are eligible to participate?

Voicemail Message: *Hi, my name is {INTERVIEWER NAME} I am calling about participating in a women's health project about medication use during pregnancy. We will try to call you back over the next few days to see if you may be interested in participating.*

- 01 CONTINUE
- 02 TERMINATE (RECORD REASON AND THANK) _____
- 03 CONTINUE IN SPANISH (for Miami and one DC group)

Questions

1. [INTERVIEWER: INDICATE LOCATION OF FOCUS GROUP AREA]

- 1 Washington DC area: English
- 2 Washington DC area: Spanish
- 3 Chicago
- 4 Miami: Spanish

2. Is participant female? [INTERVIEWER: ASK ONLY IF NECESSARY]

- 01 Male (TERMINATE)
- 02 Female (CONTINUE)

3. Are you currently pregnant, have given birth within the last year or are currently trying to get pregnant?

- 01 Yes, currently pregnant (CONTINUE)
- 02 Yes, given birth within the last 5 years (CONTINUE)
- 03 Yes, currently trying to get pregnant (CONTINUE)
- 04 No (TERMINATE)

4. What is the highest grade or year of school you completed? [INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ LIST]

- 01 6th grade or less (TERMINATE)
- 02 7th grade-11th grade (CONTINUE)
- 03 12th grade/GED (CONTINUE)
- 04 Some college/Associate (CONTINUE)
- 05 College graduate or higher (TERMINATE)
- 99 Refused (TERMINATE)

5. Are you currently employed in the health care field?

- 01 Yes (TERMINATE)
- 02 No (CONTINUE)

6. Have you participated in a focus group in the past 6 months?

- 01 Yes (TERMINATE)
- 2 No (CONTINUE)

7. Are you currently taking any prescription medication or have you ever taken prescription medicine during pregnancy?

- 01 Yes (CONTINUE)
- 02 No (TERMINATE)

8. Was the medicine for an ongoing chronic condition (like diabetes or asthma) or was it for an acute condition (like an infection)?

- 1 On-going/ chronic condition (i.e., diabetes, seizure, etc.)
- 2 Acute condition (i.e., antibiotics for an infection)

9. Have you been diagnosed with any of the following conditions? (MAY SELECT MORE THAN ONE CONDITION)

- 1 High blood pressure
- 2 Autoimmune Disease (e.g. Lupus, MS, Rheumatoid Arthritis)
- 3 Type I Diabetes
- 4 Type II Diabetes
- 5 Gestational Diabetes (diabetes that is first diagnosed during pregnancy)
- 6 Asthma
- 7 Seizures/Epilepsy
- 8 Depression/Anxiety/ Other Mental Health Condition
- 9 Other: _____
- 10 NONE

10. Have you ever taken over-the-counter medicine during pregnancy? (over-the-counter refers to medicine that you can buy without a prescription)

- 01 Yes
- 02 No

11. Have you ever received a vaccine during pregnancy (includes flu shot or mist)?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No

12. Would you take medication during pregnancy, if necessary?

- 1 Yes, (CONTINUE)
- 2 Maybe, it depends (CONTINUE)
- 3 No, I would not take any medication during pregnancy (TERMINATE)

13. How old are you? _____

[INTERVIEWER: RECORD AGE AND SELECT AGE CATEGORY. IF RESPONDENT PREFERS NOT TO PROVIDE AGE, READ THE LIST OF CATEGORIES]

- 01 18 to 20
- 02 21 to 30
- 03 31 to 40
- 04 41 or over
- 99 Refused

15. How would you best describe yourself? [INTERVIEWER: READ LIST]

- 01 White, non-Hispanic
- 02 Black, non-Hispanic
- 03 Hispanic/Latino
- 04 Asian, describe: _____
- 05 American Indian/Native American
- 06 Other, describe: _____
- 99 Refused

16. Thank you for answering the questions. We would like to invite you to participate in a discussion about medication use in pregnancy with a small group of 6-8 other women from the {Washington DC/Chicago/Miami} area on {March/April XX at Xpm?}. Again, you will receive \$75 for your participation and it should take 60-90 minutes of your time, if you choose to participate. Light refreshments will also be provided. During the discussion we will ask your opinion and comments and everything discussed will be confidential and anonymous. No identifying information will be used. Participation is voluntary and you may leave at any time. Would you like to participate in this group?

- 1 Yes (CONTINUE TO COLLECTING CONTACT INFORMATION)
- 2 No (THANK FOR TIME AND TERMINATE)

INTERVIEWER: Recruit a mix of women who are:

- currently pregnant, given birth within the last 5 years, or are currently trying to get pregnant
- AND currently taking prescription medication *or* had exposure to prescription medication, over-the-counter medication or vaccine during pregnancy
- with a 7th grade up to some college education level
- with a variety of chronic conditions,
- with a variety of ages and ethnicities

PARTICIPANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Thank you very much for your interest in participating. The last thing I need to ask is for contact information to send you a letter with details about participating including location/directions to the focus group on **March/April XX at XXam/pm**. We will also call you before the discussion to confirm. Again, this information will be used *only* to confirm participation and will not be used for any other purposes.

Lastly, we will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. Do you require special accommodations due to a disability?

- 1 Yes. Describe: _____
2 No

Respondent name _____
Telephone _____ Alternate _____
Address _____

E-mail _____
Best time and way to be reached _____
Preference for focus group time?
01 Morning
02 Afternoon
03 Evening
04 No preference

Participant # _____ Group # _____