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### SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS

You should only fill out this survey if you were the patient during the hospital visit named in the cover letter. Do not fill out this survey if you were not the patient.

Answer all the questions by completely filling in the circle to the left of your answer. If a question does not apply, do not answer it.

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Yes

No → If No, Go to Question 1

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Please answer the questions in this survey about your visit at the hospital named on the cover letter. Do not include any other hospital visit in your answers.

### RECEPTION

1. Were clerks and receptionists at this facility as helpful as you thought they should be?<sup>52655</sup>

- 1 No
- 2 Yes, somewhat
- 3 Yes, mostly
- 4 Yes, definitely

2. Did clerks and receptionists at this facility treat you with courtesy and respect?<sup>52656</sup>

- 1 No
- 2 Yes, somewhat
- 3 Yes, mostly
- 4 Yes, definitely

3. During this outpatient visit, how often did your appointment/procedure/treatment begin on time?<sup>53126</sup>

- 1 Never
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Usually
- 4 Always

4. If your appointment/procedure/treatment did not begin on time, did the staff keep you informed about delays?<sup>53127</sup>

- 1 No
- 2 Yes, somewhat
- 3 Yes, mostly
- 4 Yes, definitely
- 89 Did not have to wait

### YOUR CARE FROM NURSES

5. During your visit, were you seen by a nurse?<sup>52657</sup>

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → Go to Question 11



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6. During this outpatient visit, how often did nurses treat you with courtesy and respect?

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- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

7. During this outpatient visit, how often did nurses listen carefully to you?

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- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

8. During this outpatient visit, how often did nurses explain things in a way you could understand?

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- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

9. During this outpatient visit, how often were you able to discuss your worries or concerns with nurses?<sup>52661</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

~~89~~ Did not have any worries or concerns

10. During this outpatient visit, how often did you have confidence and trust in the nurses treating you?

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- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

#### YOUR CARE FROM DOCTORS

11. During this outpatient visit, were you seen by a doctor?<sup>52663</sup>

- ① Yes
- ② No → Go to Question 17

12. During this outpatient visit, how often did doctors treat you with courtesy and respect?<sup>52664</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

13. During this outpatient visit, how often did doctors listen carefully to you?<sup>52665</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

14. During this outpatient visit, how often did doctors explain things in a way you could understand?<sup>52666</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

15. During this outpatient visit, how often were you able to discuss your worries or concerns with doctors?<sup>52667</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

~~89~~ Did not have any worries or concerns

16. During this outpatient visit, how often did you have confidence and trust in the doctors treating you?<sup>52668</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

#### YOUR EXPERIENCES IN THIS HOSPITAL

17. During this outpatient visit, did you need medicine for pain?<sup>52669</sup>

- ① Yes
- ② No → Go to Question 20

18. During this outpatient visit, how often was your pain well controlled?<sup>52670</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

19. During this outpatient visit, how often did the hospital staff do everything they could to help you with your pain?<sup>52671</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always



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20. During this outpatient visit, were you given any medicine that you had not taken before?<sup>52672</sup>

- ① Yes
- ② No → Go to Question 23

21. Before giving you any new medicine, how often did hospital staff tell you what the medicine was for?<sup>52673</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

22. Before giving you any new medicine, how often did hospital staff describe possible side effects in a way you could understand?<sup>52674</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

#### OVERALL RATING OF HOSPITAL

23. Using any number from 0 to 10, where 0 is the worst hospital possible and 10 is the best hospital possible, what number would you use to rate this hospital during your outpatient visit?<sup>52675</sup>

- ① 0 Worst hospital possible
- ① 1
- ② 2
- ③ 3
- ④ 4
- ⑤ 5
- ⑥ 6
- ⑦ 7
- ⑧ 8
- ⑨ 9
- ⑩ 10 Best hospital possible

24. Would you recommend this hospital to your friends and family?<sup>52676</sup>

- ① Definitely no
- ② Probably no
- ③ Probably yes
- ④ Definitely yes

#### UNDERSTANDING YOUR CARE WHEN YOU LEFT THE HOSPITAL

25. During this hospital visit, staff took my preferences and those of my family or caregiver into account in deciding what my health care needs would be when I left.<sup>52677</sup>

- ① Strongly disagree
- ② Disagree
- ③ Agree
- ④ Strongly agree

26. When I left the hospital, I had a good understanding of the things I was responsible for in managing my health.<sup>52678</sup>

- ① Strongly disagree
- ② Disagree
- ③ Agree
- ④ Strongly agree

27. When I left the hospital, I clearly understood the purpose for taking each of my medications.<sup>52679</sup>

- ① Strongly disagree
- ② Disagree
- ③ Agree
- ④ Strongly agree
- ~~89~~ I was not given any medication when I left the hospital

#### MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR OUTPATIENT VISIT TO THE HOSPITAL

The next set of questions will give us more detailed information about how we can improve the care and treatment we provide.

#### HOSPITAL STAFF

28. During this outpatient visit, before giving you any new medicine, how often did the hospital staff ask you about your allergies or other medications you may have been taking?<sup>52680</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always
- ~~89~~ No new medicine



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29. During this outpatient visit, before giving you any medicine, how often did the hospital staff check your ID band or otherwise confirm your identity?<sup>52681</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always
- 88 Did not notice
- 89 No medicine given

30. If you had worries or concerns during your treatment, how often did someone on the staff discuss them with you? <sup>52682</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always
- 89 Did not have any worries or concerns

31. How often were the staff members consistent with each other in providing you information and care?<sup>52683</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

32. During this outpatient visit, how often did the hospital staff include your family or someone close to you in discussions about your care?<sup>52684</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

33. During this outpatient visit, how often was your family or someone close to you allowed to be with you as much as you wanted?<sup>52685</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

34. During this outpatient visit, how often was it easy for you to find someone on the hospital staff to talk to about your concerns?<sup>52686</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always
- 89 Did not want or need to talk

35. How often was there good communication between the different staff members treating you?<sup>52687</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

36. During this outpatient visit, how often were you given enough input or say in your care?<sup>52688</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

37. How often did you have enough privacy?<sup>52689</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

#### GOING HOME

38. During this outpatient visit, did someone on the hospital staff explain what to do if problems or symptoms continued, got worse, or came back?<sup>52690</sup>

- ① No
- ② Yes, somewhat
- ③ Yes, mostly
- ④ Yes, definitely

39. During this outpatient visit, did someone on the hospital staff explain the purpose of the medicines you were to take at home in a way you could understand?<sup>52691</sup>

- ① No
- ② Yes, somewhat
- ③ Yes, mostly
- ④ Yes, definitely
- 89 No meds or explanation needed

#### HAND HYGIENE

Please answer the following questions about your experience regarding sanitation and hand washing practices you observed during this visit.

40. Did you observe any posted notices or signs about hand washing/sanitizing?<sup>52698</sup>

- ① Yes
- ② No



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**41. How often did nurses voluntarily wash or sanitize their hands before caring for you?**<sup>52699</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

**42. How often did doctors voluntarily wash or sanitize their hands before caring for you?**<sup>52700</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

### CLINICAL RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

Please answer the following questions about the research study in which you participated during this visit.

**43. Was the study explained to you in a way that you knew what you were being asked to do as a research subject?**<sup>53082</sup>

- ① No
- ② Yes, somewhat
- ③ Yes, mostly
- ④ Yes, completely

**44. Were the details about the research study described in way that you could understand?**<sup>53083</sup>

- ① No
- ② Yes, somewhat
- ③ Yes, mostly
- ④ Yes, completely
- ⑤ Do not remember

**45. Did someone explain the risks and benefits of joining the study in a way that you could understand?**<sup>53084</sup>

- ① No
- ② Yes, somewhat
- ③ Yes, mostly
- ④ Yes, completely
- ⑤ Do not remember

**46. Were the details about the study included in the informed consent form?**<sup>53085</sup>

- ① No
- ② Yes, somewhat
- ③ Yes, mostly
- ④ Yes, completely
- ⑤ Do not remember

**47. Were the risks and benefits of joining the study included in the informed consent form?**<sup>53086</sup>

- ① No
- ② Yes, somewhat
- ③ Yes, mostly
- ④ Yes, completely
- ⑤ Do not remember

**48. Was the informed consent form written in a way that you could understand?**<sup>53087</sup>

- ① No
- ② Yes, somewhat
- ③ Yes, mostly
- ④ Yes, completely
- ⑤ Do not remember

**49. During your discussion about the study, did you feel pressure from the research team to join the study?**<sup>53088</sup>

- ① No
- ② Yes, somewhat
- ③ Yes, mostly
- ④ Yes, completely

**50. After the study was explained to you, did you have enough time to think about your decision before signing the informed consent form?**<sup>53089</sup>

- ① No
- ② Yes, somewhat
- ③ Yes, mostly
- ④ Yes, completely

**51. Did the informed consent form prepare you for what to expect during the study?**<sup>53090</sup>

- ① No
- ② Yes, somewhat
- ③ Yes, mostly
- ④ Yes, completely

**52. Did you ever consider leaving the study?**<sup>53091</sup>

- ① No
- ② Yes, briefly
- ③ Yes, a great deal
- ④ Yes, I left the study

**53. Did you feel you were a valued partner in the research process?**<sup>53092</sup>

- ① Never
- ② Sometimes
- ③ Usually
- ④ Always

**54. Would you have liked to receive a summary of the results of the study?**<sup>53093</sup>

- ① No
- ② Yes
- ③ Received a summary of the study



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55. Was the summary of the results of the study written in a way you could understand?<sup>53094</sup>

- ① No
- ② Yes, somewhat
- ③ Yes, mostly
- ④ Yes, completely
- ⑤ Did not receive a summary of the results

56. Did the information and discussions you had before participating in the research study prepare you for your experience in the study?<sup>53095</sup>

- ① No
- ② Yes, somewhat
- ③ Yes, mostly
- ④ Yes, completely

57. If you wanted to leave the study, do you think you would have been allowed to do so by the research team?<sup>53096</sup>

- ① No
- ② Yes

58. If you considered leaving the study, did you feel pressure from the research team to stay?<sup>53097</sup>

- ① No
- ② Yes, somewhat
- ③ Yes, mostly
- ④ Yes, completely

59. Were you ever told that you could stop being in the study, at any time, and for any reason?<sup>53098</sup>

- ① No
- ② Yes

60. Below is a list of possible reasons for joining a research study. When you considered joining the study how important were these reasons for you?<sup>1660</sup>

a. To find out more about my disease<sup>53099</sup>

|                |                    |                    |                      |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

b. Because no other medical options were available<sup>53100</sup>

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| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

c. To gain access to new treatment/therapy<sup>53101</sup>

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|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

d. To obtain free health care<sup>53102</sup>

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| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

60. Below is a list of possible reasons for joining a research study. When you considered joining the study how important were these reasons for you?<sup>1660</sup>

e. To help others<sup>53103</sup>

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| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

f. Because of the NIH Clinical Center's reputation<sup>53104</sup>

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| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

g. Because I am concerned about the topic of study<sup>53105</sup>

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| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

h. To obtain education and learning<sup>53106</sup>

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| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

i. Because of a positive experience in another study<sup>53107</sup>

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| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

j. Because of family influence/involvement<sup>53108</sup>

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| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

k. To earn money/payment<sup>53109</sup>

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| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

l. Because my caregiver encouraged me<sup>53110</sup>

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| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

m. Other reasons<sup>53111</sup>

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| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

61. Below is a list of possible reasons for leaving a research study. How important were these reasons for you in considering leaving the study?<sup>1645</sup>

a. Pain or discomfort related to participation<sup>53112</sup>

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|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

b. Worried about risks of treatment<sup>53113</sup>

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| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |



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61. Below is a list of possible reasons for leaving a research study. How important were these reasons for you in considering leaving the study?<sup>1645</sup>

c. Side effects that occurred during study<sup>53114</sup>

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|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

d. Invasion of privacy<sup>53115</sup>

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|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

e. Too much time spent waiting around<sup>53116</sup>

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| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

f. Time commitment required<sup>53117</sup>

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| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

g. Family/work issues unrelated to study<sup>53118</sup>

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|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

h. Interactions with research team<sup>53119</sup>

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|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

i. Not getting test results<sup>53120</sup>

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|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

j. Undue pressure to stay in study<sup>53121</sup>

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| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

k. Problems with study payment<sup>53122</sup>

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| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

l. Unexpected tests and procedures that occurred during study<sup>53123</sup>

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|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

m. Transportation/parking<sup>53124</sup>

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| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

n. Other reasons<sup>53125</sup>

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|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not important at all |
| ①              | ②                  | ③                  | ④                    |

62. Is there anything else you would like to say about the care you received or your research participation during this visit?

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**ABOUT YOU**

63. In general, how would you rate your overall health?<sup>52692</sup>

- ① Excellent
- ② Very Good
- ③ Good
- ④ Fair
- ⑤ Poor

64. In general, how would you rate your overall mental or emotional health?<sup>52693</sup>

- ① Excellent
- ② Very Good
- ③ Good
- ④ Fair
- ⑤ Poor

65. What is the highest grade or level of school that you have completed?<sup>52694</sup>

- ① 8th grade or less
- ② Some high school, but did not graduate
- ③ High school graduate or GED
- ④ Some college or 2-year degree
- ⑤ 4-year college graduate
- ⑥ More than 4-year college degree

66. Are you of Spanish, Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?<sup>52695</sup>

- ① No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino
- ② Yes, Puerto Rican
- ③ Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano
- ④ Yes, Cuban
- ⑤ Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino



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**67. What is your race? Please choose one or more.**<sup>52696</sup>

- ① White
- ② Black or African American
- ③ Asian
- ④ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ⑤ American Indian or Alaska Native

**68. What language do you mainly speak at home?**<sup>52697</sup>

- ① English
- ② Spanish
- ③ Chinese
- ④ Russian
- ⑤ Vietnamese
- ⑥ Some other language (please print):

**Thank you.**

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