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#### 1. Baseline Social Media Data Collection

- a. Collect social media information on Baseline Information Forms
  - i. Ask sample members if they use Facebook, Twitter, or MySpace
  - ii. Ask sample members to provide the usernames they employ on each site

### 2. Locating sample members with social network information

- a. Locate sample members on Facebook using the usernames and other contact information provided
  - i. Verify correct sample member identity through information matching in fields such as hometown and birthday
- b. Send introductory message to located sample member inviting the sample member to become friends with the study representative
  - i. Use standard message that includes the following information:
    - 1. The study representative is available on Facebook to answer questions, and may contact the sample member in the future with information about surveys and gift cards
    - 2. Becoming friends with the sample member is voluntary, and is not necessary to be part of the study
- c. When responses are received, log them in the Sample Management System (SMS) and take the appropriate action:
  - i. Respond to any questions
  - ii. Extend friend request if sample member indicates it is acceptable
  - iii. Accept friend request if sample member has extended it
  - iv. Log all actions taken as a result of the sample member communication in the SMS
- d. If no response is received, send follow-up message one month after first message
  - i. Use standard message that includes the following information:
    - 1. Reminds sample members that the study representative is available on Facebook to answer questions, and may contact the sample member in the future with information about surveys and gift cards
    - 2. Reminds sample members that becoming friends with the sample member is voluntary, and is not necessary to be part of the study
  - ii. Log all actions taken as a result of the sample member communication in the SMS

## 3. Locate sample members without social network information

- a. At a later time, we may locate non-respondents for whom we do not have any social network information because it was not provided on the Baseline Information Form
- b. If we decide to locate these sample members, follow the above protocols to make contact
  - i. This contact will continue to be voluntary for sample members, as they can accept or reject our request to become friends