

PHYSICIAN **BACKGROUND** QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for participating in this Patient *Physician Partnership to Improve **High** Blood Pressure* study funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and the Commonwealth Fund.

1. If you have any questions, feel free to call Lisa A. Cooper, MD, MPH at Johns Hopkins University at (410) 614-3659.
2. Please return your completed questionnaire to our research assistant as soon as possible.

STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

All information that would permit identification of health care providers or their patients will be regarded as strictly confidential, will be used only for the purposes of conducting and evaluating the study, and will not be disclosed or released for any other purpose without prior consent.

Physician Name: _____

Physician Number: _____

Site: _____

Date: _____

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Physician Background Questionnaire

The questions in this section ask you about your background and experience.

1. What is your medical specialty? (*Circle One*)
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|------------------------|---|
| Internal medicine..... | 1 |
| Family practice | 2 |
| General practice..... | 3 |
| Other | 4 |
| (What? _____) | |
- a. Are you board certified in your specialty? (*Circle One*)
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| Yes..... | 1 |
| No | 2 |
2. What year did you complete your residency training? WRITE IN YEAR:
3. Did you complete a fellowship after residency? (*Circle One*)
- | | |
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| Yes..... | 1 |
| No | 2 |
4. How many years have you been in clinical practice? WRITE IN # OF YEARS:
5. How many years have you been with your current organization? WRITE IN # OF YEARS:
6. Thinking about a typical week in your main professional practice
- a. How many outpatient visits with adults 18 years or older per week do you have in your office, clinic, or other outpatient setting?
- WRITE IN # OF PATIENT VISITS PER WEEK:
7. How many hours in a typical week do you spend on the average in each of the following work activities?
- a. In office-based direct patient care
- WRITE IN # OF HOURS PER WEEK:
- b. In other clinical duties or care settings
- WRITE IN # OF HOURS PER WEEK:
- c. In administrative duties and other professional activities not involving patient care, such as teaching, research and supervision:
- WRITE IN # OF HOURS PER WEEK:
- d. In other activities, describe: _____
- WRITE IN # OF HOURS PER WEEK:

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8 What was the share of your total income for each of the following types of compensation last year?
 (Write "0" if None)

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|--|-------|
| a. Salary | 000 % |
| b. Capitated rate per person | 000 % |
| c. Discounted fee-for-service with withhold | 000 % |
| d. Discounted fee-for-service without withhold | 000 % |
| e. Full fee-for-service (providers' usual fee) | 000 % |
| f. Full fee-for-service with withhold | 000 % |
| g. Individual-performance-based bonus | 000 % |
| h. Organizational-performance-based bonus | 000 % |
| i. Other (What?) | 000 % |

9. What is your date of birth?

Month Day Year

10. What is your gender?

(Circle One)

- Female 1
 Male 2

11. What do you consider to be your main ethnic or racial group?

(Circle One)

- White (not of Latino origin) 1
 Black (not of Latino origin) 2
 Hispanic or Latino 3
 Asian or Pacific Islander 4
 American Indian or Alaskan Native 5
 Other 6
 (Please specify: _____)

12. Were you born in the U.S.? Yes 1 No 2

Where? _____

13. Where did you receive your medical degree? In the U.S. 1
 Outside the U.S. 2

14. What is the primary language you speak at home? English 1
 Other Language 2

15. Have you ever participated in a continuing medical education (CME) training course in communication skills? Yes No
 1 2

16. Have you ever completed a CME course or conference focused on hypertension management? Yes No
 1 2

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17. How confident are you in your ability to care for:

| | not at all confident | not very confident | somewhat confident | very confident |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| a. Socially disadvantaged patients? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| b. Ethnic minority patients? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| c. Patients with hypertension | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| d. Patients who do not adhere to your recommendations? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

18. How often do you think about your race? Would you say:

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Never | 0 |
| At least once a year | 1 |
| At least once a month | 2 |
| At least once a week | 3 |
| At least once a day | 4 |
| At least once an hour | 5 |
| Constantly | 6 |
| Don't know/Not Sure | 7 |

19. Within the past 12 months, on average, how do you think you were treated compared to people of other races?

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Better | 1 |
| Worse | 2 |
| The same | 3 |
| Don't know/Not sure | 7 |

20. This question is about your experiences in health care setting. Within the past 12 months, when you went to get health care, how do you think you were treated compared to people of other races?

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|---------------------|---|
| Better | 1 |
| Worse | 2 |
| The same | 3 |
| Don't know/Not sure | 7 |

21. Within the past 30 days, have you felt emotionally upset (for example, angry, sad or frustrated) as a result of how OTHER PEOPLE were treated based on their race?

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| Yes | 1 |
| No | 0 |
| Don't know/Not sure | 7 |

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22. When there are a variety of treatment options, how often do you:

| | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Often | Very often |
|--|-------|--------|-----------|-------|------------|
| a. Give patients a choice in the decision? | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| b. Make an effort to give patients control over their treatment? | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| c. Ask patients to take responsibility for their treatment? | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

23. With respect to your practice, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following?

| | Very dissatisfied | Dissatisfied | Neither satisfied, nor dissatisfied | Satisfied | Very satisfied |
|--|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| a. Quality of care you are able to provide. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| b. Ability to serve the needs of your patients. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| c. Ability to coordinate care with specialists as needed. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| d. Your ability to treat patients according to your own best judgment. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| e. Amount of work required for the pay you receive. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| f. The influence you have on your group's policies and procedures. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| g. Degree of professional autonomy you have. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| h. Your overall practice | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

24. For the next several questions, the responses range from 1 to 5. Please circle one number.

| | Strongly disagree | Somewhat disagree | Neither agree nor disagree | Somewhat agree | Strongly agree |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| a. I feel stressed out in my current job. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| b. I feel a reduced sense of accomplishment at my job. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| c. I feel more stressed out in my job than other providers doing the same kind of work. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| d. I don't feel enthusiastic about my job. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| e. My job exhausts me. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| f. I feel that my stress level interferes with my ability to deliver quality care. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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25. With respect to your practice today, please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with each of the following patient care issues:

| | Strongly disagree | Somewhat disagree | Neither agree nor disagree | Somewhat agree | Strongly agree |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| a. I am able to communicate effectively with my patients. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| b. I can afford to spend enough time with my patients. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| c. It is easy for me to gain patients' trust. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| d. I am able to establish patients as partners in their treatment. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| e. I am able to discuss all diagnostic and therapeutic options with patients. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| f. I am able to make decisions that are in the best interests of my patients. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| g. It is easy for me to maintain relationships with patients' over long periods of time. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| h. I can easily provide continuity of care for routine follow-up. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| i. It is easy for me to coordinate care with other medical or surgical specialists. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

26. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

| | Strongly disagree | Somewhat disagree | Neither agree nor disagree | Somewhat agree | Strongly Agree |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| a. It is the responsibility of society to provide everyone with adequate medical care . | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| b. The practitioner's main responsibility is to each individual patient rather than to society. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| c. Society should allow patients who are willing to pay more, to purchase more expensive treatments. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| d. It is unfair, in principle, for some people to have different health care than others for the same health problems. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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The statements below refer to beliefs that patients might have concerning doctors and medical care. Read each item and then circle the number to the right to indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statement.

| | Strongly disagree | Moderately disagree | Slightly disagree | Slightly agree | Moderately agree | Strongly Agree |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 27. The doctor's agenda is the one that should direct the course of the medical interview . | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 28. Although modern medicine is often less personal than in the old days, this is a small price to pay for advances in medical technology. | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 29. The most important part of the standard medical interview is the physical examination. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 30. Often it is in the patient's best interest if he/she does not have a full explanation of his/her examination. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 31. Patients should rely on their doctors' expertise and not research their illnesses independently . | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 32. It would be an inappropriate invasion of privacy for a doctor to inquire in detail about the patient's background and personal status. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 33. If doctors are truly skilled at diagnosis and treatment , the way they interact with patients is relatively unimportant . | Strongly disagree | Moderately disagree | Slightly disagree | Slightly agree | Moderately agree | Strongly agree |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 34. Patients generally want reassurance rather than information about their health | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 35. If a doctor's primary tools are openness and warmth, he/she will meet with only limited success. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 36. When patients disagree with their doctor's recommendations, this is a sign that the doctor does not have the patient's respect and trust | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

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| 37. A treatment plan cannot succeed if it conflicts with a patient's lifestyle or values. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 38. Most patients want to get in and out of the doctor's office as quickly as possible rather than stopping to chat. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 39. A patient's culture and background, while worth noting, are not critical issues to explore in treating illness. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 40. Humor is a major ingredient in the doctor's treatment of the patient. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 41. When patients seek out additional sources of medical information on their own, this usually does more to confuse them rather than benefit them. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 42. I have to work very hard to get patients to respect me | 1 | 2 | | | 5 | 6 |

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