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# **NURSES' HEALTH STUDY**



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### Dear Colleague:

We are so proud that you have continued to be a part of the Nurses' Health Study. As we enter our 34th year, hundreds of research papers continue to be published from NHS data. Each one is a tribute to the great value of our work together. As always, these many developments are possible only because of your continued enthusiastic involvement.

We are increasing our efforts to address issues of great importance to older women, such as how to maintain cognitive function and maximize quality of life. As such, your ongoing participation remains critical to help current and future generations of women live healthier lives. Results from our work are regularly featured in major scientific journals and the mainstream press. This information helps shape national health guidelines and recommendations.

The attached questionnaire continues our biennial follow-up. Your prompt reply is helpful and greatly appreciated. As always, your answers will be kept strictly confidential and used for medical statistical purposes only.

You are an original member of the Nurses' Health Study and as such, you are an indispensable colleague in our research. Whether you are retired or still working and whether your health has been excellent or if you have been ill, your response is equally important. In short, **no matter what your circumstances**, we want to hear from you!

It is with our deepest gratitude that we thank you again for the ongoing commitment and care that you have generously provided as we continue to learn about women's health.

Best Regards,

Susan Hankinson, RN, Sc.D. Principal Investigator

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### Do you have an e-mail address?

If you do, please print your e-mail address in the box so that we may send you occasional updates on the progress of the Nurses' Health Study.

Please print neatly and differentiate numbers and letters (e.g., 1 vs I or i, Ø vs O, 5 vs S)

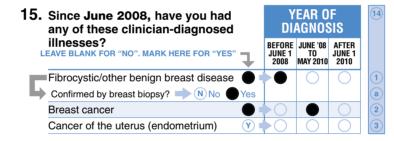
We will <u>not</u> release your e-mail address to anyone! Please use an ordinary No. 2 pencil to answer all questions. Fill in the appropriate response circles completely. The form is designed to be read by optical-scanning equipment, so it is important that you keep any write-in responses within the spaces provided and erase any incorrect marks completely. If you have comments, please write them on a separate piece of paper.

Please fill in the Do not mark this circles completely. wav: VX 1. What is your current weight? **EXAMPLE 1:** Write your weight in POUNDS 4 NOTE: It is important that the boxes... you write in your ...and fill in the circle 0 0 (0) weight in addition (1) (1) corresponding to the (2) (2) (2) to completing the figure at the head of (3) (3) (3) corresponding each column. (4) (4) circles. This allows (5) (5) (5) (6) (6) us to confirm that (7) the correct circles (8) (8)

#### **EXAMPLE 2:** Mark "Yes" bubble and Year of Diagnosis bubble for each illness you have had diagnosed.

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- Carefully remove the cover letter (to preserve confidentiality) and return the questionnaire in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.
- If your name and address as printed on this questionnaire are no longer correct or are incomplete, or if you are providing your e-mail address, please make any necessary changes on the letter and return it to us.
- Thank you for completing the 2010 Nurses' Health Study Questionnaire.

## Federal research regulations require us to include the following information:

There are no direct benefits to you from participating in this study.

The risk of breach of confidentiality associated with participation in this study is very small.

Your choice to participate in this study is completely voluntary and you may decline or withdraw at any time without penalty.

Although complete information is important to the study, you may skip any question you do not wish to answer.

You will not receive monetary compensation for participating.

If you have any questions regarding your rights as a research participant, you are encouraged to call a representative of the Human Subjects Committee at the Brigham and Women's Hospital (617-424-4100).

have been filled in.

Bicycling, swimming, tennis or aerobic exercise machine

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Since June 2008, have you had			EAR O		(15)	6. In the past two years have you had:  Yes, for Yes, for
any of these clinician-diagnosed			AGNOS			(If yes, mark all that apply.) No screening symptor
illnesses? EAVE BLANK FOR "NO". MARK HERE FOR "YES"	_	BEFORE JUNE 1	JUNE '08 TO	AFTER June 1		A physical exam?
	+	2008	MAY 2010	2010		Exam by eye doctor?
Fibrocystic/other benign breast disease	$\sim$				1	Mammogram?
Confirmed by breast biopsy? N No Y	) Yes				a	Fasting blood sugar?
Breast cancer	Y .				2	Upper endoscopy No Y Yes
Cancer of the ovary	Y .				3	(Virtual) CT Colonoscopy? N No Y Yes
Colon or rectal polyp (benign)	(Y) II				4	Colonoscopy? NNo YYes
Cancer of the colon or rectum	(Y) I			Ŏ	5	Sigmoidoscopy? NNo YYes
Melanoma	(Y) II				<u>6</u>	Initial reason(s) you had Colonoscopy/Sigmoidoscopy
Basal cell skin cancer	(Y) <b>•</b>		$\overline{}$	$\tilde{}$	7	Visible blood Occult fecal blood Abdominal pain
Squamous cell skin cancer	(Y) II			$\overline{}$	8	Diarrhea/constipation Family history of colon cancer
Chronic lymphocytic leukemia	(Y)			$\overline{}$	9	
	$\stackrel{\smile}{-}$					Barium enema Follow-up of (virtual) CT colonoscopy
Other cancer	(Y)				10	Prior polyps  Asymptomatic or routine screening
Specify site of other cancer (e.g., endometrium, lung)						7. Regular Medication (Mark if used regularly in past 2 years Acetaminophen (e.g., Tylenol)
Diabetes mellitus	(Y) I				(11)	<b>Days/week:</b> 1 2–3 4–5 6+ days
Elevated cholesterol	(Y) I				(12)	Total tabs/wk: 1-2 3-5 6-14 15+ tab
High blood pressure	(Y)				13	"Baby" or low dose aspirin (100 mg or less/tablet)
Myocardial infarction (heart attack)	(Y)				(14)	
` ' _ '	$\overline{}$					<b>Days/week:</b> 1 2–3 4–5 6+ days
Hospitalized for MI? N No (Y					(a)	Total tabs/wk: 1-2 3-5 6-14 15+ tab
Angina pectoris	Y .				15	Aspirin or aspirin-containing products (325 mg or more/tablet)
Confirmed by angiogram? No No					(a)	<b>Days/week:</b> 1 2–3 4–5 6+ days
Coronary bypass, angioplasty, or stent	Y .			$\bigcirc$	16	<b>Total tabs/wk:</b> 1–2 3–5 6–14 15+ tab
Congestive heart failure	Y .				17	<ul><li>Ibuprofen (e.g., Advil, Motrin, Nuprin)</li></ul>
Stroke (CVA)	Y .				18	<b>Days/week:</b> 1 2–3 4–5 6+ days
TIA (Transient ischemic attack)	(Y)				19	<b>Total tabs/wk:</b> 1–2 3–5 6–14 15+ tab
Peripheral artery disease or	(Y) I				20	Celebrex (COX-2 inhibitors)
claudication of legs (not varicose veins)						<b>Days/week:</b> 1 2–3 4–5 6+ days
Carotid surgery (Endarterectomy)	(Y) I				21)	Other anti-inflammatory analgesics, 2+ times/week
Pulmonary embolus	(Y) II			$\overline{}$	22	(e.g., Aleve, Naprosyn, Relafen, Ketoprofen, Anaprox)
Atrial fibrillation	(Y)			$\sim$	23	Thiazide diuretic Lasix Potassium
ICD-Implantable Defibrillator	(Y)				24)	
<u>'</u>	$\sim$					Calcium blocker (e.g., Calan, Procardia, Cardizem, Norvasc)
Osteoporosis	Y .				25	Beta-blocker (e.g., Inderal, Lopressor, Tenormin, Corgard)
Hip replacement	Y .				26	ACE Inhibitors (e.g., Capoten, Vasotec, Zestril)
Hip fracture	Y .		0	0	27)	Angiotensin receptor blocker (e.g., Diovan, Cozaar, Avapro)
Graves' Disease/Hyperthyroidism	Y .				28	Other anti-hypertensive (e.g., clonidine, doxazosin)
Hyperparathyroidism	Y .				29	Coumadin Plavix Digoxin Antiarrhythmic
Glaucoma	Y .				30	"Statin" cholesterol-lowering drug:
Macular degeneration of retina	(Y)				31	Mevacor (Iovastatin) Zocor (simvastatin) Crestor
Cataract—1st Diagnosis (Dx)	(Y) II				32	Pravachol (pravastatin) Lipitor (atorvastatin) Other
Cataract extraction	(Y) II				33	Other cholesterol-lowering drug [e.g., niacin, Lopid (gemfibrozil)
Alzheimer's disease	(Y) II			Ŏ	(34)	Tricor (fenofibrate), Questran (cholestyramine), Colestid, Zetia]
Parkinson's disease	(Y) I		Ŏ	Ŏ	35	Steroids taken orally (e.g., Prednisone, Decadron, Medrol)
Ulcerative colitis/Crohn's	(Y) II			$\overline{}$	36)	Insulin Metformin Avandia or Actos
Gastric or duodenal ulcer	(Y) I			$\sim$	37)	Other oral hypoglycemic medication
Barrett's esophagus	(Y)				38)	
						SSRIs (Celexa, Lexapro, Prozac, Paxil, Zoloft, Luvox)
Kidney stones	Y .				39	Other antidepressants (e.g., Elavil, Tofranil, Pamelor)
SLE (systemic lupus)	Y .			$\bigcirc$	40	Minor tranquilizers (e.g., Valium, Xanax, Ativan, Librium)
Rheumatoid arthritis, clinician Dx	Y :			0	41	Prilosec, Nexium, Prevacid (lansoprazole), Protonix, Aciphex
Gout	Y .				42	H2 blocker (e.g., Pepcid, Tagamet, Zantac, Axid)
Depression, clinician Dx	Y .		0		43	Aricept, Exelon, Razadyne Namenda
Other major illness or surgery since June 2008	Y .		0	$\circ$	44	Fosamax, Actonel, or other bisphosphonate
Please specify: Date:						8. Is this your correct date of birth?
						Yes If no, please
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## 24. (continued) For each food listed, fill in the circle indicating how often on average you have used the amount specified during the past year.

Please try to average your seasonal use of foods over the entire year. For example, if a food such as cantaloupe is eaten 4 times a week during the approximate 3 months that it is in season, then the average use would be once per week.

FRUITS		Never, or less than once per month	1–3 per month	1 per week	2–4 per week			2–3 per day	4–5 per day	6+ per day
Raisins (1 oz. or small pack)	or grapes (1/2 cup)	0		W			D			
Prunes or dried plums (1/4 c	cup or 6 dried)	0		W		0	D	0	0	
Prune juice (small glass)		0		W			D			
Bananas (1)		0		W		0	D	0	0	
Cantaloupe (1/4 melon)		0		W			D			
Avocado (1/2 fruit or 1/2 cup	o)	0		W		0	D	0	0	
Fresh apples or pears (1)		0		W			D			
Apple juice or cider (small g	lass)	0		W		0	D	0	0	
Oranges (1)				W			D			
Orange juice (small glass)	Calcium or Vit. D forti	fied		W			D			
Orange juice (smail glass)	Regular (not calcium	fortified)		W			D			
Grapefruit (1/2) or grapefruit	juice (small glass)			W			D			
Other fruit juices (e.g., crant	oerry, grape) (small g	lass)		W			D			
Strawberries, fresh, frozen o	or canned (1/2 cup)			W			D			
Blueberries, fresh, frozen or	canned (1/2 cup)			W			D			
Peaches or plums (1 fresh or	1/2 cup canned)			W			D			
Apricots (1 fresh, 1/2 cup car	nned or 5 dried)			W			D			

Never, or less than 1–3 per 1 per 2–4 per 5–6 per

VEGETABLES once	e per month	month	week	week	week	per day	per day	per day	per day
Tomatoes (2 slices)			W			D			
Tomato or V-8 juice (small glass)		0	W			D			
Tomato sauce (1/2 cup) e.g., spaghetti sauce		$\circ$	W			D			
Salsa, picante or taco sauce (1/4 cup)			W			D			
String beans (1/2 cup)			W			D			
Beans or lentils, baked, dried (1/2 cup) or soup			W			D			
Tofu, soy burger, soybeans, miso or other soy protein			W			D			
Peas or lima beans (1/2 cup fresh, frz., canned) or sou	р		W			D			
Broccoli (1/2 cup)			W			D			
Cauliflower (1/2 cup)			W			D			
Cabbage or coleslaw (1/2 cup)			W			D			
Brussels sprouts (1/2 cup)			W			D			$\circ$
Carrots, raw (1/2 carrot or 2-4 sticks)			w			D			
Carrots, cooked (1/2 cup) or carrot juice (2-3 oz.)			w			D			
Corn (1 ear or 1/2 cup frozen or canned)			w			D			
Mixed or stir fry vegetables (1/2 cup) or soup			w			D			
Yams or sweet potatoes (1/2 cup)			W			D			
Dark orange (winter) squash (1/2 cup)			w			D			
Eggplant, zucchini or other summer squash (1/2 cup)			W			D			
Kale, mustard greens or chard (1/2 cup)			w			D			
Spinach, cooked (1/2 cup)			W			D			
Spinach, raw as in salad (1 cup)			w			D			
Iceberg or head lettuce (1 serving)			W			D			
Romaine or leaf lettuce (1 serving)			w			D			
Celery (2–3 sticks)			w			D			
Peppers: green, yellow or red (2 rings or 1/4 small)			w			D			
Onions as a garnish or in salad (1 slice)			w			D			
Onions as a cooked vegetable or rings (1/2 cup) or so	up 🔘	0	w			D	0		0

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	EGGS, MEAT, ETC.	Never, or lest	1–3 per month	1 per week	2–4 per week		2–3 per day	4–5 per day	6+ per day
Face (1)	Omega-3 fortified including yolk			W		D			
Eggs (1)	Regular eggs including yolk		0	W	0	D	0	0	
Beef or pork	hot dogs (1)		0	W		D			
Chicken or to	urkey hot dogs or sausage (1)		0	W	0	D	0	0	
Chicken/turk	ey sandwich or frozen dinner		0	W		D			
Other chicke	n or turkey, with skin (3 oz.)-including	ground	0	W	0	D	0	0	
Other chicke	n or turkey, without skin (3 oz.)			W		D			
Bacon (2 slic	es)			(W)		(D)			



































Dairy coffee drink (hot/cold), e.g., Cappucino (16 oz.)

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Candy bars, e.g., Sni		eeses			$\sim$			$\sim$					$\simeq$ l l		
Candy without choco					w			D					<u>c</u> )	2 2	
- (1)	at free or reduced for				w			D						4 4	
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Doughnuts (1)					W			D		$\bigcirc$					
Cake, homemade or	, ,				W	$\bigcirc$		D		$\bigcirc$					
Pie, homemade or re	· , ,	<del></del> .			w			(D)		$\bigcirc$	0				
Jams, jellies, preserve		(1 lbs)		$\bigcirc$	(W)			(D)	0	$\bigcirc$	0				
Peanut butter (1 Tbs)				0	(W)	0	0	D	0	$\bigcirc$	0				
Popcorn (2–3 cups)	Fat free or light			0	w	0	0	(D)	0	0	0				
	Regular		0	0	(W)	0	0	D	0	0	0				
Sweet roll, coffee cak (regular, fat free or red	' '				(W)			(D)							
Breakfast bars, e.g., I	, , ,	anola (1)			(W)			(D)							
Energy bars, e.g., Clit					W			(D)							
		, ,			W			(D)							
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Pretzels (1 small bag					W			$\sim$							
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Other nuts (small pac					w			D							
Mixed dried fruit (1/4	.,	f 1 (4 T)			w			D							
Oat bran, other bran (v	vneat, etc.), added to	tood (1 Tbs)	10		W			D		$\bigcirc$					
Wheat germ (1 Tbs)					(W)			(D)							
Chowder or cream so	oup (1 cup)		10		W		$\bigcirc$	D	0	$\bigcirc$	0				
Tomato soup (1 cup)	/4 <del></del> >		$\downarrow$		w	$\bigcirc$		D		$\bigcirc$					
Ketchup or red chili s	auce (1 Tbs)			$\bigcirc$	W	<u>O</u>	Ŏ	D	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$				
Flaxseed (1 Tbs)			0	0	(W)	0	0	(D)	0	0	0				
Garlic, fresh or powd		nakes)	10	0	w	Q	O O	D	0	<u>O</u>	0	0			
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25. Liver: beef, ca	alf or pork (4 oz.) or turkey (1 oz.)	<ul><li>○ Never</li><li>○ Never</li></ul>		than 1/ than 1/		) 1/mo		) 2–3/ ) 2–3/			ek or mek or m		A B		
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