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NURSES' HEALTH STUDY



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Dear Colleague:

In 2006 we find ourselves at another significant milestone in the history of the Nurses' Health Study: our 30th anniversary! When we began our work together in 1976, the majority of health research was conducted among men. While it may not take a genius to figure out that men and women are different, it took Dr. Frank Speizer's trailblazing spirit to bring the field of science to the study of women's health. Of course it wasn't easy getting the study started. Only married nurses were originally enrolled in the study, as it was considered inappropriate at that time to ask single women about the use of birth control. Things have certainly changed since then, and we have learned an enormous amount about ways to enhance health and wellbeing.

As the study begins its fourth decade, your continued enthusiastic participation is as important as ever. The attached questionnaire continues our biennial follow-up. As always, your answers will be kept strictly confidential and used for medical statistical purposes only. Your prompt reply is helpful and greatly appreciated.

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!

As we continue to study diseases that often take decades to develop, your continued participation is fundamental to the validity of the study. 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 more about women's health.

Best Regards,

Graham A. Colditz, MD, DrPH

Principal Investigator

Do you have an e-mail address?

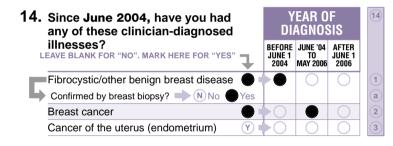
If you do, please print your e-mail address in the box so that we may send you occasional updates on the progress of the Nurses' Health Study.

Please print neatly and differentiate numbers and letters (e.g., 1 vs I or i, \emptyset 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: 🗸 🗴 🖨 1. What is your current weight? **EXAMPLE 1:** Write your weight in POUNDS 4 NOTE: It is important that the boxes... 0 you write in your ...and fill in the circle (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) (7) the correct circles (8) (8) have been filled in. (9) (9)

EXAMPLE 2: Mark "Yes" bubble <u>and</u> Year of Diagnosis bubble for each illness you have had diagnosed.



- Please tear off 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 2006 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 (617-525-3170).

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(Y)				8	Diarrhea/constipation Family history of colon cancer
				9	Barium enema Follow-up of (virtual) CT colonoscopy
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Y				25	Beta-blocker (e.g., Inderal, Toprol, Tenormin, Coreg)
(Y)				26	ACE Inhibitor or ARB (e.g., Prinivil, Vasotec, Diovan, Avapro)
(Y)				(27)	Other antihypertensive (e.g., doxazosin/Cardura, Clonidine)
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			0		Pravastatin (Pravachol) Atorvastatin (Lipitor) Other statin
	_		\bigcirc		Other cholesterol-lowering drug [e.g., niacin, Lopid (gemfibrozil)
		0	0	33	Tricor (fenofibrate), Questran (cholestyramine), Colestin, Zetia]
	•			34	Steroids taken orally (e.g., Prednisone, Decadron, Medrol)
Y	•			35	☐ Insulin ☐ Oral hypoglycemic medication
				36	SSRI's (e.g., Prozac, Zoloft, Paxil, Celexa)
Y				(37)	Other antidepressants (e.g., Elavil, Tofranil, Pamelor)
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23. (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	FRUITS		1–3 per month	1 per week			1 per day	2–3 per day	4–5 per day	6+ per day
Raisins (1 oz. or small pack)	or grapes (1/2 cup)			W			D			
Prunes or dried plums (6 pru	0		W			D				
Prune juice (small glass)	0		W			D				
Bananas (1)	0		W			D				
Cantaloupe (1/4 melon)			W			D				
Avocado (1/2 fruit or 1/2 cu)	0		W			D				
Fresh apples or pears (1)		0		W			D			
Apple juice or cider (small glass)				W			D			
Oranges (1)		0		W			D			
Orange juice (small glass)	Calcium fortified			W			D			
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Grapefruit (1/2) or grapefruit	juice (small glass)	0		W			D			
Other fruit juices (small glas	s)			W			D			
Strawberries, fresh, frozen or canned (1/2 cup)				W			D			
Blueberries, fresh, frozen or	canned (1/2 cup)	0		W			D			
Peaches or plums (1 fresh or	1/2 cup canned)	0		W			D			
Apricots, 1 fresh, 1/2 cup car	nned or 5 dried			W			D			

VEGETABLES	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
Tomatoes (2 slices)			W		D		0	
Tomato or V-8 juice (small glass)	0		W		D			
Tomato sauce (1/2 cup) e.g., spaghetti sauce	0		W		D			
Salsa, picante or taco sauce (1/4 cup)			W		D			
String beans (1/2 cup)			W		D			
Beans or lentils, baked or dried (1/2 cup)			W		D			
Tofu, soy burger, soybeans, miso or other soy pro	otein		W		D			
Peas or lima beans (1/2 cup fresh, frozen, canned	(k)		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			
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), veg. soup (1 cup)		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 cup)			W		D			
Romaine or leaf lettuce (1 cup)			w		D			
Celery (2–3 sticks)			w		D			
Peppers: green, yellow or red (3 slices)			w		D			
Onions as a garnish or in salad (1 slice)			w		D			
Onions as a cooked vegetable, rings or soup (1/2	cup)	0	W		D	0	0	

	EGGS, MEAT, ETC.	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		
Eggs (1)	Omega-3 fortified including yolk	0		W			D					
Eggs (1)	Regular eggs including yolk			W	0		D					
Beef or pork hot dogs (1)				W			D					
Chicken or turkey hot dogs (1)				W	0		D					
Chicken/turkey sandwich or frozen dinner				W			D					
Other chicken or turkey, with skin (3 oz.)				W	0		D					
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