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Dear Colleague:

Thank you very much for the information you provided by completing the baseline questionnaire for the Health Professionals Follow-up Study. We received nearly 52,000 completed forms that included a detailed assessment of diet. The validity of future findings is directly dependent on the accuracy of the information you provide. We were therefore extremely pleased with the completeness of the returned questionnaires and the obvious care you and your colleagues had given them. During the coming years these responses will serve as the basis for critically important information on the relation of diet to heart disease, cancer, and other illnesses. The ultimate aim of our work is to find means of preventing these major illnesses in men. We have already received nail clippings from the majority of participants. Future analyses of these specimens will provide further information on the effects of several minerals and heavy metals that are difficult to assess by questionnaire. We are particularly grateful to those who provided additional information about their previous diagnosis of diabetes and to the 150 dedicated participants in a detailed validation study of our dietary questionnaire. The extensive data on food consumption and biochemical measurements from that sub-study will allow an accurate interpretation of responses from all 52,000 participants.

The attached questionnaire begins the follow-up phase of this study, which will consist of similar forms mailed at two-year intervals. On the enclosed form we ask for updated information on a number of items that were included on the original questionnaire. Most importantly, we request information about the diagnosis of specific diseases since January 1, 1986. As you will note, we have added a small number of "personality type" questions that were found to be of interest in several smaller studies. Because responses to these questions may well be related to diet, it will be useful to have this added information. As we indicated before, all information provided on this questionnaire is strictly confidential and used for statistical purposes only.

We are grateful for your continuing participation in this research project. We will keep you informed of the findings as they emerge.

Sincerely,

Walter Willett

Walter Willett, M.D. Principal Investigator

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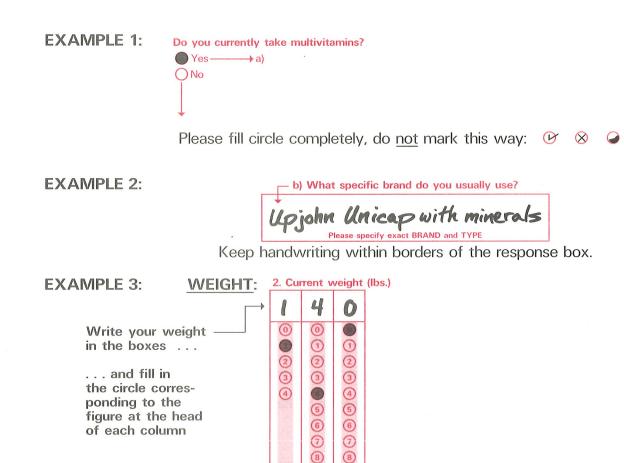
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INSTRUCTIONS



PLEASE USE AN ORDINARY NO. 2 PENCIL TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

Fill in the appropriate response circles completely, or write the requested information in the boxes provided. The form is designed to be read by optical-scanning equipment, so it is important that you make NO STRAY MARKS and keep any write-in responses within the spaces provided. Should you need to change a response, erase the incorrect mark completely. If you have comments, please write them on a separate piece of paper.



Thank you for completing the 1988 Health Professionals Follow-up Study Questionnaire.

Please tear off the cover letter (to preserve confidentiality) and return the questionnaire in the enclosed prepaid envelope.

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Squash or racket ball Calisthenics or rowing

Heavy outdoor work (e.g. digging, chopping)

1988 Questionnaire 1. Please WRITE in your date of birth:	Health Professionals Follow-up Study							
2. Current weight (lbs.)								
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3. How tall are you? Feet: 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Which of the following categories most closely describes the color of your eyes? Brown/dark							
4. Work Status: OFull-time OPart-time ODisabled (4)	11. Which of the following most closely describes the natural color of your hair at age 18?							
5. Current Marital Status:	○Red ○Blond ○Light brown ○Dark brown ○Black							
MarriedWidowedNever marriedDivorced or separated	12. How many hours of TV/VCR do you watch each week?							
6. Living Arrangement:	00 to 1 hour 6 to 10 21 to 40 hours 2 to 5 hours 11 to 20 41 or more							
7. Do you currently smoke cigarettes? Yes Please mark your average number of cigarettes per day:	13. How many flights of stairs (not steps) do you climb daily?							
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What specific brand and type? (e.g. Marlboro lights 100's)	14. What is your usual walking pace? ○Easy, casual (less than 2 mph)							
8. Do you currently smoke a pipe or cigars? No Yes	Normal, average (2 to 2.9 mph) Brisk pace (3 to 3.9 mph) Very brisk, striding (4 mph or faster)							
Please be sure to answer questions in both columns	, as well as question 15 below.							
15. During the past year what was your average time per week at each activity?	None 1-4 5-19 20-39 40-80 1.5 2-3 4-6 7-10 11+ hr hr hr							
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Jogging (slower than 10 minutes/mile)								
Running (10 minutes/mile or faster) Bicycling (include stationary machine)								
Lap swimming								
Tennis	1010101010101010							

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P	Diabetes mellitus	0	0	0	0	2		specific brand do you			(b)
1	Elevated cholesterol (Y)	0	0	0	0	3	+				
2	Elevated triglycerides	0	0	0	0	4				(19) (0	0
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8	Pulmonary embolus	0	0	0	0	8	ONo —	23,000 or more		(5) (5	_
(P)	Peripheral venous thrombosis	0	O	O	O	9	Vitamin C?	Oless than 400 mg	per day	66	_
	Intermittent claudication	0	0	0	0	(10)	Yes, seasonal use onl	1	amount	00	
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	Rheumatoid arthritis (Y)	0	0	0	0	(17)	Vitamin E?	Oless than 100 IU per	day	00	10
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27. Are you able to do heavy work about the house like shoveling snow, washing windows, walls or floors without help?	
Yes ONo	37. Apart from your children how many relatives do
28. How much difficulty, if any, do you have reaching or extending your arms above shoulder level?	you have with whom you feel close? None 3 to 5
No difficulty Some Unable	O1 to 2 O6 to 9 more
A little A lot to do 29. How much difficulty, if any, do you have stooping,	38. How many close relatives do you see at least once a month?
crouching or kneeling?	None 3 to 5 10 or more
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30. How much difficulty do you have pulling or pushing large objects like a living room chair?	○None
No difficulty Some Unable to do	40. How many of these friends do you see at least once a month?
31. How many flights of stairs can you climb without help?	○None ○3 to 5 ○10 or
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if you wear them) for each eye?	Often OSometimes ONever
Left eye 20/25 or better Right eye 20/25 or better	42. Do you find yourself worrying about getting some incurable illness?
20/30 to 20/65	Often Sometimes Never
20/70 to 20/180	R 43. Are you scared of heights?
20/200 or worse	OVery OModerately ONot at all
33. How often do you go to religious meetings or services? OMore than once a week Twice a month to once a year	44. Do you feel panicky in crowds?
Once a week Oliver or almost never	33 Always Sometimes Never
34. How many hours each week do you participate in any groups such as social or work group, church-connected group,	
self-help group or charity, public service or community group?	O Yes O No
None	46. Do you feel more relaxed indoors? Operinitely Sometimes Not particularly
35. How many living children do you have?	47. Do you dislike going out alone?
None 3 to 5 1 to 2 6 or more	(36) OYes ONo
36. How many of your children do you see at least once a month?	48. Do you feel uneasy traveling on buses or trains, even if they are not crowded?
■	36 Very A little Not at all
Please be sure to answer questions in	both columns, as well as the questions below.
49. Would you be willing to provide a venous blood sample if we packet? This would require the assistance of someone to dra centrifugation would be necessary.	
The Following Section Will Assist Us In Mailing To Your Preferred Address. (Make corrections to current address on return envelope.)	Alternative address:
50. Is the address to which we sent this questionnaire your	
home? Office? Oother	<u></u>
51. To assist us in maintaining contact with you, please provide an alternative address, if you have one, in the space at right.	
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53. Do you prefer that we use this alternative address?	Professionals Follow-up Study Questionnaire. Please return this form in the accompanying
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