

**HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FOLLOW-UP STUDY** 

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## Dear Colleague:

On behalf of our research group, I again want to thank you for the invaluable information you have provided by completing the Health Professionals Follow-up Study questionnaires. The response rate to our follow-up questionnaire in 1998 was once more well over 90%. This high rate of continued participation is creating valid and credible information on the relation of diet and other lifestyle factors to risks of heart disease, cancer, and other major illnesses.

Important findings continue to emerge from this study. We found that moderate egg consumption, up to one a day, was not associated with risk of coronary heart disease among men and women without diabetes and who were otherwise healthy. Risk of stroke due to atherosclerosis, the most common form of stroke in men, was lower among participants who consumed five or more servings of fruits and vegetables a day. We found that high potassium intake, which to a large degree comes from fruits and vegetables, was also associated with reduced risk of stroke. We have already shown that greater physical activity is associated with reduced risk of colon cancer, and we have added gallstones to the list of diseases reduced by regular activity. In contrast, risk of gallstones was directly related to the number of hours of television watched per day. Larger amounts of fluid intake and regular consumption of broccoli and other cruciferous vegetables were related to lower risk of bladder cancer. Additional details of these and many other ongoing analyses, including those using the blood or cheek cell samples provided by many cohort members, will be provided in our newsletter next year.

The attached 2000 questionnaire continues the crucial follow-up of this study. Most importantly, we request information about the diagnosis of specific diseases since January 1, 1998. As we indicated before, all information provided on this questionnaire is strictly confidential and is only used for statistical purposes.

Again, we are grateful for your continuing participation in this research, which is beginning to provide important new information on ways to prevent major illnesses in men.

Sincerely,

Walter Willett

Walter Willett, M.D. Principal Investigator

1. JAMA, 1999, Vol. 281, p. 1387 (A prospective study of egg consumption and risk of cardiovascular disease in men and women).

2. JAMA, 1999, Vol. 282, p. 1233 (Fruit and vegetable intake in relation to risk of ischemic stroke).

3. Circulation, 1998, Vol 98, p. 1198 (Intake of potassium, magnesium, calcium, and fiber and risk of stroke among US men).

4. Ann Intern Med, 1995, Vol 122, p. 327 (Physical activity, obesity, and risk for colon cancer and adenoma in men).

Ann Intern Med, 1998, Vol 128, p. 417 (The relation of physical activity to risk for symptomatic gallstone disease in men).
 NEJM, 1999, Vol 430, p. 1390 (Fluid intake and the risk of bladder cancer in men).

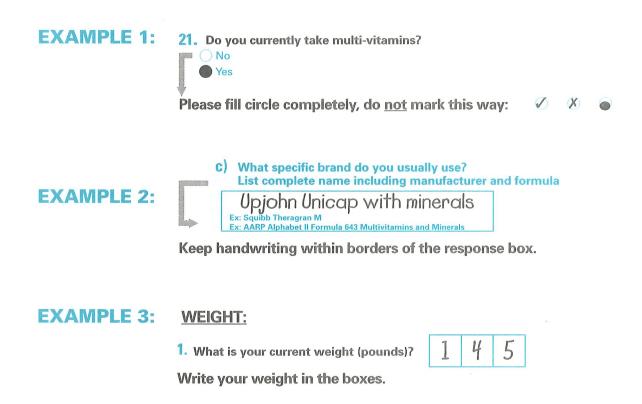
7. JNCI, 1999, Vol 91, p. 605 (Fruit and vegetable intake and incidence of bladder cancer in a male prospective cohort).

## 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 <u>NO STRAY MARKS</u> and keep any write-in responses <u>within</u> 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 2000 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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2 2 2 2	2		2	2		2	professionally diagnosed
8 8 8	8		8	8		8	conditions? Leave blank for NO, mark here for YES Before 1998 1999 2000
P P P	P		P	P		P	Gallstones
THIS IS VOLUD ID							a. How was diagnosis made?
THIS IS YOUR ID							X-ray/ultrasound Other
18. IS THIS YOUR DATE OF BIRTI	H?					18	b. Gallstone symptoms?  No Yes
Yes IF NO, please indi	cate	your da	ate of I	birth.		a	Gall bladder removal
○ No ■ MONTH	1	PAY	YEAR				Kidney stones
							Gastric or duodenal ulcer
19. Since January 1, 1998, ha	ve y	ou ha	nd an	y of		19	Ulcerative colitis/Crohn's disease
the following professiona diagnosed conditions?	lly	YEA	R OF D	IAGNO	SIS	a	Parkinson's disease
		Before	1998	1999	2000		Multiple Sclerosis
Leave blank for NO, mark here for YES	¥	1998		.550			ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis)
High blood pressure	Y	10	Ó	Ó	0	1	Alcohol dependence problem
Diabetes mellitus	Y	10	0	Ó	0	2	Pneumonia (X-ray confirmed)
Elevated cholesterol	Y	10	0	0	Ŏ	3	Asthma
Elevated triglycerides	(Y)	10	0	0	0	4	Emphysema or
Coronary artery bypass or							chronic bronchitis (COPD)
coronary angioplasty	Y		0	0	0	5	Chronic renal failure
Myocardial infarction (heart attack)	(Y)	TX.	(00	0		6	Active TB (x-ray or culture Dx)
	No	Y	es			a	Other major illness or surgery since Y
Angina pectoris Confirmed by angiogram?			(00			0	January 1998 Please specify: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Deep vein thrombosis	No	Y	es			a	0 (1 (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8)
TIA (Transient Ischemic Attack)	Y					9	(0) (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8)
Stroke (CVA)	(Y)		0		0	10	20. Current Medication (mark if used 2+ times/week)
Carotid artery surgery	Y					11	Acetaminophen (e.g., Tylenol)  Days/week: 1 2–3 4–5 6+ days
Intermittent claudication	(Y)				0	12	
Surgery or angioplasty for arterial						12	Tablets/wk: 1-2 3-5 6-14 15+ tablets Aspirin or aspirin-containing products (e.g., Alka-Seltzer with aspirin)
disease of the leg	(Y)					13	Days/week: 1 2–3 4–5 6+ days
Pulmonary embolus	(Y)	10	0			14	Tablets/wk: 1-2 3-5 6-14 15+ tablets
Aortic aneurysm	(Y)			0	0	15	Usual dose/tab: 50–99 mg 100–249 250–349 350+
Heart-rhythm disturbance	(Y)	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	16	Ibuprofen (e.g., Advil, Motrin, Nuprin)
Gout	(Y)		Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	17	Days/week: 1 2–3 4–5 6+ days
Rheumatoid arthritis	(Y)	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	18	Tablets/wk: 1-2 3-5 6-14 15+ tablets
Other arthritis (e.g., osteoarthritis)	Y	-0	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	19	Other anti-inflammatory analgesics, 2+ times/week
Vasectomy	(Y)	0	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	20	(e.g., Aleve, Naprosyn, Relafen, Ketoprofen, Anaprox)
Diverticulitis or Diverticulosis	Y	-0	0	0	Õ	21	Steroid taken orally (e.g., Prednisone, Medrol)
Prostatic enlargement,	(Y)	-0	0	0	0	22	"Statin" cholesterol-lowering drugs [e.g., Mevacor (lovastatin),
surgically treated (e.g., TURP)							Pravachol (pravastatin), Zocor (simvastatin), Lipitor]
Prostate cancer	Y	>0			0	23	<b>Years used:</b>
Colon or rectal polyp	<b>Y</b>	-0		0	0	24	Other cholesterol-lowering drug
Cancer of colon or rectum	Y			0	0	25	[e.g., Niaspan, Sloniacin (niacin), Lopid (gemfibrozil),
Basal cell skin cancer	<b>Y</b>	> (	$\bigcirc$	0	0	26	Tricor (fenofibrate), Questran (cholestyramine), Colestin]
Squamous cell skin cancer	Y		0	0	0	27	H2 blocker (e.g., Tagamet, Zantac, Axid)
Melanoma	<b>Y</b>		0	0	0	28	Finasteride (Proscar, Propecia)
Solar or actinic keratosis	(Y)	<b>O</b>	0	0	0	29	Alpha-blocker for BPH (e.g., Hytrin, Minipress)
Lymphoma or Leukemia	(Y)	0	0	0	0	30	Beta-blocker (e.g., Inderal, Metoprolol, Atenolol)
Other cancer	Y				0	31	Furosemide-like diuretic (e.g., Lasix, Bumex)
Please specify site						а	Thiazide diuretic (HCTZ)
and year:							Calcium blocker (e.g., Calan, Procardia, Cardizem)
	(Y)	0	0	0	0	32	Other antihypertensive (e.g., Vasotec, Captopril)
Cataract (1st Diagnosis)	Y =		0	0	0	33	Prozac, Zoloft, Paxil, Celexa
	(Y)		0	0	Ó	34	Tricyclic antidepressant (e.g., Elavil, Sinequan)
Macular degeneration	Y		0	0	O	35	Other antidepressant (e.g., Nardil, Marplan)
110000000000000000000000000000000000000	Y	0	0	0	Ó	36	Tranquilizer (Valium, Xanax)
Hip replacement	Y	0	0	0	Ŏ	37	Coumadin (Warfarin)
	Y		0	0	0	38	Digoxin (e.g., Lanoxin)
Leukoplakia or other oral							Other regular medication (no need to specify)
precancerous lesion	(Y)		0	$\cup$	0	39	No regular medication

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