

Online Supplementary Material

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Supplemental Appendix 1. The Encounter Survey Instrument

No. XXXXX

DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER ADVERTISING CLINICAL ENCOUNTER FORM	
<i>Please complete this survey about the patient and your discussion with the patient or his/her representative.</i>	
1. Age _____ years	Check if >85 years and leave age blank.
2. Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
3. Race / ethnicity: <i>Check all that apply.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic
<input type="checkbox"/> Black	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian
<input type="checkbox"/> Native American	
4. How many active medical conditions does this patient have? <i>Check one.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2
<input type="checkbox"/> 3-5	<input type="checkbox"/> >5
5. How many chronic prescription medications does this patient use? <i>Check one.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2
<input type="checkbox"/> 3-5	<input type="checkbox"/> >5
6. To the best of your knowledge, does the patient pay the entire cost for prescription medications (e.g., no insurance or discount program)?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	
7. a) At any time during the visit, did the patient <i>inquire</i> about a specific prescription medication that they are not currently taking?	
<input type="checkbox"/> NO	→ If No, STOP HERE!
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	→ If Yes, what medication? _____
b) How did the patient hear about the drug? <i>Check all that apply.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family/friend	<input type="checkbox"/> Media/advertisement
<input type="checkbox"/> Internet	<input type="checkbox"/> Other source
<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	

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Please answer the following questions about the specific medication discussed in Question 7:

8. Did the patient understand the purpose of the medication? Yes No

9. a) Would this medication have been your first choice of treatment for this patient?

Yes No No opinion

b) If No, why not? Please check all that apply.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug not indicated for patient's condition | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifestyle/behavior modification more appropriate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indicated but not appropriate in this specific patient | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug side effect profile/drug interactions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patient does not have condition | <input type="checkbox"/> Requested drug not on patient's insurance formulary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less expensive alternative available | Other: _____ |

10. Did the patient *want* a prescription for the medication? Yes No

11. Did you feel pressured to prescribe the medication?

Not at all Somewhat pressured Significantly pressured

12. Did you prescribe the specific requested medication? Yes No

13. a) Did the inquiry have an overall positive or negative effect on the visit? *Please check one.*

Negative effect Neutral effect Positive effect

b) Please check any of the following effects that the medication inquiry/discussion had on this visit:

Please check all that apply.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitated a discussion with patient | <input type="checkbox"/> Negative impact on physician-patient relationship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved condition awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> Increased visit time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educated patient | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New conditions were discovered or raised | Other: _____ |

Supplemental Appendix 2. The Clinician Information Form

Unique ID XXXXX

DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER CLINICIAN INFORMATION FORM

Please do not put your name on this form. No information from this form will be identified with you.

1. Gender: Male Female

2. Provider: Physician Nurse-practitioner / physician's assistant

3. Specialty:

Family Medicine

General Internal Medicine

Pediatrics

Other _____

4. Are you a resident?

Yes

No. of years in practice (excluding training): _____ →

5. Do you have direct interaction with pharmaceutical representatives? Yes No

If Yes:

a) How often?

2 times or less per month

3-5 times per month

>5 times per month

b) In what setting? *Check all that apply.*

Outpatient clinic

Inpatient / hospital setting

Pharmaceutical sponsored dinners / after-hours events

Thank you for your time. Please return this form as directed.