## **Dietary Interview Component**

Includes 24-Hour Dietary Recall Interview and Post-Recall Questionnaires

## **Public Health Objectives:**

Dietary factors are associated with 5 of the 10 leading causes of death in the U.S. population. NHANES is the cornerstone of the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Program (NNMRRP). Policy makers and researchers require NHANES dietary data to assess the quality and adequacy of the U.S. diet in relation to health parameters, to evaluate the impact of program changes including welfare reform, legislation, food fortification policy, and child nutrition programs, and to identify target groups for public health education and awareness programs. Dietary practices and behaviors are used to evaluate the adoption of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* and *Five-a-Day Program* recommendations.

The objective of the component is to estimate total intake of food energy (calories), nutrients, and non-nutrient food components from foods and beverages that were consumed during the 24-hour period prior to the interview (midnight to midnight). Following the dietary recall, a short questionnaire will be administered to ascertain whether the person's intake on the previous day was usual or unusual, the source of tap water consumed, use of salt, special diet use, and frequency of fish and shellfish consumptions during the past 30 days. Subsamples of examinees will be asked questions about recent health (1-11 year olds), recent pesticide exposure (6-7 year olds) and individual food security questions (must screen in from responses to Family Questionnaire food security section). These questions are included in **Attachment A**.

#### Staff:

Dietary interviewer.

#### Protocol:

#### **Methods:**

- All NHANES examinees are eligible for the dietary interview component. A computer-assisted dietary interview software program was developed for use in the survey. The dietary interviewer records detailed information about the foods and beverages reported. Instructions will be provided to the respondent orally in English and/or Spanish. Measurement aids and visuals including charts and drawings will be used by the respondent to quantify the foods and beverages that are reported. Data files are transmitted electronically to a coding center located offsite.
- A telephone follow-up dietary interview will be scheduled 3-10 days after their MEC exam for all the examinees. A set of measuring guides (including a USDA food model booklet, a ruler, a set of household spoons, and a set of measuring cups and measuring spoons), an appointment reminder card with the date and time of the scheduled interview, and a phone contact number will be given to the participants at the end of their MEC dietary interview. The phone follow-up interview will be conducted using the same dietary interview system as used in the MEC and will be made from a telephone center located offsite.
- The interviewers will perform data retrieval by telephone when the information provided by the respondent or a proxy is incomplete; the interviewers will obtain permission from the SP or proxy to conduct data retrieval.
- Each week, dietary interviewers are asked to audio-tape an interview and send it back to the home office for review (approximately 5% of each interviewer's work). The date and session of the taped interview are randomly selected and communicated to the interviewers via email. Home office staffs will review the audio tape to monitor the quality of the interview and provide written feedback to the interviewer. Prior to the taping, interviewers will ask permission and obtain a written informed consent from the SP. If the SP is 17 years or younger, a parental consent will also be obtained. A verbal permission will also be recorded in the audio-tape once the taping begins. At the end of the taping, permission for keeping the audiotape will be

obtained from the SP. If the SP chooses not to allow the audiotape to be kept, the audiotape will be immediately destroyed in the presence of the SP. All audiotapes will be erased after the quality control review process has been completed by survey staff.

#### **Time Allotment:**

Depending on the types and numbers of foods reported in the dietary recall, the length of the interview ranges from 15-30 minutes per interview.

## **Health Measures:**

Not applicable

## **Eligibility:**

All survey participants are eligible for the dietary interview component. Translators may assist respondents when needed, and proxy reporting is permitted.

#### **Exclusion Criteria:**

The only circumstances that would lead to exclusion would be in instances when communication or cognitive difficulties make it impossible for the participant to provide the necessary information, and a proxy reporter is not available to complete the interview.

## Justification for using vulnerable populations:

- Minors are included in this component because they are an important target population group. Dietary data are linked to other household interview and health component data and are used to track changes that occur in food and nutrient intakes over time.
- There is no reason to exclude mentally impaired or handicapped individuals because there is no contraindication.

## Risks:

There is no risk associated with this component.

# **Report of Findings:**

No findings are reported to respondents.

# ATTACHMENT A. POST-RECALL QUESTIONNAIRE - DRQ Target Group: SPs Birth + (Questions grouped by age categories)

NHANES III REC.155	Was the amount of food that {you/NAME} ate yesterday much more than usual, usual, or much less than usual?
	MUCH MORE THAN USUAL1 USUAL2
	MUCH LESS THAN USUAL
00511	DON'T KNOW9
CSFII REC.265	When you drink tap water, what is the main source of the tap water? Is the city water supply (community water supply); a well or rain cistern; a spring; or something else?
	COMMUNITY WATER1
	A WELL OR RAIN CISTERN2
	A SPRING3
	NEVER DRINK TAP WATER4 REFUSED7
	DON'T KNOW9
	OTHER (SPECIFY)91
	[RECORD Drinking fountain AS COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY.]
NHANES III	
REC.325	Now I'll be asking some questions about {your/NAME's} use of table salt. What type of salt {do you/does NAME} usually add to {your/his/her} food at the table? Would you say it is ordinary or seasoned salt, lite salt, or a salt substitute?
	ORDINARY, SEA, SEASONED, OR OTHER FLAVORED SALT [includes regular iodized salt,
	sea salt and seasoning salts
	made with regular salt]
	SALT SUBSTITUTE
	NONE
	REFUSED 7 (REC.335)
	DON'T KNOW
NHANES III REC.330	How often {do you/does NAME} add {REC325 ANSWER} to {your/his/her} food at the table?
	Is it rarely, occasionally, or very often?
	RARELY,1
	OCCASIONALLY2
	VERY OFTEN
	REFUSED7 DON'T KNOW9
<b>CSFII</b> REC.335	How often is ordinary salt or seasoned salt added in cooking or preparing foods in your
	household? Is it never, rarely, occasionally, or very often?
	NEVER1
	RARELY2
	OCCASIONALLY3
	VERY OFTEN4
	REFUSED7

[THIS QUESTION APPLIES ONLY TO USE OF ORDINARY SALT OR SEASONED SALT AND NOT TO LITE SALT OR SALT SUBSTITUTES.]

REC.340 {Are you/Is NAME} currently on any kind of diet, either to lose weight or for some other health-related reason?

YES1	
NO2	(Box 1)
REFUSED7	(Box 1)
DON'T KNOW9	(Box 1)

#### **CSFII**

REC.345 What kind of diet {are you/is NAME} on?

[READ AS NEEDED: Is it a weight loss or low calorie diet; low fat or cholesterol diet; low salt or sodium diet; diabetic diet; or another type of diet?]

WEIGHT LOSS OR LOW CALORIE DIET	1
LOW FAT OR CHOLESTEROL DIET	2
LOW SALT OR SODIUM DIET	3
SUGAR FREE OR LOW SUGAR DIET	4
LOW FIBER DIET	5
HIGH FIBER DIET	6
DIABETIC DIET	7
LOW CARBOHYDRATE DIET	8
HIGH PROTEIN DIET	9
WEIGHT GAIN DIET	
OTHER	91
(SPECIFY)	
REFUSED	77
DON'T KNOW	99

### BOX 1

IF SP < 1 YEAR OLD, GO TO BOX 2. OTHERWISE, CONTINUE.

## **NHANES 1999**

DRQ.361

Please look at this list of fish. During the past 30 days, did you eat any types of fish listed on this card? Include any foods that had fish in them such as sandwiches, soups, or salads.

YES	1	
NO		(DRQ.380)
REFUSED	7	(DRQ.380)
DON'T KNOW	a	(DRO 380)

#### **NHANES 1999**

DRQ. 370

During the past 30 days, which types of fish did you eat and how many times did you eat them?

Type listed: breaded fish products, tuna (canned or fresh), bass, catfish, cod, flatfish, haddock, mackerel, perch, pike, pollock, porgy, salmon, sardines, sea bass, shark, swordfish, trout, walleye, other type of fish and unknown type of fish.

## Interviewer instruction:

Check each type of shellfish the SP reports eating, and then ask and record the number of times each type was eaten.

### NHANES 1999

DRQ.380

Please look at this list of shellfish. During the past 30 days, did you eat any types of shellfish listed on this card? Include any foods that had shellfish in them such as sandwiches, soups, or salads.

YES	1	
NO	2	(Box 2)
REFUSED	7	(Box 2)
DON'T KNOW	9	(Box 2)

## **NHANES 1999**

DRQ. 390

During the past 30 days, which types of shellfish did you eat and how many times did you eat them?

Type listed: clams, crab, crayfish (crawfish), lobster, mussels, oysters, scallops, shrimp, other shellfish (for example, octopus, squid) and unknown type of shellfish.

Interviewer instruction:

Check each type of shellfish the SP reports eating, and then ask and record the number of times each type was eaten.

#### BOX 2

If the response to FSQ.032 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', or 'F' is ' often true' (code 1), 'sometimes true' (code 2), ' refuse' (code 7), 'don't know' (code 9), continue with Box 3.

Otherwise, go to Box 5.

## BOX 3

If SP 16 years or older, continue;

If SP less than 12 years old, go to the second FSQ.525 listed.

Otherwise, go to the end of the section.

## **USDA-FNS**

FSQ.525

The next questions are about whether you were always able to afford enough food in the last 30 days

In the last 30 days, did you ever cut the size of your meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

Yes1	
No2	(FSQ.531)
Refused7	(FSQ.531)
Don't Know9	(FSQ.531)

## **USDA-FNS**

FSQ.528

Did that happen often, sometimes or just once or twice?

Often	1
Sometimes	. 2
Once or Twice	3
Refused	. 7
Don't Know	9

USDA-FNS FSQ.531	In the last 30 days, did you ever eat less than you enough money for food?	felt you should because there wasn't
	Yes1	
	No2	(FSQ.537b)
	Refused 7	(FSQ.537b)
	Don't Know9	(FSQ.537b)
USDA-FNS		
FSQ.534	Did that happen often, sometimes or just once	or twice?
	Often1	
	Sometimes2	
	Once or Twice3	
	Refused7	
	Don't Know9	
	Don't Know9	
USDA-FNS		
FSQ.537b	In the last 30 days, were you ever hungry but didn food?	t eat because you couldn't aπord enoug
	Yes1	
	No2	(ESO 543h)
		(FSQ.543b)
	Refused7	(FSQ.543b)
	Don't Know 9	(FSQ.543b)
USDA-FNS		
FSQ.540b	Did that happen often, sometimes or just once	or twice?
	Often1	
	Sometimes2	
	Once or Twice3	
	Refused7	
	Don't Know9	
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<i>USDA-FNS</i> FSQ.543b	In the last 30 days, did you ever skip meals becau	se there wasn't enough money for food
	Yes1	
	No2	(FSQ.549)
	Refused7	(FSQ.549)
	Don't Know9	(FSQ.549)
USDA-FNS		
FSQ.546b	Did that happen often, sometimes or just once	or twice?
	Often1	
	Sometimes2	
	Once or Twice3	
	Refused 7	
	Don't Know9	
USDA-FNS		
FSQ.549	In the last 30 days, did you lose weight because you	ou didn't have enough money for food?
	Yes1	
	No2	(Box A)
	Refused7	(Box A)
	Don't Know9	(Box A)

USDA-FNS FSQ.552	Did that happen often, sometimes or just once or twice?
	Often
	BOX A  IF (FSQ.525 OR FSQ.531 OR FSQ.537b OR FSQ.543b OR FSQ.549=1), CONTINUE; OTHERWISE, GO TO THE END OF THE SECTION.
<b>USDA-FN</b> 3 FSQ.555	In the last 30 days, did you ever not eat for a whole day because there wasn't enough money for food?
	Yes
USDA-FNS FSQ.558	Did that happen often, sometimes or just once or twice?
	Often
	BOX 4
	Go to the end of the section.
<b>USDA-FNS</b> FSQ.525	The next questions are about whether you were always able to afford enough food for (NAME) in the last 30 days.
	In the last 30 days, did you ever cut the size of (NAME's) meals because there wasn't enough money for food?
	Yes

Did that happen often, sometimes or just once or twice?

 Often
 1

 Sometimes
 2

 Once or Twice
 3

Refused ...... 7 Don't Know..... 9

**USDA-FNS** 

FSQ.528

<b>USDA-FNS</b> FSQ.531	In the last 30 days, did (NAME) ever eat less than you felt (he/she) should because there wasn't enough money for food?		
		Yes	(FSQ.537a) (FSQ.537a) (FSQ.537a)
<b>USDA-FNS</b> FSQ.534	Did that happen o	ften, sometimes or just once of	or twice?
		Often       1         Sometimes       2         Once or Twice       3         Refused       7         Don't Know       9	
<b>USDA-FNS</b> FSQ.537a	In the last 30 days, w	ras (NAME) ever hungry but y	ou just couldn't afford more food?
		Yes	(FSQ.543a) (FSQ.543a) (FSQ.543a)
<b>USDA-FNS</b> FSQ.540a	Did that happen o	ften, sometimes or just once of	or twice?
		Often       1         Sometimes       2         Once or Twice       3         Refused       7         Don't Know       9	
<i>USDA-FNS</i> FSQ.543a	In the last 30 days, d	id (NAME) ever skip a meal bo	ecause there wasn't enough money for
, <b>Ga</b> .0 100	food?	Yes	(Box B) (Box B) (Box B)
<b>USDA-FNS</b> FSQ.546a	Did that happen often, sometimes or just once or twice?		
		Often       1         Sometimes       2         Once or Twice       3         Refused       7         Don't Know       9	

BOX B

IF (FSQ.525 OR FSQ.531 OR FSQ.537a OR FSQ.543a= 1), CONTINUE;
OTHERWISE, GO TO THE END OF THE SECTION.

<b>USDA-FNS</b> FSQ.555	In the last 30 days, did (NAME) ever not eat for a whole day because there wasn't enough money for food?
	Yes
<i>USDA-FNS</i> FSQ.558	Did that happen often, sometimes or just once or twice?
	Often
	BOX 5
	IF SP 1-11 YEARS OLD, CONTINUE. OTHERWISE, GO TO THE END OF THE SECTION.
<i>NHIS ACN.</i> HSQ.500	The next questions are about {your/SP's} recent health during the 30 days outlined on the calendar.  Did {you/SP} have a head cold or chest cold that started during those 30 days?
	YES
<i>NHIS ACN.</i> HSQ.510	360 Did {you/SP} have a stomach or intestinal illness with vomiting or diarrhea that started during those 30 days?
	YES
<i>NHANES II</i> HSQ.520	Did {you/SP} have flu, pneumonia, or ear infections that started during those 30 days?
	YES

BOX 6

IF SP 6-7 YEARS OLD, CONTINUE. OTHERWISE, GO TO THE END OF THE SECTION.

05PUQ.100	In the <b>past 7 days</b> , were any chemical products used in {your/his/her} home to control fleas, roaches, ants, termites, or other insects?		
		YES	1
		NO	
		REFUSED	
		DON'T KNOW	9
05PUQ.110	In the <b>past 7 days</b> , were any chemical products used in {your/his/her} lawn or garden to kill weeds?		
	CODE 'NO' IF THE RESPONDENT SAYS S/HE DOES NOT HAVE A LAWN OR GARDEN.		
		YES	1
		NO	2
		REFUSED	7
		DON'T KNOW	9