HRS 2010: Module 3
Illness Perceptions and Alzheimer’s Disease (AD)

V000 Module Intro

Although we have finished the interview, we would like to ask you a few new questions. Some questions may be similar to questions we have already asked you, but the researchers are interested in how people respond when the questions are changed just a little.

IWER: If R refused before starting a module, ENTER 9. If R started to do a module and then changed his/her mind, ENTER 99

1. R is willing
9. R refused at Module Intro GO TO END OF MODULES
99. R refused after starting Module GO TO END OF MODULES

V100

As you may know, Alzheimer’s disease is a common medical condition that affects people’s memory and thinking abilities. We are interested in learning about people’s experiences with, and beliefs about, Alzheimer’s disease.

1. Continue

V101_
IF KNOW SOMEONE W/ AD

Do you know someone who has had Alzheimer's disease?

1. Yes
5. No → GO TO V107

8. DK
9. RF

[IF V101 = YES ASK V102]
V102_
IF SP-P PARENT SIB CHILD OF R HAS AD

Has your [husband/wife/partner], or a parent, sibling, or adult child of yours been diagnosed with Alzheimer's?

1. Yes
5. No
8. DK
9. RF

V107_
THOUGHTS ABOUT AD INTRO
Now I am going to read some statements that may or may not reflect your thoughts about Alzheimer's. Please tell me how strongly you agree or disagree with each statement.

1. Continue

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<th>V108_ KNOW CHANCES OF GETTING AD</th>
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<td>You would like to know your chances of someday getting Alzheimer's. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree?</td>
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<td>Strongly agree</td>
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<th>V109_ BELIEVE WILL GET AD SOME DAY</th>
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<td>You believe you will get Alzheimer's someday. (Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree?)</td>
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<th>V110_ WORRY ABOUT GETTING AD SOME DAY</th>
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<td>You worry about getting Alzheimer's someday. (Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree?)</td>
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Next I'll read some other statements about Alzheimer’s disease. Please listen to each statement carefully and tell me whether you think the statement is True or False. If you aren’t sure of the right answer, make your best guess.

1. continue

Once people have Alzheimer's disease, they are no longer capable of making informed decisions about their own care.

1. True
2. False
8. DK
9. RF

Prescription drugs that prevent Alzheimer's disease are available.

1. True
2. False
8. DK
9. RF

It is safe for people with Alzheimer's to drive as long as they have a companion in the car at all times.

1. True
2. False
8. DK
9. RF
V118_  
AD PARENT OR SIB INCREASES CHANCE

Having a parent or sibling with Alzheimer's disease increases the chance of developing it.

1. True
5. False

8. DK
9. RF

V119_  
FACTORS INCREASING INTRO

The next questions are about factors that possibly affect one’s risk of Alzheimer's. Please tell me how important you believe each factor is in increasing one’s chances of developing Alzheimer's disease?

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<td>First, how about stress -- do you believe stress is very important, somewhat important, or not at all important in increasing a person's chances of getting Alzheimer's?</td>
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<td>How about genetics? (Do you believe genetics is very important, somewhat important, or not at all important in increasing a person's chances of getting Alzheimer's?)</td>
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V124_  
FACTORS LOWERING INTRO

Now I will read some factors that possibly lower a person's chances of getting Alzheimer's. Please tell me how effective you believe each factor is in lowering one’s chances of developing Alzheimer's.

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<td>PHYSICALLY ACTIVE LOWERS&lt;br&gt;First, keeping physically active -- do you believe keeping physically active is very effective, somewhat effective, or not at all effective in lowering a person's chances of getting Alzheimer's?</td>
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<td>MENTALLY ACTIVE LOWERS&lt;br&gt;Keeping mentally active -- (do you believe keeping mentally active is very effective, somewhat effective, or not at all effective in lowering a person's chances of getting Alzheimer's?)</td>
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<td>V127_</td>
<td>EATING HEALTHY DIET LOWERS&lt;br&gt;How about eating a healthy diet -- (do you believe eating a healthy diet is very effective, somewhat effective, or not at all effective in lowering a person's chances of getting Alzheimer's?)</td>
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<td>V128_</td>
<td>TAKING VITAMINS LOWERS&lt;br&gt;Taking vitamins or dietary supplements -- (do you believe taking vitamins or dietary supplements is very effective, somewhat effective, or not at all effective in lowering a person's chances of getting Alzheimer's?)</td>
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