



INFORMANT INTERVIEW

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0a) Form Date:.....

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Instructions: The informant interview form is completed for each informant for an eligible death as determined by the SPIROMICS event investigation protocol.

Decedent's name: _____ Informant name: _____

Date of death

Age at death:

Date of birth:

Place of death: _____

"Hello, my name is (interviewer's name) with the SPIROMICS study. I'm calling (name of informant) regarding (name of decedent)'s involvement with the SPIROMICS study, a medical study in which (name of decedent) was enrolled.

[Once it is established you are speaking with the informant, continue with the script below. If the informant is not available determine a time to call back. If the interviewer determines that the person they are speaking with is knowledgeable of the circumstances surrounding the decedent's death, the interview with this person should continue. See procedure manual for more details.]

"I'm sorry for your loss. We understand that you might be able to help us complete our documents for (decedent), particularly the circumstances surrounding (his/her) death. Is now a good time to talk?"

No → When would be convenient to call back? _____

Yes → Thank you. If you have any questions, please ask me.

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1. Before we get started could you please tell me what was your relationship with the (*insert name of decedent*)? (Respondent was deceased's...)

- Spouse 1
- Daughter/Son 2
- Parent 3
- Friend 4
- Workmate 5
- Other relative 6
- Other 7

Specify relationship of other: _____

A. CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DEATH

"I'd like to ask you a few questions about (*decedent's name*)'s medical history and the events leading up to (*his/her*) death."

2. Please tell me about his/her general health, health on the day s/he died, and about the death itself.

Record a brief synopsis of the events surrounding the death as related by the informant:

"Some of the remaining questions may repeat information you already provided, but it helps us to ask these items specifically."

3. Where was (*decedent's name*) when (*he/she*) died? (Mark only one response.)

- Home 0
- Work 1
- Public building 2
- Bus or public transportation 3
- In a car 4
- Nursing home 5
- In an emergency room 6
- In an ambulance 7
- In a hospital 8
- Unknown 9
- Other 10 Specify: _____

4. Was anyone present when (*he/she*) died?

- No 0
- Yes 1 (**skip to question 7**)
- Unknown 9

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5. Was anyone close enough to hear (*decedent's name*) if (*he/she*) had called out?

- No 0
Yes 1
Unknown 9

6. How long was it between the time (*decedent's name*) was last known to be alive and the time (*he/she*) was found dead?

- Less than 5 minutes 1
5 minutes to 1 hour 2
1 to 24 hours 3
Longer than 24 hours 4
Unknown 9

(All responses above **Skip to question 8**)

7. Please tell me who was present. (Mark all that apply.)

- | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Self | No 0 <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | (Skip to question 9) |
| Health care person(s) | No 0 <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other person(s) | No 0 <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | |

8. When was the last time you saw (*decedent's name*) prior to (*his/her*) death?

- Less than 5 minutes 1
5 minutes to 1 hour 2
1 to 24 hours 3
Longer than 24 hours 4
Unknown 9

B. MEDICAL HISTORY

"I'd now like to ask you a few questions about (*decedent's name*) medical history."

9. Was (*he/she*) restricted to home, able to leave home only with assistance or great effort, or was (*his/her*) activity unrestricted?

- Restricted to home 1
Able to leave home only with assistance or great effort 2
Unrestricted 3

10. Was (*he/she*) hospitalized within the four weeks prior to death?

- No 0 **(Skip to question 14)**
Yes 1
Unknown 9 **(Skip to question 14)**

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11. What was the reason for the hospitalization? (Select all that apply.)

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|---|----|---|--------------------------|-----|---|--------------------------|
| a. Unknown | No | 0 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Heart attack or heart disease | No | 0 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Stroke | No | 0 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Heart surgery | No | 0 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Surgical procedure (other than heart) | No | 0 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Emphysema, chronic bronchitis, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) | No | 0 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. Pneumonia | No | 0 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. Infection | No | 0 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. Cancer | No | 0 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| j. Other condition | No | 0 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| k. If other, specify: _____ | | | | | | |

12. What was the date of the hospitalization?

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	/	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	/	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Month			Day			Year			

13. What was the name and location of the hospital? _____

14. Was (insert decedent's name) seen by a doctor any other time in the last four weeks prior to death?

- No 0 **(Skip to question 16)**
Yes 1
Unknown 9 **(Skip to question 16)**

15. What was the name and address of this doctor?

C. SYMPTOMS

"Now I'd like to talk about specific symptoms (*decedent's name*) might have experienced just prior to (*his/her*) death."

22. Did (*he/she*) experience shortness of breath?

- No 0 **(Skip to item 23)**
Yes 1
Unknown 9 **(Skip to item 23)**

22a. Did (*he/she*) have shortness of breath while at rest?

- No 0
Yes 1
Unknown 9

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22. Did (*he/she*) experience increased coughing?

- No 0 (**Skip to item 23**)
Yes 1
Unknown 9 (**Skip to item 23**)

22. Did (*he/she*) experience increased mucus or sputum production?

- No 0 (**Skip to item 23**)
Yes 1
Unknown 9 (**Skip to item 23**)

"I apologize if this question sounds hard or if it makes you uncomfortable. Please be assured we respect your feelings about this unfortunate event."

23. How long was it from (*decedent's name*) last episode of symptoms to the time that (*he/she*) stopped breathing on (*his/her*) own?

- Less than 5 minutes 1
Less than 1 hour 2
Less than 24 hours 3
Greater than 24 hours 4
Unknown 9

D. EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

"I now have a few questions about emergency medical care (*insert decedent's name*) may have received prior to or at the time of death. You may have already given this information in an answer to an earlier question, and I apologize if these questions seem repetitive, but it is important to obtain information specifically on emergency medical care."

24. Was a physician, ambulance or other emergency medical team called?

- No 0 (**Skip to question 25**)
Yes 1
Unknown 9 (**Skip to question 25**)

24a. How long was it from the time the last episode of symptoms started to the time that medical assistance was called for?

- 5 minutes or less 1
10 minutes or less 2
1 hour or less 3
6 hours or less 4
24 hours or less 5
More than 24 hours 6
Unknown 9

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24b. How long was it from the time medical care was called to the time when it arrived?

- 5 minutes or less 1
- 10 minutes or less 2
- 1 hour or less 3
- 6 hours or less 4
- 24 hours or less 5
- More than 24 hours 6
- Unknown 9

25. Were resuscitation measures, such as CPR attempted?

- No 0
- Yes 1
- Unknown 9

26. Was (*decedent's name*) taken to the hospital, emergency room or any other emergency car facility?

- No 0
- Yes 1
- Unknown 9

E. ADDITIONAL INFORMANTS

27. Is there anyone else we could contact who might be able to provide additional information about the circumstances surrounding (*decedent's name*) death or (*his/her*) usual state of health?

- No 0 **Skip to Closing Script**
- Yes 1
- Unknown 9 **Skip to Closing Script**

28. How is (*he/she*) related to (*decedent's name*)?

- Spouse 1
- Daughter/Son 2
- Parent 3
- Friend 4
- Workmate 5
- Other relative 6
- Other 7

Specify relationship of other: _____

29. What is the name and address of this person?

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F. CLOSING SCRIPT

“Thank you very much for your assistance in this study. Do you have any questions? Thanks again for your help.”

G. RELIABILITY (To be completed after the interview)

30. On the basis of these questions, give your rating of reliability of the interview.

- Poor 1
- Fair 2
- Good 3