

## NEW COHORT MEDICAL HISTORY

### Background and Purpose

The purpose of the Medical History Form is to assess co-morbidity and identify severe problems that would necessitate referral. The form contains general information on past medical history and questions regarding: angina or chest pain, cardiovascular procedures, pulmonary disease, and a general review of systems. Any questions that were previously asked (from Baseline to Year 5) of the original cohort were also asked of the new cohort at this time; this ensured that the new cohort was beginning the study with the same data collected for the original cohort. Documentation for any new questions asked of the new cohort are given below. For more information on the other variables collected for record 57 refer to Medical History in the Longitudinal Data Documentation, record what year(s) the variables of interest were collected and refer to the Medical History documentation in the Manual of Operations for that particular year.

New questions:

- Question 39 - During the last thirty days, did you start taking any medicine(s)?

Response choices are "Yes," "No," or "Don't know." If "No" or "Don't know," skip to Question 40. If "Yes," ask:

What was the name of the medicine(s)?

Write the response on the line provided. If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet of paper.

- Question 40 - During the last thirty days, did you stop taking any medicine(s)?

Follow instructions for Question 39 above.

- There were also three other new questions regarding:
  - 1) Number of years an individual had diabetes
  - 2) Whether the individual ever had other procedures to open arteries in their legs in the last year
  - 3) Whether the individual ever had their cholesterol measured