

**CANADIAN COMMUNITY HEALTH SURVEY**

**CYCLE 2.1 Supplement – Health Services Access Survey**

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**ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

ACC\_BEG Collected starting in April 2003.

ACC\_C1 If (do ACC block = 2), go to ACC\_END.  
 ACCCFDO Otherwise, go to ACC\_C2.

ACC\_C2 If proxy interview or if age < 15, go to ACC\_END.  
 Otherwise, go to ACC\_QINT10.

ACC\_QINT10 **The next questions are about the use of various health care services. I will start by asking about your experiences getting health care from a medical specialist such as a cardiologist, allergist, gynaecologist or psychiatrist (excluding an optometrist).**  
 INTERVIEWER: Press <Enter> to continue.

ACC\_Q10 **In the past 12 months, did you require a visit to a medical specialist for a diagnosis or a consultation?**  
 ACCC\_10

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to ACC\_QINT20)  
 DK, R (Go to ACC\_QINT20)

ACC\_Q11 **In the past 12 months, did you ever experience any difficulties getting the specialist care you needed for a diagnosis or consultation?**  
 ACCC\_11

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to ACC\_QINT20)  
 DK, R (Go to ACC\_QINT20)

ACC\_Q12 **What type of difficulties did you experience?**  
 INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- ACCC\_12A 1 Difficulty getting a referral
- ACCC\_12B 2 Difficulty getting an appointment
- ACCC\_12C 3 No specialists in the area
- ACCC\_12D 4 Waited too long - between booking appointment and visit
- ACCC\_12E 5 Waited too long - to see the doctor (i.e. in-office waiting)
- ACCC\_12F 6 Transportation - problems
- ACCC\_12G 7 Language - problem
- ACCC\_12H 8 Cost
- ACCC\_12I 9 Personal or family responsibilities
- ACCC\_12J 10 General deterioration of health
- ACCC\_12K 11 Appointment cancelled or deferred by specialist
- ACCC\_12L 12 Still waiting for visit
- ACCC\_12M 13 Unable to leave the house because of a health problem
- ACCC\_12N 14 Other - Specify  
 DK, R

ACC\_C12S If ACC\_Q12 <> 14, go to ACC\_QINT20.  
Otherwise, go to ACC\_Q12S.

ACC\_Q12S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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(80 spaces)  
DK, R

ACC\_QINT20 **The following questions are about any surgery not provided in an emergency that you may have required, such as cardiac surgery, joint surgery, caesarean sections and cataract surgery, excluding laser eye surgery.**  
INTERVIEWER: Press <Enter> to continue.

ACC\_Q20 **In the past 12 months, did you require any non-emergency surgery?**  
ACCC\_20

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to ACC\_QINT30)  
DK, R (Go to ACC\_QINT30)

ACC\_Q21 **In the past 12 months, did you ever experience any difficulties getting the surgery you needed?**  
ACCC\_21

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to ACC\_QINT30)  
DK, R (Go to ACC\_QINT30)

ACC\_Q22 **What type of difficulties did you experience?**  
INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- ACCC\_22A 1 Difficulty getting an appointment with a surgeon
- ACCC\_22B 2 Difficulty getting a diagnosis
- ACCC\_22C 3 Waited too long - for a diagnostic test
- ACCC\_22D 4 Waited too long - for a hospital bed to become available
- ACCC\_22E 5 Waited too long - for surgery
- ACCC\_22F 6 Service not available - in the area
- ACCC\_22G 7 Transportation - problems
- ACCC\_22H 8 Language - problem
- ACCC\_22I 9 Cost
- ACCC\_22J 10 Personal or family responsibilities
- ACCC\_22K 11 General deterioration of health
- ACCC\_22L 12 Appointment cancelled or deferred by surgeon or hospital
- ACCC\_22M 13 Still waiting for surgery
- ACCC\_22N 14 Unable to leave the house because of a health problem
- ACCC\_22O 15 Other - Specify  
DK, R

ACC\_C22S If ACC\_Q22 <> 15, go to ACC\_QINT30.  
Otherwise, go to ACC\_Q22S.

ACC\_Q22S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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(80 spaces)  
DK, R

ACC\_QINT30 **Now some questions about MRIs, CAT Scans and angiographies provided in a non-emergency situation.**  
INTERVIEWER: Press <Enter> to continue.

ACC\_Q30 **In the past 12 months, did you require one of these tests?**  
 ACCC\_30

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to ACC\_QINT40)
- DK, R (Go to ACC\_QINT40)

ACC\_Q31 **In the past 12 months, did you ever experience any difficulties getting the tests you needed?**  
 ACCC\_31

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to ACC\_QINT40)
- DK, R (Go to ACC\_QINT40)

ACC\_Q32 **What type of difficulties did you experience?**  
INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- ACCC\_32A 1 Difficulty getting a referral
- ACCC\_32B 2 Difficulty getting an appointment
- ACCC\_32C 3 Waited too long - to get an appointment
- ACCC\_32D 4 Waited too long - to get test (i.e. in-office waiting)
- ACCC\_32E 5 Service not available - at time required
- ACCC\_32F 6 Service not available - in the area
- ACCC\_32G 7 Transportation - problems
- ACCC\_32H 8 Language - problem
- ACCC\_32I 9 Cost
- ACCC\_32J 10 General deterioration of health
- ACCC\_32K 11 Did not know where to go (i.e. information problems)
- ACCC\_32L 12 Still waiting for test
- ACCC\_32M 13 Unable to leave the house because of a health problem
- ACCC\_32N 14 Other - Specify
- DK, R

ACC\_C32S If ACC\_Q32 <= 14, go to ACC\_QINT40.  
 Otherwise, go to ACC\_Q32S.

ACC\_Q32S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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 (80 spaces)  
 DK, R

ACC\_QINT40 **Now I'd like you to think about yourself and family members living in your dwelling. The next questions are about your experiences getting health information or advice when you needed them for yourself or a family member living in your dwelling.**  
INTERVIEWER: Press <Enter> to continue.

ACC\_Q40      **In the past 12 months, have you required health information or advice for yourself or a family member?**  
 ACCC\_40

- 1      Yes
- 2      No      (Go to ACC\_QINT50)
- DK, R      (Go to ACC\_QINT50)

ACC\_Q40A      **Who did you contact when you needed health information or advice for yourself or a family member?**

INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent. Mark all that apply.

- ACCC\_40A      1      **Doctor's office**
- ACCC\_40B      2      **Community health centre / CLSC**
- ACCC\_40C      3      **Walk-in clinic**
- ACCC\_40D      4      **Telephone health line (e.g., HealthLinks, Telehealth Ontario, HealthLink, Health-Line, TeleCare, Info-Santé)**
- ACCC\_40E      5      **Hospital emergency room**
- ACCC\_40F      6      **Other hospital service**
- ACCC\_40G      7      **Other - Specify**

ACC\_C40AS      If ACC\_Q40A <> 7, go to ACC\_Q41.  
 Otherwise, go to ACC\_Q40AS.

ACC\_Q40AS      INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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 (80 spaces)  
 DK, R

ACC\_Q41      **In the past 12 months, did you ever experience any difficulties getting the health information or advice you needed for yourself or a family member?**  
 ACCC\_41

- 1      Yes
- 2      No      (Go to ACC\_QINT50)
- DK, R      (Go to ACC\_QINT50)

ACC\_Q42      **Did you experience difficulties during "regular" office hours (that is, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday)?**  
 ACCC\_42

INTERVIEWER: It is important to make a distinction between "No" (Did not experience problems) and "Did not require at this time".

- 1      Yes
- 2      No      (Go to ACC\_Q44)
- 3      Not required at this time      (Go to ACC\_Q44)
- DK, R      (Go to ACC\_Q44)



ACC\_Q43 **What type of difficulties did you experience?**

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- ACCC\_43A 1 Difficulty contacting a physician or nurse
- ACCC\_43B 2 Did not have a phone number
- ACCC\_43C 3 Could not get through (i.e. no answer)
- ACCC\_43D 4 Waited too long to speak to someone
- ACCC\_43E 5 Did not get adequate info or advice
- ACCC\_43F 6 Language - problem
- ACCC\_43G 7 Did not know where to go / call / uninformed
- ACCC\_43H 8 Unable to leave the house because of a health problem
- ACCC\_43I 9 Other - Specify  
DK, R

ACC\_C43S If ACC\_Q43 <> 9, go to ACC\_Q44.  
Otherwise, go to ACC\_Q43S.

ACC\_Q43S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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(80 spaces)  
DK, R

ACC\_Q44 **Did you experience difficulties getting health information or advice during evenings and weekends (that is, 5:00 to 9:00 pm Monday to Friday, or 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturdays and Sundays)?**

INTERVIEWER: It is important to make a distinction between "No" (Did not experience problems) and "Did not require at this time".

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to ACC\_Q46)
- 3 Not required at this time (Go to ACC\_Q46)
- DK, R (Go to ACC\_Q46)

ACC\_Q45 **What type of difficulties did you experience?**

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- ACCC\_45A 1 Difficulty contacting a physician or nurse
- ACCC\_45B 2 Did not have a phone number
- ACCC\_45C 3 Could not get through (i.e. no answer)
- ACCC\_45D 4 Waited too long to speak to someone
- ACCC\_45E 5 Did not get adequate info or advice
- ACCC\_45F 6 Language - problem
- ACCC\_45G 7 Did not know where to go / call / uninformed
- ACCC\_45H 8 Unable to leave the house because of a health problem
- ACCC\_45I 9 Other - Specify  
DK, R

ACC\_C45S If ACC\_Q45 <> 9, go to ACC\_Q46.  
Otherwise, go to ACC\_Q45S.

ACC\_Q45S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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(80 spaces)  
DK, R

ACC\_Q46  
ACCC\_46

**Did you experience difficulties getting health information or advice during the middle of the night?**

INTERVIEWER: It is important to make a distinction between “No” (Did not experience problems) and “Did not require at this time”.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to ACC\_QINT50)
- 3 Not required at this time (Go to ACC\_QINT50)  
DK, R (Go to ACC\_QINT50)

ACC\_Q47

**What type of difficulties did you experience?**

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

ACCC\_47A  
ACCC\_47B  
ACCC\_47C  
ACCC\_47D  
ACCC\_47E  
ACCC\_47F  
ACCC\_47G  
ACCC\_47H  
ACCC\_47I

- 1 Difficulty contacting a physician or nurse
- 2 Did not have a phone number
- 3 Could not get through (i.e. no answer)
- 4 Waited too long to speak to someone
- 5 Did not get adequate info or advice
- 6 Language - problem
- 7 Did not know where to go / call / uninformed
- 8 Unable to leave the house because of a health problem
- 9 Other - Specify  
DK, R

ACC\_C47S

If ACC\_Q47 <> 9, go to ACC\_QINT50.  
Otherwise, go to ACC\_Q47S.

ACC\_Q47S

INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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(80 spaces)  
DK, R

ACC\_QINT50

**Now some questions about your experiences when you needed health care services for routine or on-going care such as a medical exam or follow-up for yourself or a family member living in your dwelling.**

INTERVIEWER: Press <Enter> to continue.

ACC\_Q50A  
ACCC\_50A

**Do you have a regular family doctor?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No  
DK, R

ACC\_Q50  
ACCC\_50

**In the past 12 months, did you require any routine or on-going care for yourself or a family member?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to ACC\_QINT60)  
DK, R (Go to ACC\_QINT60)

ACC\_Q51  
ACCC\_51

**In the past 12 months, did you ever experience any difficulties getting the routine or on-going care you or a family member needed?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to ACC\_QINT60)
- DK, R (Go to ACC\_QINT60)

ACC\_Q52  
ACCC\_52

**Did you experience difficulties getting such care during “regular” office hours (that is, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday)?**

INTERVIEWER: It is important to make a distinction between “No” (Did not experience problems) and “Did not require at this time”.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to ACC\_Q54)
- 3 Not required at this time (Go to ACC\_Q54)
- DK, R (Go to ACC\_Q54)

ACC\_Q53

**What type of difficulties did you experience?**

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- ACCC\_53A 1 Difficulty contacting a physician
- ACCC\_53B 2 Difficulty getting an appointment
- ACCC\_53C 3 Do not have personal / family physician
- ACCC\_53D 4 Waited too long - to get an appointment
- ACCC\_53E 5 Waited too long - to see the doctor (i.e. in-office waiting)
- ACCC\_53F 6 Service not available - at time required
- ACCC\_53G 7 Service not available - in the area
- ACCC\_53H 8 Transportation - problems
- ACCC\_53I 9 Language - problem
- ACCC\_53J 10 Cost
- ACCC\_53K 11 Did not know where to go, (i.e. information problems)
- ACCC\_53L 12 Unable to leave the house because of a health problem
- ACCC\_53M 13 Other - Specify
- DK, R

ACC\_C53S If ACC\_Q53 < 13, go to ACC\_Q54.  
Otherwise, go to ACC\_Q53S.

ACC\_Q53S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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(80 spaces)  
DK, R

ACC\_Q54  
ACCC\_54

**Did you experience difficulties getting such care during evenings and weekends that is, 5:00 to 9:00 pm, Monday to Friday or 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturdays and Sundays)?**

INTERVIEWER: It is important to make a distinction between “No” (Did not experience problems) and “Did not require at this time”.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to ACC\_QINT60)
- 3 Not required at this time (Go to ACC\_QINT60)
- DK, R (Go to ACC\_QINT60)

ACC\_Q55 **What type of difficulties did you experience?**

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- ACCC\_55A 1 Difficulty contacting a physician
- ACCC\_55B 2 Difficulty getting an appointment
- ACCC\_55C 3 Do not have personal / family physician
- ACCC\_55D 4 Waited too long - to get an appointment
- ACCC\_55E 5 Waited too long - to see the doctor (i.e. in-office waiting)
- ACCC\_55F 6 Service not available - at time required
- ACCC\_55G 7 Service not available - in the area
- ACCC\_55H 8 Transportation - problems
- ACCC\_55I 9 Language - problem
- ACCC\_55J 10 Cost
- ACCC\_55K 11 Did not know where to go (i.e. information problems)
- ACCC\_55L 12 Unable to leave the house because of a health problem
- ACCC\_55M 13 Other - Specify  
DK, R

ACC\_C55S If ACC\_Q55 <> 13, go to ACC\_QINT60.  
Otherwise, go to ACC\_Q55S.

ACC\_Q55S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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(80 spaces)  
DK, R

ACC\_QINT60 **The next questions are about situations when you or a family member have needed immediate care for a minor health problem such as fever, headache, a sprained ankle, vomiting or an unexplained rash.**

INTERVIEWER: Press <Enter> to continue.

ACC\_Q60 **In the past 12 months, have you or a family member required immediate health care services for a minor health problem?**

ACCC\_60

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to ACC\_END)
- DK, R (Go to ACC\_END)

ACC\_Q61 **In the past 12 months, did you ever experience any difficulties getting the immediate care needed for a minor health problem for yourself or a family member?**

ACCC\_61

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to ACC\_END)
- DK, R (Go to ACC\_END)

ACC\_Q62 **Did you experience difficulties getting such care during “regular” office hours (that is, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday)?**

ACCC\_62

INTERVIEWER: It is important to make a distinction between “No” (Did not experience problems) and “Did not require at this time”.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to ACC\_Q64)
- 3 Not required at this time (Go to ACC\_Q64)
- DK, R (Go to ACC\_Q64)

ACC\_Q63 **What type of difficulties did you experience?**

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

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|----------|----|--|
| ACCC_63A | 1  | Difficulty contacting a physician                            |
| ACCC_63B | 2  | Difficulty getting an appointment                            |
| ACCC_63C | 3  | Do not have personal / family physician                      |
| ACCC_63D | 4  | Waited too long - to get an appointment                      |
| ACCC_63E | 5  | Waited too long - to see the doctor (i.e. in-office waiting) |
| ACCC_63F | 6  | Service not available - at time required                     |
| ACCC_63G | 7  | Service not available - in the area                          |
| ACCC_63H | 8  | Transportation - problems                                    |
| ACCC_63I | 9  | Language - problem   |
| ACCC_63J | 10 | Cost   |
| ACCC_63K | 11 | Did not know where to go (i.e. information problems)         |
| ACCC_63L | 12 | Unable to leave the house because of a health problem        |
| ACCC_63M | 13 | Other - Specify<br>DK, R                                     |

ACC\_C63S If ACC\_Q63 <> 13, go to ACC\_Q64.  
Otherwise, go to ACC\_Q63S.

ACC\_Q63S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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(80 spaces)  
DK, R

ACC\_Q64 **Did you experience difficulties getting such care during evenings and weekends (that is, 5:00 to 9:00 pm, Monday to Friday or 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturdays and Sundays)?**

ACCC\_64

INTERVIEWER: It is important to make a distinction between "No" (Did not experience problems) and "Did not require at this time".

- |   |                           |                 |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Yes                       |                 |
| 2 | No                        | (Go to ACC_Q66) |
| 3 | Not required at this time | (Go to ACC_Q66) |
|   | DK, R                     | (Go to ACC_Q66) |

ACC\_Q65 **What type of difficulties did you experience?**

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

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|----------|----|--|
| ACCC_65A | 1  | Difficulty contacting a physician                            |
| ACCC_65B | 2  | Difficulty getting an appointment                            |
| ACCC_65C | 3  | Do not have personal / family physician                      |
| ACCC_65D | 4  | Waited too long - to get an appointment                      |
| ACCC_65E | 5  | Waited too long - to see the doctor (i.e. in-office waiting) |
| ACCC_65F | 6  | Service not available - at time required                     |
| ACCC_65G | 7  | Service not available - in the area                          |
| ACCC_65H | 8  | Transportation - problems                                    |
| ACCC_65I | 9  | Language - problem   |
| ACCC_65J | 10 | Cost   |
| ACCC_65K | 11 | Did not know where to go (i.e. information problems)         |
| ACCC_65L | 12 | Unable to leave the house because of a health problem        |
| ACCC_65M | 13 | Other - Specify<br>DK, R                                     |

ACC\_C65S If ACC\_Q65 <> 13, go to ACC\_Q66.  
Otherwise, go to ACC\_Q65S.

ACC\_Q65S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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(80 spaces)  
DK, R

ACC\_Q66  
ACCC\_66

**Did you experience difficulties getting such care during the middle of the night?**

INTERVIEWER: It is important to make a distinction between "No" (Did not experience problems) and "Did not require at this time".

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to ACC\_END)
- 3 Not required at this time (Go to ACC\_END)
- DK, R (Go to ACC\_END)

ACC\_Q67

**What type of difficulties did you experience?**

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- ACCC\_67A 1 Difficulty contacting a physician
- ACCC\_67B 2 Difficulty getting an appointment
- ACCC\_67C 3 Do not have personal / family physician
- ACCC\_67D 4 Waited too long - to get an appointment
- ACCC\_67E 5 Waited too long - to see the doctor (i.e. in-office waiting)
- ACCC\_67F 6 Service not available - at time required
- ACCC\_67G 7 Service not available - in the area
- ACCC\_67H 8 Transportation - problems
- ACCC\_67I 9 Language - problem
- ACCC\_67J 10 Cost
- ACCC\_67K 11 Did not know where to go (i.e. information problems)
- ACCC\_67L 12 Unable to leave the house because of a health problem
- ACCC\_67M 13 Other - Specify
- DK, R

ACC\_C67S If ACC\_Q67 <> 13, go to ACC\_END.  
Otherwise, go to ACC\_Q67S.

ACC\_Q67S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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(80 spaces)  
DK, R

ACC\_END

## WAITING TIMES

WTM\_C01 If (do WTM block = 2), go to WTM\_END.  
 WTMCFDO Otherwise, go to WTM\_C02.

WTM\_C02 If proxy interview or if age < 15, go to WTM\_END.  
 Otherwise, go to WTM\_C03.

WTM\_C03 If (ACC\_Q10 <> 1 (did not require a visit to a specialist)) and  
 (ACC\_Q20 <> 1 (did not require non emergency surgery)) and  
 (ACC\_Q30 <> 1 (did not require tests)), go to WTM\_END.  
 Otherwise, go to WTM\_QINT.

WTM\_QINT **Now some additional questions about your experiences waiting for health care services.**  
INTERVIEWER: Press <Enter> to continue.

WTM\_C04 If ACC\_Q10 <> 1 (did not require a visit to a specialist), go to WTM\_C16.  
 Otherwise, go to WTM\_Q01.

WTM\_Q01 **You mentioned earlier that you required a visit to a medical specialist such as a cardiologist, allergist, gynaecologist or psychiatrist.**  
 WTMC\_01 **In the past 12 months, did you require a visit to a medical specialist for a diagnosis or a consultation for a new illness or condition?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to WTM\_C16)
- DK, R (Go to WTM\_C16)

Note: If sex = female, use 'Gynaecological problems', in WTM\_Q02, category 8.  
 Otherwise use blank.

WTM\_Q02 **For what type of condition?**  
 WTMC\_02 **If you have had more than one such visit, please answer for the most recent visit.**  
INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.

- 1 Heart condition or stroke
- 2 Cancer
- 3 Asthma or other breathing conditions
- 4 Arthritis or rheumatism
- 5 Cataract or other eye conditions
- 6 Mental health disorder
- 7 Skin conditions
- 8 [Gynaecological problems]
- 9 Other – Specify
- DK, R

WTM\_E02 **A blank answer has been selected. Please return and correct.**

Trigger hard edit if (WTM\_Q02 = 8 and Sex = Male)

WTM\_C02S If WTM\_Q02 <> 9, go to WTM\_Q03.  
Otherwise, go to WTM\_Q02S.

WTM\_Q02S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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(80 spaces)  
DK, R

WTM\_Q03 **Were you referred by:**  
WTMC\_03 INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.

- 1 ... a family doctor?
- 2 ... another specialist?
- 3 ... another health care provider?
- 4 Did not require a referral  
DK, R

WTM\_Q04 **Have you already visited the medical specialist?**  
WTMC\_04

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to WTM\_C08A)  
DK, R (Go to WTM\_C08A)

WTM\_Q05 **Thinking about this visit, did you experience any difficulties seeing the specialist?**  
WTMC\_05

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to WTM\_C07A)  
DK, R (Go to WTM\_C07A)

WTM\_Q06 **What type of difficulties did you experience?**  
INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply. Question ACC\_Q12 previously asked about any difficulties getting specialist care. This question (WTM\_Q06) deals with difficulties experienced for the most recent visit for a new illness or condition.

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|----------|----|--|
| WTMC_06A | 1  | Difficulty getting a referral                                |
| WTMC_06B | 2  | Difficulty getting an appointment                            |
| WTMC_06C | 3  | No specialists in the area                                   |
| WTMC_06D | 4  | Waited too long - between booking appointment and visit      |
| WTMC_06E | 5  | Waited too long - to see the doctor (i.e. in-office waiting) |
| WTMC_06F | 6  | Transportation - problems                                    |
| WTMC_06G | 7  | Language - problem   |
| WTMC_06H | 8  | Cost   |
| WTMC_06I | 9  | Personal or family responsibilities                          |
| WTMC_06J | 10 | General deterioration of health                              |
| WTMC_06K | 11 | Appointment cancelled or deferred by specialist              |
| WTMC_06L | 12 | Unable to leave the house because of a health problem        |
| WTMC_06M | 13 | Other - Specify<br>DK, R                                     |



WTM\_Q06S If WTM\_Q06 <> 13, go to WTM\_C07A.  
Otherwise, go to WTM\_Q06S.

WTM\_Q06S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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(80 spaces)  
DK, R

Note: If WTM\_Q03 = 1 or 2, use 'you and your doctor decided that you should see a specialist' in WTM\_Q07A.

If WTM\_Q03 = 3, use 'you and your health care provider decided that you should see a specialist' in WTM\_Q07A.

Otherwise, use 'the appointment was initially scheduled'.

WTM\_Q07A **How long did you have to wait between when [you and your doctor decided that you should see a specialist/you and your health care provider decided that you should see a specialist/the appointment was initially scheduled] and when you actually visited the specialist?**

WTMC\_07A

INTERVIEWER: Probe to get the most precise answer possible.

\_|\_|\_| (3 spaces)  
(MIN:1) (MAX: 365)  
DK, R (Go to WTM\_C10)

WTM\_N07B INTERVIEWER: Enter unit of time.

WTMC\_07B

- 1 Days
  - 2 Weeks
  - 3 Months
- (DK, R are not allowed)

WTM\_E07B An unusual number has been entered. Please confirm.

Trigger soft edit if (WTM\_Q07A > 31 and WTM\_N07B = 1), or (WTM\_Q07A > 12 and WTM\_N07B = 2), or (WTM\_Q07A > 18 and WTM\_N07B=3).

Go to WTM\_C10.

Note: If WTM\_Q03 = 1 or 2, use 'you and your doctor decided that you should see a specialist' in WTM\_Q08A.

If WTM\_Q03 = 3, use 'you and your health care provider decided that you should see a specialist' in WTM\_Q08A.

Otherwise, use 'the appointment was initially scheduled'

WTM\_Q08A **How long have you been waiting since [you and your doctor decided that you should see a specialist/you and your health care provider decided that you should see a specialist/the appointment was initially scheduled]?**

WTMC\_08A

INTERVIEWER: Probe to get the most precise answer possible.

\_|\_|\_| (3 spaces)  
(MIN:1) (MAX: 365)  
DK, R (Go to WTM\_C10)

WTM\_N08B INTERVIEWER: Enter unit of time.  
WTMC\_08B

- 1 Days
  - 2 Weeks
  - 3 Months
- (DK, R are not allowed)

WTM\_E08B **An unusual number has been entered. Please confirm.**

Trigger soft edit if (WTM\_Q08A > 31 and WTM\_N08B = 1), or (WTM\_Q08A > 12 and WTM\_N08B = 2), or (WTM\_Q08A > 18 and WTM\_N08B = 3).

Note: If WTM\_Q04 = 1 (already visited specialist), use 'was the waiting time:' in WTM\_Q10.

Otherwise, use 'has the waiting time been:'.

WTM\_Q10 **In your view, [was the waiting time:/has the waiting time been:]**

WTMC\_10 INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent. It is important to make a distinction between "No view" and "Don't Know".

- 1 ... acceptable? (Go to WTM\_Q12)
  - 2 ... not acceptable?
  - 3 No view
- DK, R

WTM\_Q11A **In this particular case, what do you think is an acceptable waiting time?**

WTMC\_11A

\_|\_|\_| (3 spaces)  
(MIN:1) (MAX: 365)  
DK, R (Go to WTM\_Q12)

WTM\_N11B INTERVIEWER: Enter unit of time.

WTMC\_11B

- 1 Days
  - 2 Weeks
  - 3 Months
- (DK, R are not allowed)

WTM\_E11B **An unusual number has been entered. Please confirm.**

Trigger soft edit if (WTM\_Q11A > 31 and WTM\_N11B = 1), or (WTM\_Q11A > 12 and WTM\_N11B = 2), or (WTM\_Q11A > 18 and WTM\_N11B=3).

WTM\_Q12 **Was your visit cancelled or postponed at any time?**

WTMC\_12

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to WTM\_Q14)
- 3 DK, R (Go to WTM\_Q14)

WTM\_Q13 **Was it cancelled or postponed by:**  
INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent. Mark all that apply.

- WTMC\_13A 1 ... yourself?
  - WTMC\_13B 2 ... the specialist?
  - WTMC\_13C 3 Other - Specify
- DK, R

WTM\_C13S If WTM\_Q13 <> 3, go to WTM\_Q14.  
Otherwise, go to WTM\_Q13S.

WTM\_Q13S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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(80 spaces)  
DK, R

WTM\_Q14 **Do you think that your health, or other aspects of your life, have been affected in**  
WTMC\_14 **any way because you had to wait for this visit?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to WTM\_C16)
- DK, R (Go to WTM\_C16)

WTM\_Q15 **How was your life affected as a result of waiting for this visit?**  
INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- WTMC\_15A 1 Worry, anxiety, stress
- WTMC\_15B 2 Worry or stress for family or friends
- WTMC\_15C 3 Pain
- WTMC\_15D 4 Problems with activities of daily living (e.g., dressing, driving)
- WTMC\_15E 5 Loss of work
- WTMC\_15F 6 Loss of income
- WTMC\_15G 7 Increased dependence on relatives/friends
- WTMC\_15H 8 Increased use of over-the-counter drugs
- WTMC\_15I 9 Overall health deteriorated, condition got worse
- WTMC\_15J 10 Health problem improved
- WTMC\_15K 11 Personal relationships suffered
- WTMC\_15L 12 Other - Specify  
DK, R

WTM\_C15S If WTM\_Q15 <> 12, go to WTM\_C16.  
Otherwise, go to WTM\_Q15S.

WTM\_Q15S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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(80 spaces)  
DK, R

WTM\_Q16 If ACC\_Q20 <> 1 (did not require non emergency surgery), go to WTM\_C30.  
Otherwise, go to WTM\_Q16.

Note: If sex = female, use 'Hysterectomy (Removal of uterus)' in WTM\_Q16, category 5.  
Otherwise, use blank.

WTM\_Q16  
WTMC\_16

**You mentioned earlier that in the past 12 months you required non emergency surgery.**

**What type of surgery did you require? If you have had more than one in the past 12 months, please answer for the most recent surgery.**

INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.

- 1 Cardiac surgery
- 2 Cancer related surgery
- 3 Hip or knee replacement surgery
- 4 Cataract or other eye surgery
- 5 Hysterectomy (Removal of uterus)
- 6 Removal of gall bladder
- 7 Other - Specify  
DK, R

WTM\_E16

**A blank answer has been selected. Please return and correct.**

Trigger hard edit if (WTM\_Q16 = 5 and Sex = Male)

WTM\_C16S

If WTM\_Q16 <> 7 go to WTM\_Q17.  
Otherwise, go to WTM\_Q16S.

WTM\_Q16S

INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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(80 spaces)  
DK, R

WTM\_Q17  
WTMC\_17

**Did you already have this surgery?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to WTM\_Q22)  
DK, R (Go to WTM\_Q22)

WTM\_Q18  
WTMC\_18

**Did the surgery require an overnight hospital stay?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No  
DK, R

WTM\_Q19  
WTMC\_19

**Did you experience any difficulties getting this surgery?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to WTM\_Q21A)  
DK, R (Go to WTM\_Q21A)

WTM\_Q20 **What type of difficulties did you experience?**  
INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply. ACC\_Q22 asked previously about any difficulties experienced getting the surgery you needed. This question (WTM\_Q20) refers to difficulties experienced for the most recent non emergency surgery.

- WTMC\_20A 1 Difficulty getting an appointment with a surgeon
- WTMC\_20B 2 Difficulty getting a diagnosis
- WTMC\_20C 3 Waited too long - for a diagnostic test
- WTMC\_20D 4 Waited too long - for a hospital bed to become available
- WTMC\_20E 5 Waited too long - for surgery
- WTMC\_20F 6 Service not available - in the area
- WTMC\_20G 7 Transportation - problems
- WTMC\_20H 8 Language - problem
- WTMC\_20I 9 Cost
- WTMC\_20J 10 Personal or family responsibilities
- WTMC\_20K 11 General deterioration of health
- WTMC\_20L 12 Appointment cancelled or deferred by surgeon or hospital
- WTMC\_20M 13 Unable to leave the house because of a health problem
- WTMC\_20N 14 Other - Specify  
DK, R

WTM\_C20S If WTM\_Q20 <> 14 go to WTM\_Q21A.  
 Otherwise, go to WTM\_Q20S.

WTM\_Q20S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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 (80 spaces)  
 DK, R

WTM\_Q21A **How long did you have to wait between when you and the surgeon decided to go**  
 WTMC\_21A **ahead with surgery and the day of surgery?**

INTERVIEWER: Probe to get the most precise answer possible.

|\_|\_| (3 spaces)  
 (MIN:1) (MAX: 365)  
 DK, R (Go to WTM\_C24)

WTM\_N21B INTERVIEWER: Enter unit of time.

- WTMC\_21B
- 1 Days
  - 2 Weeks
  - 3 Months
- (DK, R are not allowed)

WTM\_E21B **An unusual number has been entered. Please confirm.**

Trigger a soft edit if (WTM\_Q21A > 31 and WTM\_N21B = 1), or (WTM\_Q21A > 12 and WTM\_N21B = 2), or (WTM\_Q21A > 18 and WTM\_N21B=3).

Go to WTM\_C24.

WTM\_Q22 **Will the surgery require an overnight hospital stay?**  
 WTMC\_22

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- DK, R

WTM\_Q23A **How long have you been waiting since you and the surgeon decided to go ahead**  
 WTMC\_23A **with the surgery?**

INTERVIEWER: Probe to get the most precise answer possible.

\_|\_|\_| (3 spaces)  
 (MIN:1) (MAX: 365)  
 DK, R (Go to WTM\_C24)

WTM\_N23B INTERVIEWER: Enter unit of time.  
 WTMC\_23B

- 1 Days
- 2 Weeks
- 3 Months
- (DK, R are not allowed)

WTM\_E23B **An unusual number has been entered. Please confirm.**

Trigger soft edit if (WTM\_Q23A > 31 and WTM\_N23B = 1), or (WTM\_Q23A > 12 and WTM\_N23B = 2), or (WTM\_Q23A > 18 and WTM\_N23B = 3).

Note: If WTM\_Q17 = 1 (already had surgery), use 'was the waiting time:' in WTM\_Q24. Otherwise, use 'has the waiting time been:'.

WTM\_Q24 **In your view, [was the waiting time:/has the waiting time been:]**  
 WTMC\_24

INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent. It is important to make a distinction between "No view" and "Don't Know".

- 1 ... acceptable? (Go to WTM\_Q26)
- 2 ... not acceptable?
- 3 No view
- DK, R

WTM\_Q25A **In this particular case, what do you think is an acceptable waiting time?**  
 WTMC\_25A

\_|\_|\_| (3 spaces)  
 (MIN:1) (MAX: 365)  
 DK, R (Go to WTM\_Q26)

WTM\_N25B INTERVIEWER: Enter unit of time.  
 WTMC\_25B

- 1 Days
- 2 Weeks
- 3 Months
- (DK, R are not allowed)

WTM\_E25B **An unusual number has been entered. Please confirm.**

Trigger soft edit if (WTM\_Q25A > 31 and WTM\_N25B = 1), or (WTM\_Q25A > 12 and WTM\_N25B = 2), or (WTM\_Q25A > 18 and WTM\_N25B=3).

WTM\_Q26 **Was your surgery cancelled or postponed at any time?**  
 WTMC\_26

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to WTM\_Q28)
- DK, R (Go to WTM\_Q28)

WTM\_Q27 **Was it cancelled or postponed by:**  
INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent. Mark all that apply.

- WTMC\_27A 1 ... yourself?
- WTMC\_27B 2 ... the surgeon?
- WTMC\_27C 3 ... the hospital?
- WTMC\_27D 4 Other - Specify

WTM\_C27S If WTM\_Q27 <> 4 go to WTM\_Q28  
 Otherwise, go to WTM\_Q27S.

WTM\_Q27S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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 (80 spaces)  
 DK, R

WTM\_Q28 **Do you think that your health, or other aspects of your life, have been affected in**  
 WTMC\_28 **any way due to waiting for this surgery?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to WTM\_C30)
- DK, R (Go to WTM\_C30)

WTM\_Q29 **How was your life affected as a result of waiting for surgery?**  
INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- WTMC\_29A 1 Worry, anxiety, stress
- WTMC\_29B 2 Worry or stress for family or friends
- WTMC\_29C 3 Pain
- WTMC\_29D 4 Problems with activities of daily living (e.g., dressing, driving)
- WTMC\_29E 5 Loss of work
- WTMC\_29F 6 Loss of income
- WTMC\_29G 7 Increased dependence on relatives/friends
- WTMC\_29H 8 Increased use of over-the-counter drugs
- WTMC\_29I 9 Overall health deteriorated, condition got worse
- WTMC\_29J 10 Health problem improved
- WTMC\_29K 11 Personal relationships suffered
- WTMC\_29L 12 Other - Specify
- DK, R

WTM\_C29S If WTM\_Q29 <> 12 go to WTM\_C30.  
Otherwise, go to WTM\_Q29S.

WTM\_Q29S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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(80 spaces)  
DK, R

WTM\_C30 If ACC\_Q30 <> 1 (did not require tests), go to WTM\_END.  
Otherwise, go to WTM\_Q30.

WTM\_Q30 **Now for MRIs, CAT Scans and angiographies provided in a non emergency situation.**  
WTMC\_30 **Earlier you mentioned that in the past 12 months you required one of these tests.**

**What type of test did you require?**  
**If you have had more than one in the past 12 months, please answer for the most recent test.**

INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.

- 1 **MRI**
- 2 **CAT Scan**
- 3 **Angiography**
- DK, R

WTM\_Q31 **For what type of condition?**  
WTMC\_31 INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.

- 1 **Heart disease or stroke**
- 2 **Cancer**
- 3 **Joints or fractures**
- 4 **Neurological or brain disorders (e.g., for MS, migraine or headaches)**
- 5 **Other - Specify**
- DK, R

WTM\_C31S If WTM\_Q31 <> 5 go to WTM\_Q32.  
Otherwise, go to WTM\_Q31S.

WTM\_Q31S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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(80 spaces)  
DK, R

WTM\_Q32 **Did you already have this test?**  
WTMC\_32

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to WTM\_Q39A)
- DK, R (Go to WTM\_Q39A)



WTM\_Q33 **Where was the test done?**  
 WTMC\_33 INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.

1	<b>Hospital</b>	(Go to WTM_Q35)
2	<b>Public clinic</b>	(Go to WTM_Q35)
3	<b>Private clinic</b>	(Go to WTM_Q34)
4	Other - Specify	(Go to WTM_C33S)
	DK, R	(Go to WTM_Q36)

WTM\_C33S If WTM\_Q33 <> 4, go to WTM\_Q34.  
 Otherwise, go to WTM\_Q33S.

WTM\_Q33S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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 (80 spaces)  
 DK, R

Go to WTM\_Q35

WTM\_Q34 **Was the clinic located:**  
 WTMC\_34 INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.

1	<b>... in your province?</b>
2	<b>... in another province?</b>
3	Other – Specify
	DK, R

WTM\_C34S If WTM\_Q34 <> 3 go to WTM\_Q35.  
 Otherwise, go to WTM\_Q34S.

WTM\_Q34S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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 (80 spaces)  
 DK, R

WTM\_Q35 **Were you a patient in a hospital at the time of the test?**  
 WTMC\_35

1	Yes
2	No
	DK, R

WTM\_Q36 **Did you experience any difficulties getting this test?**  
 WTMC\_36

1	Yes	
2	No	(Go to WTM_Q38A)
	DK, R	(Go to WTM_Q38A)

WTM\_Q37 **What type of difficulties did you experience?**  
INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply. ACC\_Q32 asked previously about any difficulties experienced getting the tests you needed. This question (WTM\_Q37) refers to difficulties experienced for the most recent diagnostic test.

- WTMC\_37A 1 Difficulty getting a referral
- WTMC\_37B 2 Difficulty getting an appointment
- WTMC\_37C 3 Waited too long - to get an appointment
- WTMC\_37D 4 Waited too long - to get test (i.e. in-office waiting)
- WTMC\_37E 5 Service not available - at time required
- WTMC\_37F 6 Service not available - in the area
- WTMC\_37G 7 Transportation - problems
- WTMC\_37H 8 Language - problem
- WTMC\_37I 9 Cost
- WTMC\_37J 10 General deterioration of health
- WTMC\_37K 11 Did not know where to go (i.e. information problems)
- WTMC\_37L 12 Unable to leave the house because of a health problem
- WTMC\_37M 13 Other - Specify  
DK, R

WTM\_C37S If WTM\_Q37 <> 13, go to WTM\_Q38A.  
 Otherwise, go to WTM\_Q37S.

WTM\_Q37S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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 (80 spaces)  
 DK, R

WTM\_Q38A **How long did you have to wait between when you and your doctor decided**  
 WTMC\_38A **to go ahead with the test and the day of the test?**

INTERVIEWER: Probe to get the most precise answer possible.

|\_|\_| (3 spaces)  
 (MIN:1) (MAX:365)  
 DK, R (Go to WTM\_C40)

WTM\_N38B INTERVIEWER: Enter unit of time.

WTMC\_38B

- 1 Days
  - 2 Weeks
  - 3 Months
- (DK, R are not allowed)

WTM\_E38B **An unusual number has been entered. Please confirm.**

Trigger soft edit if (WTM\_Q38A > 31 and WTM\_N38B = 1), or (WTM\_Q38A > 12 and WTM\_N38B = 2), or (WTM\_Q38A > 18 and WTM\_N38B=3).

Go to WTM\_C40.

WTM\_Q39A **How long have you been waiting for the test since you and your doctor decided to go ahead with the test?**

WTMC\_39A

**INTERVIEWER:** Probe to get the most precise answer possible.

|\_|\_| (3 spaces)  
 (MIN:1) (MAX: 365)  
 DK, R (Go to WTM\_C40)

WTM\_N39B **INTERVIEWER:** Enter unit of time.

WTMC\_39B

- 1 Days
  - 2 Weeks
  - 3 Months
- (DK, R are not allowed)

WTM\_E39B **An unusual number has been entered. Please confirm.**

Trigger soft edit if (WTM\_Q39A > 31 and WTM\_N39B = 1), or (WTM\_Q39A > 12 and WTM\_N39B = 2), or (WTM\_Q39A > 18 and WTM\_N39B=3).

Note: If WTM\_Q32 = 1 (already had test), use 'was the waiting time:' in WTM\_Q40. Otherwise, use 'has the waiting time been:'.

WTM\_Q40 **In your view, [was the waiting time:/has the waiting time been:]**

WTMC\_40

**INTERVIEWER:** Read categories to respondent. It is important to make a distinction between "No view" and "Don't Know".

- 1 ... acceptable? (Go to WTM\_Q42)
  - 2 ... not acceptable?
  - 3 No view
- DK, R

WTM\_Q41A **In this particular case, what do you think is an acceptable waiting time?**

WTMC\_41A

|\_|\_| (3 spaces)  
 (MIN:1) (MAX: 365)  
 DK, R (Go to WTM\_Q42)

WTM\_N41B **INTERVIEWER:** Enter unit of time.

WTMC\_41B

- 1 Days
  - 2 Weeks
  - 3 Months
- (DK, R are not allowed)

WTM\_E41B **An unusual number has been entered. Please confirm.**

Trigger soft edit if (WTM\_Q41A > 31 and WTM\_N41B = 1), or (WTM\_Q41A > 12 and WTM\_N41B = 2), or (WTM\_Q41A > 18 and WTM\_N41B=3).

WTM\_Q42 **Was your test cancelled or postponed at any time?**  
 WTMC\_42

- 1 Oui
- 2 Non (Passez à WTM\_Q44)  
NSP, R (Passez à WTM\_Q44)

WTM\_Q43 **Was it cancelled or postponed by:**  
 WTMC\_43

INTERVIEWER: Read categories to respondent.

- 1 ... yourself?
- 2 ... the specialist?
- 3 ... the hospital?
- 4 ... the clinic?
- 5 Other - Specify  
DK, R

WTM\_C43S If WTM\_Q43 <> 5 go to WTM\_Q44.  
 Otherwise, go to WTM\_Q43S.

WTM\_Q43S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (80 spaces)  
 DK, R

WTM\_Q44 **Do you think that your health, or other aspects of your life, have been affected in**  
 WTMC\_44 **any way due to waiting for this test?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No (Go to WTM\_END)  
DK, R (Go to WTM\_END)

WTM\_Q45 **How was your life affected as a result of waiting for this test?**

INTERVIEWER: Mark all that apply.

- WTMC\_45A 1 Worry, anxiety, stress
- WTMC\_45B 2 Worry or stress for family or friends
- WTMC\_45C 3 Pain
- WTMC\_45D 4 Problems with activities of daily living (e.g., dressing, driving)
- WTMC\_45E 5 Loss of work
- WTMC\_45F 6 Loss of income
- WTMC\_45G 7 Increased dependence on relatives/friends
- WTMC\_45H 8 Increased use of over-the-counter drugs
- WTMC\_45I 9 Overall health deteriorated, condition got worse
- WTMC\_45J 10 Health problem improved
- WTMC\_45K 11 Personal relationships suffered
- WTMC\_45L 12 Other - Specify  
DK, R

WTM\_C45S If WTM\_Q45 <> 12 go to WTM\_END.  
Otherwise, go to WTM\_Q45S.

WTM\_Q45S INTERVIEWER: Specify.

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(80 spaces)  
DK, R

WTM\_END

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