Research Project
VA Hospital
Topeka, Kansas

Subject #_____

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ATTITUDES TOWARD DEATH QUESTIONNAIRE

You are asked to complete the attached questionnaire, which contains a set of statements frequently made about death. In each question, you should check the category with which you agree most fully.

Items 1 through 11 ask the frequency you have certain thoughts, and these may range from often to never. Items 12 through 30 ask the degree to which you agree with each item, and your answers may range from strongly agree to strongly disagree. This is a measure of personal belief. Obviously there are no right or wrong answers.

Your participation is entirely voluntary, and you may feel free to decline to complete the questionnaire. One purpose of the questionnaire is to determine whether certain answers are associated with chemical dependency.

I have read the above and am willing to participate in the following questionnaire.

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(Signature)

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Witnessed (if applicable)

THE INFORMATION REQUESTED ON THIS FORM IS SOLICITED UNDER AUTHORITY OF TITLE 38, U.S. CODE, "VETERANS BENEFITS", AND WILL BE USED FOR YOUR APHASIS SCREENING TEST, WHICH IS PART OF YOUR TREATMENT PROGRAM. ALSO, THE RESULTS WILL BE USED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES DESIGNED TO IDENTIFY WAYS OF PROVIDING BETTER PATIENT CARE. IT WILL NOT BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE. DISCLOSURE IS VOLUNTARY. HOWEVER, FAILURE TO FURNISH THIS INFORMATION WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR US IN YOUR TREATMENT PROGRAM. FAILURE TO FURNISH THIS INFORMATION WILL HAVE NO ADVERSE EFFECT ON ANY BENEFITS WHICH YOU MAY BE ENTITLED.

			OFTEN	SOMETIME	RARELY	NEVER	
1.	I think about my own death.						
2.	I think about the death of loved ones.						
3.	I think about dying young.						
4.	I think about the possibility of my being killed on a city street.						
5.	I have fantasies of my own death.						
6.	I think about death just before I go to sleep.						
7.	I think of how I would act if I knew I were to die within a given period of time.						
8.	I think about how my relatives would act and feel upon my death.						
9.	When I am sick I think about death.						
10.	When I am outside during a lightning storm I think about the possibility of being struck by lightning.						
11.	When I am in an automobile I think about the high incidence of traffic fatalities.						
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	SOMEWHAT AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	
12. I think people should first become concerned about death when they are old.					
13. I am much more concerned about death than those around me.					
14. Death hardly concerns me.					
15. My general outlook just doesn't allow for morbid thoughts.					
16. The prospect of my own death arouses anxiety in me.					
17. The prospects of my own death depresses me.					
18. The prospect of the death of my loved ones arouses anxiety in me.					
19. The knowledge that I will surely die does not in any way affect the conduct of my life.					
20. I envision my own death as a painful nightmarish experience.					
21. I am afraid of dying.					
22. I am afraid of being dead.					
23. Many people become disturbed at the sight of a new grave but it does not bother me.					
24. I am disturbed when I think about the shortness of life.					
25. Thinking about death is a waste of time.					

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			STRONGLY DISAGREE	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	SOMEWHAT AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	
26.	Death should not be regarded as a tragedy if it occurs after a productive life.						
27.	The inevitable death of man poses a serious challenge to the meaningfulness of human existence.						
28.	The death of the individual is ultimately beneficial because it facilitates change in society.						
29.	I have a desire to live on after death.						
30.	The question of whether or not there is a future life worries me considerably.						