

VACS 5 PROVIDER CHARACTERISTIC QUESTIONNAIRE

The following survey should take about 15 minutes to complete. Please answer all the questions to the best of your ability. Please fill in the circle ● for each of the following.

Provider ID:

Today's Date: / /

1. Age: years old
2. Race: WHITE
 AFRICAN AMERICAN
 HISPANIC/LATINO
 ASIAN
 OTHER
3. Sex: MALE FEMALE
4. Specialty: INFECTIOUS DISEASE
 GENERAL MEDICINE
 OTHER
5. Degree: MD/DO
 RN
 PA/NP
 OTHER
6. If MD/DO, what is your status: STUDENT
 RESIDENT
 FELLOW
 ATTENDING
7. Board Certification: INFECTIOUS DISEASE
 GENERAL MEDICINE
 OTHER
8. Years in practice since completing your professional training: years
9. Are you considered an expert in: a. general medical care? YES NO
b. in HIV care? YES NO
10. Do you: a. Drink Alcohol? YES NO
b. Smoke Cigarettes? YES NO
c. Exercise Regularly? YES NO
11. Do you have any chronic condition for which you must take daily medications? YES NO
12. Have you ever had a life threatening condition? YES NO
13. Do you struggle with weight control? YES NO

14. Thinking about a typical week in your practice:

- a. How many patients do you care for? patients
- b. What percent have HIV infection? %
- c. What percent are suffering adverse affects from medications? %
- d. What percent have significant cognitive impairment? %
- e. What percent have significant depression? %
- f. What percent have hypertension? %
- g. What percent have hyperlipidemia? %
- h. What percent have pulmonary disease? %
- i. What percent have diabetes? %
- j. What percent have any kind of hepatitis? %
- k. What percent are currently smoking? %
- l. What percent are currently using illicit drugs? %
- m. What percent are harmed by their alcohol consumption? %
- n. What percent take 50% or less of their medications? %

15. How comfortable are you in prescribing the following types of medications?

	NOT COMFORTABLE			VERY COMFORTABLE	
a. Antiretrovirals (NRTIs, NNRTIs, protease inhibitors)	0	0	0	0	0
b. Antidepressants (SSRIs or tricyclics)	0	0	0	0	0
c. Antihypertensives (Beta blockers, diuretics, Ace inhibitors, calcium channel blockers)	0	0	0	0	0
d. Lipid Lowering Agents (statins)	0	0	0	0	0
e. Hypoglycemic agents (e.g. gluburide, metformin, or insulin)	0	0	0	0	0

16. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	<u>DISAGREE</u> <u>STRONGLY</u>				<u>AGREE</u> <u>STRONGLY</u>
a. My first goal in treating diabetes is a glycosylated hemoglobin under 7	0	0	0	0	0
b. My first goal in treating hypertension is a blood pressure below 140/90 mm	0	0	0	0	0
c. My first goal in treating HIV infection is an undetectable viral load	0	0	0	0	0
d. My first goal in treating HIV infection is the maintenance of the CD4 cell count	0	0	0	0	0
e. Antidepressants can substantially reduce depressive symptoms suffered by my patients	0	0	0	0	0
f. A substantial number of my patients suffer from adverse effects of treatment	0	0	0	0	0
g. I am concerned about MI and stroke risk in HIV patients with elevated lipids	0	0	0	0	0
h. I am concerned about hepatic failure in HIV patients with elevated liver function tests	0	0	0	0	0
i. I am concerned about hepatic failure in Hep C patients with elevated liver function tests	0	0	0	0	0
j. I can influence my patients to improve their adherence to medications	0	0	0	0	0
k. I can influence my patients to lose weight	0	0	0	0	0
l. I can influence my patients to stop smoking	0	0	0	0	0
m. I can influence my patients to moderate or stop drinking	0	0	0	0	0
n. I am comfortable taking a sexual history	0	0	0	0	0
o. I am comfortable taking a sexual history from patients older than I am	0	0	0	0	0