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#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used throughout the Longitudinal Study survey.

ABEM -- American Board of Emergency Medicine

ABMS -- American Board of Medical Specialties

ED -- Emergency Department

EM -- Emergency Medicine

EMS -- Emergency Medical Services

HMO -- Health Maintenance Organization

#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

IF YOUR RESIDENCY PROGRAM IS ASSOCIATED WITH MORE THAN ONE *ED,* PLEASE SELECT THE SETTING WHICH REPRESENTS YOUR PROGRAM'S PRIMARY *EM PRACTICE* AND USE IT AS A REFERENCE IN RELATED QUESTIONS.

# SECTION A: PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS, ATTITUDES, AND GOALS

**A1.** Overall, how much fun is it for you to be an EM resident?

(Circle Only One)

Almost Never Fun		Sometimes Fun		Almost Always Fun
1	2	3	4	5

**A5**. How much of a problem is each of the following in your day-to-day experience as an EM resident?

		ot a blem				erious oblem	Not Applicable
a.	Ancillary support services	1	2	3	4	5	8
b.	Attending conferences	1	2	3	4	5	8
C.	Burnout	1	2	3	4	5	8
d.	Concern about malpractice suits	1	2	3	4	5	8
e.	Difficult ethical or moral choices	1	2	3	4	5	8
f.	EMS support	1	2	3	4	5	8
g.	Exercising medical judgment	1	2	3	4	5	8
h.	Fatigue	1	2	3	4	5	8
i.	Funding for research	1	2	3	4	5	8
j.	Gender discrimination	1	2	3	4	5	8
k.	Having enough time for family	1	2	3	4	5	8
l.	Having enough time for personal life	1	2	3	4	5	8
m.	Hospital administration	1	2	3	4	5	8
n.	Hospital politics	1	2	3	4	5	8
0.	Income	1	2	3	4	5	8
p.	Infectious disease exposure	1	2	3	4	5	8
q.	Keeping up with the medical literature	1	2	3	4	5	8
r.	Knowing enough		2	3	4	5	8
s.	Learning EM administration		2	3	4	5	8
t.	Learning new skills and procedures		2	3	4	5	8

**A5**. How much of a problem is each of the following in your day-to-day experience as an EM resident? *(continued)* 

		ot a oblem				rious blem	Not Applicable
u.	Length of shifts	. 1	2	3	4	5	8
٧.	Level of energy needed to work	1	2	3	4	5	8
W.	Level of patient acuity	. 1	2	3	4	5	8
х.	Making critical decisions	1	2	3	4	5	8
у.	Managing multiple patients	1	2	3	4	5	8
Z.	Minority discrimination	1	2	3	4	5	8
aa.	Number of shifts	. 1	2	3	4	5	8
bb.	Number of night shifts	. 1	2	3	4	5	8
cc.	Number of patients	. 1	2	3	4	5	8
dd.	Nursing staff	. 1	2	3	4	5	8
ee.	Other EM residents	. 1	2	3	4	5	8
ff.	Patients' emotional problems	. 1	2	3	4	5	8
gg.	Patients whose conditions will not improve	. 1	2	3	4	5	8
hh.	Patients whose values and beliefs about medical care differ greatly from my own	. 1	2	3	4	5	8
ii.	Respect from medical colleagues	1	2	3	4	5	8
jj.	Safety in the ED	. 1	2	3	4	5	8
kk.	Service to colleagues, program	1	2	3	4	5	8
II.	Stress	. 1	2	3	4	5	8
mm.	Subspecialty support	1	2	3	4	5	8
nn.	Time for conducting research	1	2	3	4	5	8
pp.	Implementation of electronic medical records systems	. 1	2	3	4	5	8
qq.	Ongoing use of electronic medical records systems	. 1	2	3	4	5	8
rr.	Boarding in the emergency department	1	2	3	4	5	8
SS.	Crowding in the emergency department	1	2	3	4	5	8

**A5**. How much of a problem is each of the following in your day-to-day experience as an EM resident? *(continued)* 

		ot a blem				rious blem	Not Applicable
tt.	Time devoted to documentation and bureaucratic issues	1	2	3	4	5	8
uu.	Clinical productivity	1	2	3	4	5	8
Other		1	2	3	4	5	8
	(Please specify)						

# A6. What is your current level of competence in each of the following aspects of work in EM? (Circle Only One for Each Item)

	\	Neak			S	trong	Not Applicable
a.	Academic writing	1	2	3	4	5	8
b.	Conference preparation	1	2	3	4	5	8
C.	Contract negotiation	1	2	3	4	5	8
d.	Disaster planning	1	2	3	4	5	8
e.	ED organizational skills	1	2	3	4	5	8
f.	Financial management	1	2	3	4	5	8
g.	Grant writing	1	2	3	4	5	8
h.	Interaction with other ED staff	1	2	3	4	5	8
i.	Interaction with hospital administrators	1	2	3	4	5	8
j.	Management skills	1	2	3	4	5	8
k.	Nurse education	1	2	3	4	5	8
l.	Paraprofessional education	1	2	3	4	5	8
m.	Presentation of papers	1	2	3	4	5	8
n.	Public relations	1	2	3	4	5	8
0.	Related medical/legal knowledge	1	2	3	4	5	8
p.	Research	1	2	3	4	5	8

**A6**. What is your current level of competence in each of the following aspects of work in EM? *(continued)* 

(Circle Only One for Each Item)

	V	Veak			S	trong	Not Applicable
q.	Teaching	1	2	3	4	5	8
r.	Arriving at the diagnosis	1	2	3	4	5	8
S.	Use of online information	1	2	3	4	5	8
t.	Use of new technologies	1	2	3	4	5	8
u.	Use of electronic medical records	1	2	3	4	5	8

# A7. What is your current level of competence in each of the following aspects of CLINICAL EM?

	V	Veak			St	rong A	Not Applicable
a.	EM knowledge	1	2	3	4	5	8
b.	Cost efficiency in ordering tests	1	2	3	4	5	8
C.	Developing differential diagnoses	1	2	3	4	5	8
d.	Developing/maintaining a problem list	1	2	3	4	5	8
e.	Documenting clinical findings	1	2	3	4	5	8
f.	Interpersonal skills with patients	1	2	3	4	5	8
g.	Interpersonal skills with physicians and other health professionals	1	2	3	4	5	8
h.	Oral presentations	1	2	3	4	5	8
i.	Patient billing	1	2	3	4	5	8
j.	Patient interviewing	1	2	3	4	5	8
k.	Physical examinations	1	2	3	4	5	8
l.	Procedural skills	1	2	3	4	5	8
m.	Recording skills	1	2	3	4	5	8

<b>A8</b> .	Knowing what you kn		had to decide w	hether	to select the SPECIALTY	OF EM,
	•			(Circle	Only One)	
		Probably wou Probably wou	ıld not select EM ld not select EM ld select EM ıld select EM		2 3	
<b>A9</b> .	In general, how well wanted			ENCY	IN EM measures up to the	type of
				(Circle	Only One)	
		Not very much Somewhat like	what I wanted h like what I wan e what I wanted e what I wanted	ted	2 3	
A10.	Considering the reas	ons you becam	ne an EM resider		EM met your expectations?	?
		Has met some Has met most	ny expectations. e of my expectat t of my expectati d my expectation	ions	1 2 3	
A11.	Overall, how satisfied	I are you with y	rour RESIDENC` (Circle Only One)	Y IN EN	Л?	
	Not Sa	atisfied	Satisfied	•	Very Satisfied	
	1	2	3	4	5	

A12. How much does each of the following aspects of EM appeal to you at this time?

		Not At All				Very Much	Not Applicable
a.	Attaining a position of leadership and authority	1	2	3	4	5	8
b.	Being relatively independent	1	2	3	4	5	8
C.	Being respected for my clinical expertise	1	2	3	4	5	8
d.	Doing work involving science and research	1	2	3	4	5	8
e.	Earning a comfortable living and lifestyle	1	2	3	4	5	8
f.	Entering a highly respected profession	1	2	3	4	5	8
g.	Having control over professional and personal time	1	2	3	4	5	8
h.	Having exciting and challenging work	1	2	3	4	5	8
i.	Having interesting and intelligent colleagues	1	2	3	4	5	8

### **PROFESSIONAL GOALS**

**A13.** In the past year, have you ever seriously considered transferring to another EM residency program?

(Circle Only	One)
Yes1 No5	Go below to A15.

A13a.	What are your reasons for thinking of leaving your EM residency?
	(Circle All That Apply,
	a. Change of medical specialty

A13b.	Did you transfer to another EM residency program?
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(Circle Only One)

**A15.** Have you ever seriously considered leaving the SPECIALTY OF EM?

(Circle Only One)

Yes1	
No5	Go below to A17.

**A16.** Are you seriously thinking of leaving the SPECIALTY OF EM within the next year?

(Circle Only One)

Yes.....1 No.....5

A17. How many years do you anticipate practicing CLINICAL EM after completing your residency?

(Circle Only One)

0-1	1	15-19	6
2-3	2	20-24	7
4-6	3	25-29	8
7-10	4	≥30	9
11-14	5		

**A18**. **Five years** after completing your residency, how involved do you expect to be in each of the following aspects of EM?

.00	g doposto c. z	<b>.</b>	(Circle	Only One for	Each Ite	m)
		Not Involved At All		Somewha Involved		Very Involved
a.	Academic writing	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Administration	1	2	3	4	5
C.	Clinical practice	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Clinical teaching	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Consulting	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Didactic teaching	1	2	3	4	5
g.	Political activities	1	2	3	4	5
h.	Research	1	2	3	4	5

### **A19**. **Five years** after completing your residency, what do you hope to be doing?

(Circle All That Apply)

a.	Academic department chair of EM1
b.	Academic department chair of ABMS specialty other than EM1
c.	Academic division or section head of EM1
d.	Academic division or section head of ABMS specialty other than EM1
e.	Academic faculty in EM1
f.	Academic faculty in ABMS specialty other than EM1
g.	Academic faculty in EMS, Hospice & Palliative Medicine, Medical Toxicology, Pediatric EM, Sports Medicine, Undersea & Hyperbaric Medicine or Internal Medicine & Critical Care
h.	Academic faculty in ABMS subspecialty other than EM subspecialties1
i.	Clinical physician in EM 1
j.	Clinical physician in ABMS specialty other than EM 1
k.	Clinical physician in EMS, Hospice & Palliative Medicine, Medical Toxicology, Pediatric EM, Sports Medicine, Undersea & Hyperbaric Medicine or Internal Medicine & Critical Care
I.	Clinical physician in ABMS subspecialty other than EM subspecialties 1
m.	Clinical teacher in EM
n.	Clinical teacher in ABMS specialty other than EM 1

## A19. Five years after completing your residency, what do you hope to be doing? (continued)

(Circle All That Apply)

0.	Clinical teacher in EMS, Hospice & Palliative Medicine, Medical Toxicology, Pediatric EM, Sports Medicine, Undersea & Hyperbaric Medicine or Internal Medicine & Critical Care1
p.	Clinical teacher in ABMS <u>sub</u> specialty other than EM <u>sub</u> specialties 1
q.	Fellow in EMS, Hospice & Palliative Medicine, Medical Toxicology, Pediatric EM, Sports Medicine, Undersea & Hyperbaric Medicine or Internal Medicine & Critical Care
r.	EMS medical director 1
s.	Medical director of ED
t.	Hospital administrator/manager1
u.	Head of EM group1
٧.	Manager in EM group 1
w.	Owner, partner or shareholder in EM group 1
х.	Residency director of EM1
у.	Residency director of ABMS specialty other than EM 1
z.	Leave medical profession for another career
bb.	Disaster management1
cc.	Director of poison control center1
Other	
	(Please specify)

# **A20. Five years** after completing your residency, in what type of setting do you hope your PRIMARY work will be located? *Please select only one*.

	(Circle Only One)
a.	HMO 1
b.	Urgent care setting 2
C.	Military hospital 3
d.	Other government hospital 4
e.	University hospital 5
f.	Urban hospital 6
g.	Urban teaching hospital 7
h.	Suburban community hospital 8
i.	Suburban community teaching hospital 9
j.	Rural community hospital 10
k.	Rural community teaching hospital 11
l.	Non-clinical medical management 12
m.	Outside of medicine
n.	Private/office practice 15
0.	Other 97
(Please s <sub>l</sub>	pecify)

### **CURRENT STATE OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE**

A21. How much does each of the following currently describe the state of EM?

		Does Not Describe		Somewhat Describes		Very Strongly Describes
a.	Caretaker of society	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Challenging	1	2	3	4	5
C.	Conflicts within the profession	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Exciting	1	2	3	4	5
e.	In time of transition	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Leading edge of medicine	1	2	3	4	5
g.	Misunderstood	1	2	3	4	5
h.	Safety net	1	2	3	4	5
i.	Second class specialty	1	2	3	4	5
j.	Threatened by outside forces	1	2	3	4	5
k.	Truly unique body of knowledge	1	2	3	4	5
l.	Under-reimbursed	1	2	3	4	5
Othe	er	1	2	3	4	5
	(Please specify)					

A22. How much of a problem is each of the following in EM at this time?

		Not a Problem		Somewhat a Problem		Serious Problem
a.	Contract groups	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Closing of ABEM nonresidency application track	1	2	3	4	5
С	Establishing a solid base of EM research	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Funding new subspecialties	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Funding under the new health care reimbursement model	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Meeting expectations of patients	1	2	3	4	5
g.	Poorly funded patients	1	2	3	4	5
h.	Restrictive covenants (noncompetitive clause in contracts)	1	2	3	4	5
i.	Shortage of certified emergency physicians	1	2	3	4	5
j.	Shortage of emergency physicians	1	2	3	4	5
k.	Shortage of EM residency programs	1	2	3	4	5
m.	Increased pressure for testing in the ED.	1	2	3	4	5
n.	Increasing mandates for maintaining certification	1	2	3	4	5
0.	Closure of emergency departments	1	2	3	4	5
p.	Lack of availability of consultants	1	2	3	4	5
q.	ED boarding of admitted patients	1	2	3	4	5
r.	ED crowding	1	2	3	4	5
S.	Quality measure reporting	1	2	3	4	5
Oth	er	1	2	3	4	5
	(Places specify)					

(Please specify) \_

# SECTION B: TRAINING, CERTIFICATION, AND LICENSING

### **SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION**

B3.	Have you acquired an	y ABMS-APPROVED SPECIALTY CERTIFICATES in the	e past year?
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Yes1		
No5	Go to p.14, B4.	

**B3a.** Which ABMS-APPROVED SPECIALTY CERTIFICATES did you acquire in the past year? (*Please write the appropriate dates in the boxes below.*)

	Specialty Certification	Year of Certification	Participating in of Certific	
a.	Allergy and Immunology		1	5
b.	Anesthesiology		1	5
C.	Colon/Rectal Surgery		<u>'</u> 1	5
d.	Dermatology		1	5
	Family Medicine			
e.			1	5
f.	Internal Medicine		1	5
g.	Medical Genetics		1	5
h.	Neurological Surgery		1	5
i.	Nuclear Medicine		1	5
j.	Obstetrics/Gynecology		1	5
k.	Ophthalmology		1	5
I.	Orthopedic Surgery		1	5
m.	Otolaryngology		1	5
n.	Pathology		1	5
0.	Pediatrics		1	5
p.	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation		1	5
q.	Plastic Surgery		1	5
r.	Preventive Medicine		1	5
S.	Psychiatry/Neurology		1	5
t.	Radiology		1	5
u.	Surgery		1	5
٧.	Thoracic Surgery		1	5
W.	Urology		1	5

<b>B4</b> .	Did you acquire any SPECIALTY CERTIFICATES NOT ISSUED BY AN ABMS BOARD in the past year?  (Circle Only One)
	Yes
	<b>B4a.</b> What is (are) the specialty(s) and which organization(s) issued the certificate(s)? (Please print clearly so your response can be noted.)
	Specialty(s)
LICEN	ISING
В7.	Do you hold a valid, unrestricted, unqualified license to practice medicine in the United States? (Do not count training licenses here.)
	(Circle Only One) Yes1 No5
B8.	Do you hold a license to practice medicine in another country (other than a training license)?  (Circle Only One)  Yes
	No
	license) to practice medicine? (Please print clearly so your answer can be noted.)

## **SECTION C: PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **WORK IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE**

**C1.** Do you provide academic, health care, medical-legal, or research and development consulting services to individuals or groups?

(Circle Only	/ One)
Yes1 No5	Go below to C2.

C1a.	In which areas do you provide consultation?
O Tu.	(Circle All That Apply)
a. b. c. d.	Academic       1         Health Care       1         Medical-Legal       1         Research and Development       1         Other (Please specify)       1

**C2.** How many hours per week are you currently working in each of the following aspects of EM? (Circle Only One for Each Item)

		0	1-4	5-9	10-24	25-39	40-54	55-70	>70
a.	Academic writing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
b.	Administration	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
C.	Clinical practice/training	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
d.	Clinical teaching	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
e.	Consulting	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
f.	Course work	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
g.	Didactic teaching	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
h.	Moonlighting in EM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
i.	Moonlighting outside of EM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
j.	Reading medical literature	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
k.	Research	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I.	Studying	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

C3.	Considering your TOTAL TIME SPENT IN ALL ASPECTS OF MEDICINE, how is it divided
	among the following? Estimate your percent of time in these areas as accurately as you can.
	The total time should equal 100%

a.	% Academic writing
b.	% Administration
c.	% Clinical practice/training
d.	% Clinical teaching
e.	% Consulting
f.	% Course work
g.	% Didactic teaching
h.	% Moonlighting
i.	% Reading medical literature
j.	% Research
k.	% Studying

**TOTAL 100%** 

### **INCOME**

C4. What is your annual income from each of the categories of work listed below?

	<\$5,000	\$5,000- \$9,999	\$10,000- \$14,999	\$15,000- \$19,999	\$20,000- \$24,999	\$25,000- \$29,999	\$30,000- \$34,999	\$35,000- \$39,999	\$40,000- \$59,999	≥\$60,000	N/A
a. EM Residency Program	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20	11
<ul><li>b. Moonlighting in EM</li></ul>	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20	11
<ul><li>c. Moonlighting outside of EM</li></ul>	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20	11
d. Other work in medicine	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20	11
e. Work outside medicine	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20	11
Other	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20	11
(Please specify)											

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

**C12**. In the **past year**, have you authored or co-authored any papers that have been published in refereed medical or scientific journals?

(Circle On	lly One)
Yes1 No5	Go below to C13.

C12a. In the past year, how many papers have you authored or coauthored that have been published in refereed medical or scientific journals?

(Circle Only One)

		, -	- /
1-2	 1		
3-4	 2		
5-6	 3		
7-8	 4		
9 or more	 5		

**C13**. In the **past year**, have you written any chapters that have been published in medical or scientific textbooks?

(Circle Onl	y One)
Yes1 No5	Go to p.18, C14

**C13a.** In the **past year**, how many chapters have you written that have been published in medical or scientific textbooks?

	(Circle Only One)
1-2 3-4 5-6 7-8 9 or more	2 3 4

C14.	In the <b>past year</b> , have you edited or written any medical or scientific books that have been published?
	(Circle Only One)
	Yes
	C14a. In the past year, how many medical or scientific books have you edited or written that have been published?
	(Circle Only One)
	1-2

### **RESEARCH**

C15.	Are you currently	participating in	one or more	research projects?
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(Circle Only One)						
Yes1 No5	Go to p.20, C16.					

C15a.	What is (are) your role(s) in the research project(s)?  (Circle All That Apply)
	<ul> <li>a. Principal or co-principal investigator</li></ul>
C15b.	Is any of this research funded by a grant or contract?
	(Circle Only One)
	Yes 1 No 5
C15c.	What is (are) the primary area(s) of this research?
	(Circle All That Apply)
	a. Basic science (bench)

### C16. Have you ever been funded as a principal investigator or co-principal investigator?

(Circle Only	/ One)
Yes1 No5	Go below to C17.

C16a.	What was (were) the source(s) of this funding?	
	(Circle Al	l That Apply)
a.	Foundation	1
b.	Government agency	1
C.	Industry	1
d.	University	1
	Other	
	(Please specify)	1

#### C17.-C18. MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS

The next question concerns the NATIONAL medical organizations to which you may belong. For C17 below, circle the number to indicate whether or not you are a member of the organization listed on the left. For C18a, indicate whether or not you have held a leadership position in the organization in the past year.

National Medical Organization	C1 Are you a		C1 Have you held a le (officer) in th	eadership position
	YES	NO	YES	NO
a. AAEM	1	5	1	5
b. ACEP	1	5	1	5
c. EMRA	1	5	1	5
d. AMA	1	5	1	5
e. SAEM	1	5	1	5
Other	1	5	1	5
Other	1	5	1	5

# **SECTION D: WELL-BEING and LEISURE ACTIVITIES**

D1.	How would	you describe you	ur current state of health?
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(Circle Only One)

Some serious health concerns	1
Some minor health concerns	2
No health concerns	3
Exceptionally healthy for my age	4

DO	$\Box$	1/011	01/01	:-	ຸດ
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(Circle Only One)

Yes1		
No5	Go to p.22, D3.	

D2a. How often do you exercise?

(Circle Only One)

Less than once a month	1
1 to 3 times/month	2
1 to 2 times/week	3
3 to 4 times/week	4
More than 4 times/week	5

### **D3**. How would you describe yourself at this time?

a.	Active	1	2	3	4	5	6	Inactive
b.	Cold	1	2	3	4	5	6	Warm
c.	Conventional	1	2	3	4	5	6	Unconventional
d.	Dreamer	1	2	3	4	5	6	Practical
e.	Impulsive	1	2	3	4	5	6	Deliberate
f.	Incompetent	1	2	3	4	5	6	Competent
g.	Interested in self	1	2	3	4	5	6	Interested in others
h.	Open	1	2	3	4	5	6	Closed
i.	Relaxed	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tense
j.	Solitary	1	2	3	4	5	6	Social
k.	Strong	1	2	3	4	5	6	Weak
I.	Successful	1	2	3	4	5	6	Unsuccessful
m.	Unhappy	1	2	3	4	5	6	Нарру

## D4<sub>09</sub>. In which leisure activities do you routinely participate?

		Participate	Do Not Routinely Participate
a.	Bicycling	1	8
b.	Collecting	1	8
C.	Community activities	1	8
d.	Competitive sports	1	8
e.	Cooking	1	8
f.	Cultural arts	1	8
g.	Fishing	1	8
h.	Fitness training	1	8
i.	Gardening	1	8
j.	Golf	1	8
k.	Horseback riding	1	8
I.	Hunting	1	8
m.	Movies	1	8
n.	Music	1	8
0.	Nature, e.g., birdwatching, camping, hiking	1	8
p.	Painting, pottery, or other arts	1	8
q.	Reading	1	8
r.	Religious activities	1	8
s.	Running	1	8
t.	Sailing	1	8
u.	Spending time with family	1	8
٧.	Spending time with friends	1	8
w.	Skiing/snowboarding	1	8
х.	Travel	1	8
у.	Tennis	1	8
Z.	Walking	1	8
aa.	Water sports	1	8
bb.	Writing	1	8
dd.	Video games	1	8
Oth	ner	1	8
(Ple	ase specify)		

### **SECTION E: DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

Some demographic questions are asked every year even though these characteristics do not change from year to year. This allows us to collect data for residents who missed the first-year survey. All data are kept confidential. Demographic information is used only for group research and to describe the representativeness of the sample.

representativeness of the sample.	
E1 <sub>97</sub> .	Has your marital status changed in the past year?
	(Circle Only One)
	Yes
	E1 <sub>97</sub> a. How has your marital status changed in the past year? (Circle Only One)
	Divorced
E2 <sub>97.</sub>	Have you had any living children born in the past year?  (Circle Only One)
	Yes
	<b>E2</b> <sub>97</sub> <b>a.</b> How many living children have you had born in the past year?  (Please enter an integer.)

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