Frequently Asked Questions From the Online Survey:

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The Cancer Prevention Study - 3 Online Questionnaire

Tips on completing the online questionnaire:

- Complete all sections, in order, as listed on the Home Page.
- At the end of each section, submit section by clicking the Submit Section button.
- Once all sections have been submitted, a Submit Questionnaire button will display on the Home Page.
- Submit Questionnaire when all sections are complete.
- Please read Navigation Instructions found on Home Page.

How long will it take to complete the online questionnaire?

Each section should only take a few minutes to complete. It will take approximately 45 minutes to one hour to complete all sections.

Can I go back into a section once I have submitted that section?

Yes, as long as you have not yet clicked Submit Questionnaire button on the Home Page which shows up after all sections are completed. Any section may be accessed even when the status for that section indicates Complete.

Can I browse or edit my online questionnaire once I “Submit Questionnaire”?

No. Personal identification numbers and passwords will be disabled once a full questionnaire is submitted. Please contact the American Cancer Society at 1-888-604-5888 or by email at cps3@cancer.org with questions.

Will my online information be kept secure and confidential?

Yes. Internet address https://www.cps3survey.com is a secure site. All information will be kept secure and confidential and will only be accessible by a small number of data managers, all of whom have signed confidentiality forms.

The Cancer Prevention Study - 3 General Questions

What is the purpose of CPS-3?

The goal of CPS-3 is to better understand the factors (lifestyle, environmental, genetic) that cause or prevent cancer and, ultimately, to help eliminate cancer as a major health concern for future generations.

What does study participation involve?

You will recall the enrollment process at your Relay event: completion of a brief questionnaire, waist measurement, and the small blood sample. To complete enrollment, a full-length questionnaire is mailed to participants. Participants will be followed over time and will be asked to complete a “follow-up” questionnaire every 2 years that will take about 45 minutes each time to complete.

Who is running the study?

CPS-3 is funded and managed by the American Cancer Society Department of Epidemiology & Surveillance Research (Analytic Epidemiology program). The Analytic Epidemiology program conducts, analyzes, and publishes original research on the causes and prevention of cancer utilizing these large follow-up studies.

How long will the study last?
Participants will be followed for at least 20 years. This means that once you are enrolled we will be contacting you every few years with mailed questionnaires for you to answer. While you may be in the study for many years, we expect the amount of time it will take you to answer a questionnaire to be minimal.

How will you use all of my information?

We begin the study by collecting information on various exposures from individuals who do not have cancer and we continue to update this information over time. As cases of cancer or other diseases develop, we will compare those participants who develop cancer with those participants who do not. By doing so, we are able to understand the differences (in lifestyle, environment, and genetic factors) between people who get cancer and those who do not, what the likely risk factors are for cancer, and how to best prevent disease in the future.

Will my data be kept confidential? How will this be done?

Yes. Every effort will be made to protect the identity of the participants in this study. All of the study staff sign confidentiality forms and undergo training in research ethics. When your data are collected, they are labeled with a unique identification number. After your data are collected, your blood samples, questionnaires, and other study materials are stored separately from all personal identifiers, such as your name, address, phone number, and social security number. All study materials will be stored in a locked facility and secured computer files, and your personal contact information will be kept in separate files accessible only to a limited number of CPS staff. This information will not be shared with anyone, including other staff at the American Cancer Society, unless they are directly involved in managing CPS-3.

Why not study individuals who have had cancer?

Since the goal of CPS-3 is to better understand ways to prevent cancer, it is important to begin with individuals who have never had cancer. Once a person has had cancer, the body has been affected by the disease, treatment, and/or lifestyle changes. For this reason it is difficult to collect certain kinds of information and study how to prevent the disease. Additionally, various factors in the blood may be altered due to treatment. Enrolling individuals who have never been diagnosed with cancer will enable us to study how to prevent the disease.

Can I still be in the study if I develop cancer?

Yes. As cases of cancer or other diseases develop, we will compare those participants who develop cancer with those participants who do not. By doing so, we are able to understand the differences (in lifestyle, environment, and genetic factors) between people who get cancer and those who do not, what the likely risk factors are for cancer, and how to best prevent disease in the future. We also want to learn if environmental, lifestyle, and genetic factors influence treatment outcomes, survival, and quality of life following a cancer diagnosis. It will be important for us to follow all participants, including those who develop cancer, for the full length of the study.

Why do you need people to be willing to make a long-term commitment to CPS-3?

There are two equally important pieces to building a study like CPS-3. The first, and more obvious piece, is getting 500,000 individuals to enroll into the study. The second piece is to keep these individuals in your study over a long period of time. Large-scale studies like CPS-3 are scientifically valid only if you can successfully track and “follow” your participants over time. So, maintaining contact with participants is critical. This is the main reason we are going to Relay events to recruit our study participants because we need individuals who not only meet the eligibility criteria, but also are willing and able to make the long-term commitment to the study.

Who makes sure this study is safe and scientifically sound?

There will be ongoing peer review of CPS-3 by cancer researchers from many prominent university and research institutions. Review and oversight by the Emory University IRB (Institutional Review Board) continues throughout the study. When a study has completed active enrollment, the IRB continues to provide oversight while investigators analyze questionnaire and biological data.

What is an Institutional Review Board?

An Institutional Review Board (IRB) is a research oversight committee charged with assuring, both in advance and by periodic review, that appropriate steps are taken to protect the rights and welfare of humans participating as subjects in approved research studies based on the ethical principles of the Belmont Report.

What is the Belmont Report?
In 1974 Congress passed the National Research Act which created the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research. The Commission wrote the Ethical Principles and Guidelines for the Protection of Human Subjects of Research (commonly referred to as the Belmont Report). The Belmont Report contains the ethical principles upon which the federal regulations for protection of human subjects are based.

**Will I ever have to provide medical records?**

If you are diagnosed with cancer while you are still participating in CPS-3, we will ask you for written permission to seek more information about your diagnosis and treatment from your doctor and from your medical record. At that time, you can agree to give us permission or not. Since risk factors for cancer may differ by various pathologic characteristics (like tumor location, tissue type, etc.) the best source for accurate information on specific tumor features is the medical record.

**What happens if I move or change my phone number or email address while I’m in the study?**

We want you to let us know about changes in your contact information as soon as possible. You can call us toll free at 1-888-604-5888 or email us at cps3@cancer.org to report any changes. We also will give you the opportunity to provide new contact information every time we mail a follow-up questionnaire.

**How will I get results of the study?**

It is important to us that you learn results from CPS-3 as soon as possible. We will send you annual newsletters with highlights of study results. CPS-3 results also will be published in scientific journals, and we will post these on the American Cancer Society website ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)), and provide links to the articles.

**Where can I find out more about risk factors, diagnosis, and treatment for cancer?**

You can contact the American Cancer Society by calling 1-800-ACS-2345 or by visiting the American Cancer Society website at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). Cancer information specialists are available 24-hours a day 365-days a year to answer questions about diagnosis, treatment, statistics, financial assistance, and support programs. Spanish services are available.

**How can I learn more about CPS-3?**

Please visit our website at [www.cancer.org/cps3](http://www.cancer.org/cps3), email us at cps3@cancer.org, or call our toll free number at 1-888-604-5888 for more information.

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