



INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC INVENTORY QUESTIONNAIRE (NPI-Q)



I. General Instructions

The Neuropsychiatric Inventory Questionnaire (NPI-Q) is an informant-based interview that assesses neuropsychiatric symptoms of the participant over the previous month.

NOTE THAT FOR ANY PARTICIPANT WHO BRINGS AN INFORMANT WITH HIM/HER TO THE VISIT, THE NPI IS TO BE ADMINISTERED TO THE INFORMANT. FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS, THE SELECTION ALGORITHM WILL DETERMINE WHO GOES ON TO STAGE 2 TO COMPLETE THE NPI OVER THE PHONE AT A LATER TIME.

Initial response to each question are "Yes" (present) or "No" (absent). If the response to the question is "No", the interviewer goes to the next question. If "Yes", then ask the informant to rate the Severity of the symptoms present within the last month on a 3-point scale (1=mild, 2=moderate, 3=severe).

Read: **"Now I will ask you questions about your husband/ wife/ brother/ sister/ parent/ friend's behavior and personality."**

II. Detailed Instructions for Each Item

1-12. Choose "Yes" only if the symptom(s) has been present in the last month. Otherwise, choose "No". For each item marked "Yes" rate the SEVERITY of the symptom (how it affects the participant):

1 = **Mild** (noticeable, but not a significant change)

2 = **Moderate** (significant, but not a dramatic change)

3 = **Severe** (very marked or prominent; a dramatic change)