

Appendix 1 (as supplied by the authors): Web survey

Welcome / Bienvenue

- Voir cette page en Français?

(if selected, the following questions would be in French)

A. Information about yourself

What is your age?

- 18-24
 25-29
 30-39
 40-44
 45-54
 55-59
 60-64
 65-79
 80+

Please select your gender?

- Female
 Male
 Other _____

Which province or territory is your primary residence?

- Alberta
 British Columbia
 Manitoba
 New Brunswick
 Newfoundland and Labrador
 Northwest Territories
 Nova Scotia
 Nunavut
 Ontario
 Prince Edward Island
 Quebec
 Saskatchewan
 Yukon

What is your highest level of education?

- Less than high school
 High school graduate

Appendix to: Bansback N, Harrison M, Sadatsfavi M, et al. Attitude to health risk in the Canadian population: a cross-sectional survey. *CMAJ Open* 2016. DOI:10.9778/cmajo.20150071.

- Some post-secondary
- Post-secondary graduate
- Greater than post-secondary (e.g. doctoral/professional degree)

What is your employment status?

- Employed, full time
- Employed, part time
- Unemployed, but looking for work
- Unemployed, but not looking for work
- Student
- Retired
- Other

What is your household income? (Canadian Dollars)

- Less than \$30,000
- \$30,000 to \$59,999
- \$60,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$150,000
- More than \$150,000
- Prefer not to disclose

C. Questions on your ability and preference for using and understanding health information.

How confident are you filling out medical forms yourself?

- Not at all
- A little bit
- Somewhat
- Quite a bit
- Extremely

How often do you have someone (like a family member, friend, hospital/clinic worker, or caregiver) help you read hospital materials?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Sometimes
- Often
- Always

How often do you have problems learning about your medical condition because of difficulty understanding written information?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Sometimes
- Often
- Always

For each of the following questions, please check the box that best reflects how good you are at doing the following things:

How good are you at working with fractions?

Not at all good **Extremely good**

How good are you at working with percentages?

Not at all good **Extremely good**

How good are you at calculating a 15% tip?

Not at all good **Extremely good**

How good are you at figuring out how much a shirt will cost if it is 25% off?

Not at all good **Extremely good**

For each of the following questions, please check the box that best reflects your answer:

When reading the newspaper, how helpful do you find tables and graphs that are parts of a story?

Not at all helpful **Extremely helpful**

When people tell you the chance of something happening, do you prefer that they use words (“it rarely happens”) or numbers (“there’s a 1% chance”)?

**Always
prefer
words**

**Always
prefer
numbers**

When you hear a weather forecast, do you prefer predictions using percentages (e.g., “there will be a 20% chance of rain today”) or predictions using only words (e.g., “there is a small chance of rain today”)?

**Always
prefer
percentages**



**Always
prefer words**

How often do you find numerical information to be useful?

Never

Very Often

Which treatment do you prefer, treatment A or treatment B?

<p>Treatment A</p>  <p>5 people out of 100 will have to stop taking the treatment due to a temporary reaction to the drug</p>	<input type="radio"/>
<p>Treatment B</p>  <p>10 people out of 100 will have to stop taking the treatment due to a temporary reaction to the drug</p>	<input type="radio"/>
<p>Unsure</p>	<input type="radio"/>

(if select Treatment A or unsure)

If the chance of withdrawal from Treatment B is more likely than the chance of withdrawal from Treatment A, how much more likely do you think it is?

The chance of withdrawal from Treatment B is **[1-10]** times more likely than the chance of withdrawal from Treatment A.

(if select Treatment B)

If the chance of withdrawal from Treatment A is more likely than the chance of withdrawal from Treatment B, how much more likely do you think it is?

The chance of withdrawal from Treatment A is **[1-10]** times more likely than the chance of withdrawal from Treatment B.

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