

# 2004 Questionnaire Description

In 2004, The National Nursing Home Survey used a computer-assisted personal interview (CAPI) instrument. It contained two facility-level modules, two sampling modules (for residents and nursing assistants—not shown) and four resident-level modules that were completed for up to 12 current residents. Interviewers first completed the Facility Qualification module to confirm that the nursing home was eligible to participate in the NNHS. After completing the resident sampling module, the four resident-level modules could be completed in any order for any sampled resident. The Health Status module collected data about a resident's health status documented in the Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment that is federally mandated of all residents in a Medicare or Medicaid certified nursing home. The Health Status (Non-MDS) module collected data about a resident's health status and medical care that were not available from the MDS. Facility Characteristics module and the nursing assistant sampling module could also be completed in any order, after interviewers completed the Facility Qualifications module. A separate self-administered paper Staffing Questionnaire was mailed to the administrator prior to the interview and collected by interviewers at the time of the survey (or mailed back if not completed).

Another component of the NNHS was the National Nursing Assistant Survey (NNAS). The NNAS Questionnaire used a computer-assisted telephone interview (CATI) questionnaire. This survey was completed at a later date and completed for up to four nursing assistants employed by the facility for less than one year and up to four nursing assistants employed for at least one year.

When viewing the various NNHS and NNAS questionnaire modules, please note the following:

- Interviewers could record either a refusal (RF) or don't know (DK) response to all questions.
- A Show Card containing a list of possible responses was given to NNHS respondents for questions that contained multiple answer categories.
- Some questions contained Help Screens that interviewers could access, providing definitions, instructions, and other kinds of related information respondents and interviewers might need.
- Interviewer instructions and response categories that are not read are shown in upper case while questions and response categories that are read are shown in lower case.
- Certain "fills", such as dates, name of sampled resident, facility name, pronouns, etc. that are automatically inserted by CAPI are displayed in brackets.
- Not all questions are sequential. This is the result of maintaining original question numbers after some items were eliminated after the pilot test and pretest.

- **See also the Glossary for definitions of certain acronyms used in the NNHS/NNAS questionnaires.**