

Participant name _____

The Measurements

Height and Weight

Lately there has been much discussion about the relationship between weight and health and we are looking at weight in relation to height.

Height:	_____	cm
	_____	ft/ins
Weight:	_____	kg
	_____	st/lbs

For adults, height and weight information can be used to calculate Body Mass Index (BMI). Further information on this calculation and guidance on BMI can be found on this website:

www.nhs.uk/Tools/Pages/Healthyweightcalculator.aspx

Waist measurement

Your waist measurement is useful for assessing distribution of weight over the body. The interviewer will ask you to pass the tape measure around your waist, over your clothes.

Waist measurement:		
First Measurement:	_____	cm
	_____	ins
Second Measurement:	_____	cm
	_____	ins

Blood Pressure

Blood pressure is measured using an inflatable cuff that goes around your upper arm. High blood pressure can be a health problem. A person's blood pressure is influenced by age and can vary from day to day with emotion, meals, tobacco, alcohol, medication, temperature and pain. The interviewer will tell you your blood pressure along with an indication of its meaning. However, a diagnosis cannot be made on measurements taken on a single occasion.

	Systolic (mmHg)	Diastolic (mmHg)	Pulse (bpm)
Average	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(i)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(ii)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(iii)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Blood pressure interpretation:

Summary of advice given by interviewer:

Normal

Raised

Mildly raised

Considerably raised

Visit your GP to have your blood pressure checked within:

Saliva Sample

We would like to take a sample of saliva (spit). This simply involves dribbling saliva into a tube, or sucking on a piece of cotton wool. The interviewer will ask you to sign a consent form before any sample is taken. The sample will be analysed for cotinine. Cotinine is related to the intake of cigarette smoke and is of particular interest to see whether non-smokers may have raised levels as a result of 'passive' smoking. The saliva will only be tested for cotinine. It will not be tested for other substances, like drugs or alcohol.

Urine Sample

We would like you to provide a sample of your urine. The interviewer will ask you to sign a consent form before any sample is taken. Analysis of urine samples tells us how much sodium (salt) there is in people's diets. This is useful information for assessing the health of the population, as high salt levels are related to health-related conditions such as high blood pressure. This sample will only be used to measure salt levels and will not be tested for drug or alcohol use.

What will happen to the saliva and urine samples I give?

Your saliva and urine samples will be sent to a laboratory, and analysed as outlined in the previous section. Your name and address will not be attached to the samples and so your samples will remain confidential. The anonymous saliva and urine samples will be destroyed after the analysis is carried out. No genetic (DNA) tests will be conducted, only the analysis outlined above.

As your results will be presented anonymously and cannot be linked to you, it would not be possible to remove your results from any published reports.

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THE 2015 SCOTTISH HEALTH SURVEY

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

This leaflet provides extra information about the measurements and samples collected as part of the **Scottish Health Survey**.

If you would like anything to be explained, or if you have any questions, please just ask the interviewer, or contact ScotCen directly (email scottishhealthsurvey@scotcen.org.uk or phone 0131 240 0210). The NHS Inform website (www.nhsinform.co.uk) and phonenumber (0800 224488) can also provide information about health conditions.

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