
APPENDICES

Appendix A. Patient Focus Group Discussing Guide

DECIDE-PCI Study

Patient Focus Group Discussion Guide

Note: The protocol below outlines the topics that will be covered during the focus groups and provides examples of the types of open-ended questions that we plan to ask. However, we will follow the lead of participants and will ask additional questions if necessary to fully discuss a particular topic, or pursue other topics if they are raised in the group as being important.

<p>WELCOME</p>	<p>Welcome. Thank you for coming today. My name is XXXXXXXXX, and I will facilitate today's discussion. I am a researcher and I work for Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute. We also have XXXXXXXXX, present to take notes for us.</p> <p>We invited you to take part in this group discussion today because we would like to understand your perspective about how to best convey medical information in a decision-making situation.</p> <p>[NOTE: all participants will have already agreed to participate in the study at this point and have provided written informed consent. If a participant decides that s/he does not want to participate, s/he will still be paid the full amount.]</p>
<p>GROUND RULES</p>	<p>Before we begin, I would like to review a few ground rules for the discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. I will ask several questions, and I would like to give everyone a chance to give their opinions. We ask that only one person speak at a time.b. We are interested in your opinions and whatever you have to say is fine with us. We are here to learn from you.c. Don't worry about having a different opinion than someone else. But please do respect each other's responses. .d. If there is a question you don't want to answer, you don't have to.e. We are not going to ask for personal information that could identify you, and we are only going to use first names during the discussion. We also ask that each of you respect the privacy of everyone in the room and not share or repeat what is said here in any way that could identify anyone in this room.f. We are recording the conversation and taking notes because we don't want to miss any of your comments.g. We will not include your names or any other information that could identify you in any reports we write. We will tear up our notes and after we complete our study.h. Finally, this discussion is scheduled to be 60 minutes long, and we ask that you stay for the entire meeting. At the end of the discussion we will give you a \$35 gift card to thank you for participating. <p>Does anyone have any questions before we start?</p>

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<p>OPENING (5 minutes)</p>	<p>Today’s discussion will be based on heart stents. I’d like for you to imagine that a loved one has been diagnosed with coronary artery disease (a blocked blood vessel in the heart) and needs to have a procedure-- a heart catheterization. I will explain the procedure and your treatment options. Then we will take a short break. After the break, you will be asked to make a decision based on the information I gave you. We will then discuss your decisions as a group. Are there any questions before we get started?</p>
<p>PCI (25 minutes)</p>	<p>Note: Review PCI education materials.</p> <p>Now we will take a short break. Please use the time to get refreshments and also think about stent options. Then indicate the choice you would make and rank the four factors for stent selection on the worksheet provided.</p>
<p>BREAK (10 minutes)</p>	
<p>DECISION-MAKING DISCUSSION (30 minutes)</p>	<p>Note: Remind participants to complete worksheet.</p> <p>During the first part of the session, we presented a lot of information about angioplasty and stents. Based on that information, please circle your stent choice on the sheet provided. Now, let’s go around the table and state which stent you chose and how you came to that decision.</p> <p>Thank you for sharing your choices. Today we provided a great deal of complicated information. It may have been difficult to fully understand, so if you were to receive the information in a real-life situation, what would be the best way for us to present it? Why? Who should present that information to you? Why? What is the best format, i.e. paper, electronic, over the phone? Why? Finally, when is the best time to receive the information; would you like to hear it several days in advance or would you be comfortable receiving the information right before the procedure?</p>
<p>CLOSING</p>	<p>HAND OUT PAYMENTS AND ASK PARTICIPANTS TO SIGN THE PAYMENT RECEIPT FORM.</p>