BOWEL HEALTH – BHQ
Target Group: SPs 20+

BOX 1
CHECK ITEM BHQ.005:
- IF INTERVIEW DONE ONLY WITH SURVEY PARTICIPANT (CODED ‘1’ IN RIO.005), CONTINUE WITH BHQ.010.
- OTHERWISE, GO TO NEXT SECTION.

BHQ.010
Next, we’d like to talk to you about bowel health. We’ll start with accidental bowel leakage. There are four types of bowel leakage that can happen: leakage (passing) of gas, leakage of mucus, leakage of liquid stool, and leakage of solid stool. We will ask you about leakage of each of these one at a time.

How often during the past 30 days have you had any amount of accidental bowel leakage that consisted of gas? Would you say . . .

HAND CARD BHQ1

CAPI INSTRUCTION:
HELP SCREEN SHOULD READ: The bowel is another name for the intestines. Other names for the bowel include guts or innards. Accidental bowel leakage is leaking from the bowel or intestines that can’t be controlled. Leakage of gas is also called passing gas, passing wind, or farting.

2 or more times a day, ........................................ 1
once a day, ..................................................... 2
2 or more times a week, ................................. 3
once a week, .................................................. 4
1-3 times a month, or .................................... 5
never? .......................................................... 6
REFUSED ..................................................... 77
DON’T KNOW ................................................. 99
How often during the past 30 days have you had any amount of accidental bowel leakage that consisted of mucus?

HAND CARD BHQ1

CAPI INSTRUCTION:
HELP SCREEN SHOULD READ: Mucus is a thick, jelly-like substance made by the intestines that helps coat and protect the lining of the intestine. Mucus also helps stool pass through the large intestine and rectum more easily.

2 OR MORE TIMES A DAY....................... 1  
ONCE A DAY ...................................... 2  
2 OR MORE TIMES A WEEK................... 3  
ONCE A WEEK ................................. 4  
1-3 TIMES A MONTH............................ 5  
NEVER ............................................. 6  
REFUSED ........................................ 77  
DON'T KNOW ................................. 99

How often during the past 30 days have you had any amount of accidental bowel leakage that consisted of liquid stool?

HAND CARD BHQ1

CAPI INSTRUCTION:
HELP SCREEN SHOULD READ: Stool is also called a bowel movement, BM, or poop.

2 OR MORE TIMES A DAY....................... 1  
ONCE A DAY ...................................... 2  
2 OR MORE TIMES A WEEK................... 3  
ONCE A WEEK ................................. 4  
1-3 TIMES A MONTH............................ 5  
NEVER ............................................. 6  
REFUSED ........................................ 77  
DON'T KNOW ................................. 99

How often during the past 30 days have you had any amount of accidental bowel leakage that consisted of solid stool?

HAND CARD BHQ1

2 OR MORE TIMES A DAY....................... 1  
ONCE A DAY ...................................... 2  
2 OR MORE TIMES A WEEK................... 3  
ONCE A WEEK ................................. 4  
1-3 TIMES A MONTH............................ 5  
NEVER ............................................. 6  
REFUSED ........................................ 77  
DON'T KNOW ................................. 99
BHQ.050  How often do you usually have bowel movements?

PROBE: How many times per day or per week do you usually have a bowel movement?

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ENTER NUMBER OF TIMES (PER DAY OR PER WEEK)

REFUSED ................................................. 77
DON'T KNOW ........................................... 99

ENTER UNIT

DAY ............................................................. 1
WEEK ........................................................... 2
REFUSED ..................................................... 7
DON'T KNOW ................................................ 9

BHQ.060  Please look at this card and tell me the number that corresponds to your usual or most common stool type.

HAND CARD BHQ2

TYPE 1 (SEPARATE HARD LUMPS, LIKE NUTS) .................................................. 1
TYPE 2 (SAUSAGE-LIKE, BUT LUMPY) ..... 2
TYPE 3 (LIKE A SAUSAGE BUT WITH CRACKS IN THE SURFACE) .................... 3
TYPE 4 (LIKE A SAUSAGE OR SNAKE, SMOOTH AND SOFT) ............................... 4
TYPE 5 (SOFT BLOBS WITH CLEAR-CUT EDGES) .................................................. 5
TYPE 6 (FLUFFY PIECES WITH RAGGED EDGES, A MUSHY STOOL) ..................... 6
TYPE 7 (WATERY, NO SOLID PIECES) ..... 7
REFUSED ......................................................... 77
DON'T KNOW .................................................. 99