

Interview Guide, Community Health Officer

This survey is designed to assess your views about how to manage heart diseases and their risk factors in the community. These include high blood pressure, smoking, alcohol use, obesity, high cholesterol, and diabetes.

We would like to ask you about care you provide both at clinics and on home visits.

This survey is confidential - although we will review your results with our research team and the CHPS staff, this review will be anonymous and will not identify you in any way. You can stop at any time during this interview.

What did you find easy or hard about the quiz you took earlier?

How many patients do you see in a week? ____ Of these, how many are over age 18? ____

Over the course of a typical month visiting patients, do you encounter heart disease and its risk factors (including the above)? Yes/No IF YES: how many of the monthly patients who you see have symptoms or conditions that you believe are heart disease related? ____ What are these symptoms and conditions?

Do you think heart disease is a big problem in your community? Yes/No IF YES: Why do you think that heart disease is a big problem?

Do you think that there is any way to prevent heart disease in the community where you are working? Yes/No IF YES: What is the best way to prevent heart disease in your community?

Do you think that there are adults who do not want to discuss an illness that they have? Yes/No: IF YES: Is this the case with heart disease?

If someone is sick with heart disease, will that person know that they have this illness? Yes/No Why or why not? If a person has a heart ailment, are there reasons why they might not want others to know about this? Yes/No IF YES: Why would a person who has a heart condition not want others to know about this problem?

Is there any way that the Ghana Health Service can treat heart disease cases in this district? Yes/No IF YES: What is the best way to treat heart disease in your community? Can a CHO provide this care?

Do your sub-districts supervisors expect you to provide heart disease care? Yes/No IF YES: what are you expected to do?

Do you believe you have sufficient materials (medicines, equipment) to provide heart disease care? Yes/No IF NO: Please explain: how can materials and resources could be used to help you to manage heart disease?

Do you believe you have sufficient amounts of time with patients to provide heart disease care? Yes/No IF NO: How much additional time would you need with patients to provide heart disease care?

Do you believe your supervisors and managers believe heart disease is a priority in the district? Why or why not?

At times workers have ideas on how supervisors or managers can help them improve the care that they provide. Is this the case with you? Are there ways that you think that your supervisor or district health management team can help you improve care for heart disease? Yes/No IF YES: What can your managers do to help you better manage heart disease?

Are there ways that in-service training could help you understand or care for heart disease? Yes/No IF YES: What would you like to learn about heart disease?

Do you have comments about experiences that you have had with heart patients that you would like to share with us? If so, please note them now together with any recommendations that you have that have not yet been noted (RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE):