Supplementary Online Content


eFigure. Sixteen-question survey.

This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.
We are interested in finding out what you know about the scan you are having today. After you finish the survey, someone from the study team will answer any questions. Your answers are confidential and will not impact your care.

1. Did your doctor (or nurse practitioner/physician assistant) who told you that you needed this scan explain the reason(s) for the scan?
   A. Yes (168)  B. No (21)  C. Don’t remember (18)

1a. If yes, how satisfied were you with the reasons?
   A. Very satisfied (150)  B. Somewhat satisfied (52)  C. Not too satisfied (45)  D. Not at all satisfied (1)  E. No explanation was given (21)

2. As you thought about the scan you are having today, what kinds of things did you think about?

3. How important is it to you to be informed of the risks of imaging scans?
   A. Very important (113)  B. Important (65)  C. Not that important (29)  D. Not important at all (4)

4. Do you think the scan you are having today is necessary?
   A. Definitely yes (165)  B. Probably (69)  C. Probably not (3)  D. Definitely not (1)  E. Don’t know (7)

5. The results from this scan will lead to me feeling better.
   A. Strongly agree (54)  B. Agree (66)  C. Don’t know (95)  D. Disagree (15)  E. Strongly disagree (6)

6. The results from this scan will lead to me living longer.
   A. Strongly agree (49)  B. Agree (69)  C. Don’t know (112)  D. Disagree (12)  E. Strongly disagree (4)

7. Do you currently work or have you ever worked in the medical field?
   A. Yes (30)  B. No (150)

8. What is the highest level of education you have completed?
   A. High School or GED (121)  B. College or University (26)  C. University post graduate degree (38)

9. In the past year, have you seen or heard anything in the news about radiation from medical imaging?
   A. Yes (72)  B. No (121)  C. Don’t recall (45)

10. What is your main source of health information? (check only one box)
    A. Doctor, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician’s Assistant (163)  B. Family and friends (11)  C. Newspapers/Magazines (9)  D. TV/Internet (36)  E. Other (16)

11. Based on your understanding, does the scan you are having today expose your body to radiation?
    A. Yes (164)  B. No (22)  C. Don’t know (59)

   If you answered Yes to question 11, please answer questions 12-16 on the next page.
   If you answered No or Don’t know to question 11 you are finished with the survey. Please place your survey in the envelope provided. Thank you for participating.

12. Did your doctor (or nurse practitioner or physician assistant) who told you that you needed the scan tell you that the scan increases radiation?
    A. Yes (85)  B. No (58)  C. Don’t recall (20)

13. Everybody is exposed to a small amount of radiation each year from natural sources. This is called "background radiation." If you had to guess, how much radiation do you think you will get from your scan compared to one year of background radiation?
    A. Much less than 1 year of natural background radiation (90)  B. About the same as 1 year of natural background radiation (27)  C. More than 1 year of natural background radiation (up to 10 times more) (14)  D. A lot more than 1 year of natural background radiation (over 100 times more) (8)  E. I don’t know (25)

14. How worried are you about the radiation from the scan you are having today?
    A. Not at all worried (72)  B. Not too worried (53)  C. Somewhat worried (14)  D. Very worried (9)

15. Do you think the radiation in the scan you are having today will increase the chance that you will get cancer sometime in the future?
    A. Yes (9)  B. No (93)  C. Don’t know (39)

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