

Panel Discussion: The Collection of Biomarkers

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Discussion Outline

- High-quality data in the context of biological and physical measures
- Selecting interviewers
- Training interviewers
- Certifying interviewers
- Quality control and monitoring of interviewers
- Retraining or refresher training for interviewers

Discussion: High-quality data

- A number of factors affect the standards that studies apply to achieve high-quality biological and physical data, including budget, geographic distribution of sample and interviewers, quality monitoring technology, etc. Generally speaking, what constitutes high-quality data in the context of biological and physical measures?

Discussion: Selecting interviewers

- How do you select interviewers to collect biological and physical measures? Do you use methods of screening prior to hiring? Are there certain interviewer characteristics or skill sets that are proven to be more beneficial or successful for biological and physical data collection?

Discussion: Training interviewers

- How do you train your interviewers to collect biological and physical measures? What format does the training take? How long does the training last?

Discussion: Certifying interviewers

- Do you certify interviewers who collect biological and physical measures at the conclusion of the initial training? What does certification consist of?

Discussion: Quality control and monitoring of interviewers

- How do you quality-control and/or monitor interviewers in the collection of biological and physical measures over the course of the field period?

Discussion: Retraining or refresher training for interviewers

- Do you retrain or provide refresher training to interviewers in the collection of biological and physical measures? If yes, how is this retraining/refresher training done? Do you use long-distance or remote training methods?

Thank you!

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