

Appendix 1

Content of TEXAS call (translated to English, original questions were in Dutch)*

Introduction:

The following questions concern your respiratory symptoms:

During the last two weeks, did you experience any events of **two or more days** on which ...

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| 1. ... you were shorter of breath than usual? | 1=YES / 2=NO |
| 2. ... you had more sputum than usual? | 1=YES / 2=NO |
| 3. ... your sputum was different in colour or composition than usual? | 1=YES / 2=NO |
| 4. ... you experienced more wheezing or your chest felt tighter ? | 1=YES / 2=NO |
| 5. ... you had a sore throat ? | 1=YES / 2=NO |
| 6. ... you had to cough more than usual? | 1=YES / 2=NO |
| 7. ... you had a cold or a runny nose ? | 1=YES / 2=NO |
| 8. ... you used more puffs of your bronchodilator than usual? | 1=YES / 2=NO |
| 9. During the last two weeks, did you initiate a course of prednisolone or antibiotics because of a worsening of your respiratory symptoms? | 1=YES / 2=NO |
| 10. Did you experience days on which you were not able to perform your usual | 1=YES / 2=NO |
| 10.b On how many days did you experience this? | PRESS THE NUMBER OF
DAYS AND END WITH # |
| 11. During the last two weeks did you need any unscheduled medical attention because of a worsening of your respiratory symptoms? | 1=YES / 2=NO |
| 11.b If so, did you visit your general practitioner (GP)? | press 1 |
| Or did you visit an Emergency Department? | press 2 |
| Or did you visit the GP after-hour service? | press 3 |
| Or did you visit more than one of the above mentioned care providers? | press 4 |
| 12. Do you have any additional information or do you want to leave a | 1= YES**/ 2=NO |

Thank you for answering this call. We will call you back in 14 days.

*** Patients received a laminated summary card with the precise questions and response**

categories for the TEXAS calls

**** After pressing '1', patients were able to leave a short spoken message**