I. Psychological Reaction to Loss
Spouse died 6 months - 2 years ago

Did R lose spouse more than 6 months ago but less than 2 years ago?

Yes

No

>wa1aa<
Next I'd like to talk with you about your feelings about spouse's death.
>wa1a<
In the last month, how often you found yourself longing to have your spouse with you? Would you say never, rarely, sometimes or often?
>wa2a<
In the past month, how often have you felt resentful or bitter about your spouse's death?
>wa3a<
In the past month, how often have you had difficulty falling asleep because thoughts about your spouse kept coming into your mind?
>wa1b<
In the last month, how often have you had painful waves of missing your spouse?
>wa2b<
In the past month, how often have you felt that the death of your spouse was unfair?
>wa3b<
In the past month, how often have you tried to block out memories or thoughts of your spouse?
>wa1c<
In the last month, how often have you experienced feelings of intense pain or grief over the loss of your spouse?
>wa2c<
In the past month, how often have you felt anger toward God?
>wa3c<
In the past month, how often you been unable to get thoughts about your spouse out of your mind?
>wa1d<
In the last month, how often have you experienced feelings of grief, loneliness, or missing your spouse?

>was1<
I. Psychological Reaction to Loss
Spouse died 2 years - 10 years ago

Did R lose spouse more than 2 years ago but less than 10 years ago?

Yes

No

All spouse deaths within past 10 years

>was1< Now we would like to ask you a few questions about your (husband/wife)'s end of life.

>was3< How long before your husband's/wife's death did YOU realize that he/she was SOON going to die?

I-99,
  a. ___ days
  b. ___ months
  c. ____ years

0. No warning/sudden death/minutes
  d. DK
  r. R

>was4< Where did he/she spend the last few days of his/her life? Was that at home, a hospital, a hospice, a nursing home, or someplace else?

>was5< During the last week of life, did he/she have no pain, slight, moderate, or severe?

go to >wbs1<
>wbs1< How long before your spouse's death did HE/SHE realize that he/she was going to die?

1-98.
   a. _____ days
   b. _____ months
   c. _____ years
   99. NOT COGNITIVELY AWARE

0. No
   warning/sudden death/minutes
   d. DK
   e. R

>wbs3< Did you and your husband/wife ever talk about how you would deal with being on your own once he/she was gone?

>wcs1< Did he/she have a signed Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care (naming someone who could make decisions about his/her medical treatment)?

Yes

No / DK / R  go to >wcs3<

>wcs1a< Who held the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care?

>wcs2< What role did it (the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care) play in the last week of life? Did it help a great deal, help a little, have no effect, cause minor problems or cause major problems?

  go to >wcs3<
>wcs3< Did he/she have a signed Living Will (giving directions for the kind of medical treatment he/she wanted)?

Yes

No / DK / R

>wcs4< What role did it (the Living Will) play in the last week of life? Would you say it helped a great deal, helped a little, had no effect, caused minor problems or caused major problems?

>wcs5< Was your husband/wife able to make decisions in the last week of life?

>wcs6< Did he/she have specific wishes or plans about the types of medical treatment she/he did or did not want while dying?

Yes

No / DK / R

>wcs7< [if >was3@a< eq <0> go to >wds2<]
Did the doctor or medical staff who cared for your husband/wife speak to him/her or you about making sure his/her care WAS CONSISTENT with his/her wishes?

Yes

No / DK / R / Sudden Death (INAP)

go to >wds2<

go to >wcs8<
>wds2< To pay the expenses associated with his/her illness and death, did you have to sell assets, withdraw money that would not be touched, get help from a relative, or do anything else special to find the money?

>wds4< Did any income from retirement pensions or annuities start, stop, or change because of his/her death?

Yes

>wds5< Did the pension or annuity (combined amount) stop, start, increase or decrease?

>wds6< By how much did the (total) pension or annuity income (increase/decrease)?

No

DK/R go to >wds7<

> wcs8< During that last week, was there any medical procedure or treatment that happened to him/her that was NOT CONSISTENT with his/her previously stated wishes?

go to >wds7<
Did the type, cost, or coverage of your health insurance change as a result of your husband's/wife's death?

Yes

No / DK /R

What changed about your health insurance?

Yes

go to >wds10<

No / DK /R

go to >wds12<

When he/she died, was your husband/wife receiving or eligible to receive an employer provided pension? (Do not including Social Security or Railroad Retirement.)

Yes

No / DK /R
Did you receive a lump sum settlement or do you expect to receive a periodically paid survivor benefit from this pension?

How much did it amount to?

Not counting survivor benefits from a pension did you receive a life insurance settlement?

Did you receive a life insurance settlement?

Yes

How much did that amount to?

No / DK /R

After your spouse's death, financially, were you much worse off, somewhat worse off, financially about the same, somewhat better off, or much better off than you were when married?

Was your financial position at that time about what you had expected, much worse, somewhat worse, better or much better than you had expected?

go to >wappick<
II. Death Quality Indicators
Parent died 6 months - 10 years ago

>wappick< and >wappick1<
Most recent parent death within past 10 years

No parent death go to >paren<

>wap1< Now we would like to ask you a few questions about your mother's/father's end of life.

>wap3< How long before your mother's/father's death did YOU realize that he/she was going to die?

1-99.
   a. ____ days
   b. ____ months
   c. _____ years

0. No warning/sudden death/minutes
   d. DK
   r. R

>wap4< Where did he/she spend the last few days of his/her life? Was that at home, a hospital, a hospice, a nursing home, or someplace else?

>wap5< During the last week of life, did he/she have no pain, slight, moderate, or severe?

go to >wbp1<
How long before your parent's death did he/she realize that he/she was going to die?

1-98.
- a. ____ days
- b. ____ months
- c. _____ years

99. MOTHER OR FATHER NOT COGNITIVELY AWARE
- d. No warning/sudden death/minutes
- d. DK r. R

Did he/she have a signed Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care (naming someone who could make decisions about his/her medical treatment)?

Yes

Who held the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care for your mother/father?

What role did it (the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care) play in the last week of life? Did it help a great deal, help a little, have no effect, cause minor problems or cause major problems?
Did he/she have a signed Living Will (giving directions for the kind of medical treatment he/she wanted)?

Yes

What role did it (the Living Will) play in the last week of life? Would you say it helped a great deal, helped a little, had no effect, caused minor problems or caused major problems?

Was your mother/father able to make decisions in the last week of life?

Did he/she have specific wishes or plans about the types of medical treatment he/she did or did not want while dying?

Yes

No / DK/R

Go to >wcp8<

Go to >paren<
During that last week, was there any medical procedure or treatment that happened to him/her that was NOT CONSISTENT with his/her previously stated wishes?