

INDEPENDENT LIVING CONCERNS: POTENTIAL QUESTIONS TO ADD TO A CLINICAL INTERVIEW

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Current Living Status

Where are you living now?

How long have you been there?

Does anyone live there with you?

Does anyone visit on a regular basis?

Do you have any hired or contracted help? Visiting nurse services? Homemaker?

Do you feel that you can manage the house/apartment on your own?

Have you noticed any changes in your abilities to manage?

What do you like about the house/apartment?

What don't you like; what doesn't work well for you?

Perceptions of Need for Assistance

Are there areas of your life that you feel you need some assistance managing?

Taking care of the House? Yard? Meals? Shopping? Driving? Using the telephone? Mail? Your health? Taking medications? Your money? Paying bills?

Is someone helping you with any of these things?

If you needed help, who would you like to have help you?

Experiences of Risk and Injury

Have you had any safety concerns at home?

Have you recently fallen at home? Cut yourself badly at home? Burned yourself?

Have you ever gotten lost while walking/driving in the neighborhood?

Have you ever left the stove on by accident?

Have you lost weight?

Has your home ever become so dirty that it was a problem for you or someone else?

Preferences for Future Residence

Have you ever considered moving to a place where there would be more help for you? Senior housing? Assisted living? Nursing home?

Has anyone ever suggested you should move to a place where there would be more help for you?

How do you feel about that?

What would be good about that? What would be bad about that?