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Social Networks:

Social networks, loneliness and caregiving domains

Linkages between HRS Parent and HCAP Studies

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Social ties with family: partner, children, other relatives

Do you have a **husband, wife or partner** with whom you live?

How close is your relationship with your spouse or partner?

On average, how often do you do each of the following with any of your **children**, not counting any who live with you?

Responses: Visit, phone, write

How many of your **children** would you say you have a close relationship with?

Responses: Visit, phone, email or write

On average, how often do you do each of the following with **any of these family members**, not counting any who live with you?

How many of these **family members** would you say you have a close relationship with?

Social Network: Friends

Do you have any friends?

On average, how often do you do each of the following with any of your friends, not counting any who live with you?

Responses: visit/see, phone, write

How many of your friends would you say you have a close relationship with?

Neighborhood

How do you feel about your local area, that is everywhere within a 20-minute walk or about a mile of your home?

EXAMPLE ITEMS

I really feel part of this area

Vandalism and graffiti are a bit problem in this area

Most people in this area can't be trusted

People would be afraid to walk alone in this area after dark

Most people in this area are friendly

Loneliness

How often do you feel that you lack companionship?

How often do you feel left out?

How often do you feel isolated from others?

Caregiving: parents/grandchildren

Are there **any adult members of your family (spouse, parents, parents of spouse, siblings, and/or children)** who are unable to carry out their basic daily activities? Basic daily activities refer to everyday routines such as eating, putting on clothes, taking a bath, and using the toilet, etc.

Do you take care of any of your family who are unable to carry out their basic daily activities?

Did you take care of your **parents or parents-in-law** during the past 12 months in assisting them in their daily activities or other activities (e.g., household chores, meal preparation, laundry, going out, grocery shopping, financial management, etc.)?

Which parents or parents-in-law did you assist during the past 12 months?

Did you spend any time taking care of your **grandchildren** last year?

How many grandchildren did you spend time taking care of in the past 12 months?

Approximately how many days per week in those weeks did you spend in the last year taking care of grandchildren?

Approximately how many weeks did you spend in the last year taking care of grandchildren?

Did your spouse/partner spend time taking care of grandchildren in the past year?