

Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis



Digit-Symbol Coding Task

Participant Id#:

Acrostic:

Date:

Month

Day

Year

Place the task sheet before the participant. Point to the task sheet and say:

“看看這些格子，注意 ▫ 個都有一個數字在上面和一個特殊的記號在下面。 ▫ 個數字有它自己的記號。”

Point to the four rows of boxes and say:

“現在看看這裡這些格子 ▫ 個都有一個數字在上面，但是下面是空的，在 ▫ 一個空的格子裏放上應該有的記號，就像這樣。”

Demonstrate completing the first three boxes one at a time. Then say:

“現在你用這種粗綫填進格子。”

NOTE: If the participant has difficulty completing the ten sample items or does not grasp the task, help her/him complete the sample items. If the participant still has difficulty, discontinue the task and score "0" in items ____ and _____. Participants with visual limitations should be given the opportunity to complete the sample. If the participant cannot complete the sample due to visual impairment, code "0 - not done."

After the demonstration and practice is complete, point to the first box following the sample items and say:

“現在你知道怎 ▫ 做了，當我 ▫ 開始，你做其餘的部分。”

Point to the first square to the right of the heavy line and say:

“從這裡開始填寫的格子越多越好，一個接一個不要漏掉，一直做到我叫你停下來。做的越快越好，不要出錯。”

Sweep across the first row with your finger and say:

“當你完成這行時，繼續到這一行。”

Point to the first square in the second row. Then point to the heavy black line and say:

“開始” (start timer)

Stop the participant after 120 seconds and say:

“停止”

a. Test items: ☐ Done ☐ Not Done ☐ Refused

b. Number of symbols **correctly** coded:

c. Number of symbols **incorrectly** coded:

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