



JOB OPENING: Field Research Interviewers

Per Diem field interviewer positions are available at the
Visiting Nurse Service of New York (VNSNY)
Center for Home Care Policy & Research

The VNSNY Center for Home Care Policy and Research is seeking to hire research interviewers to cover the borough of **Queens**, for a study evaluating a 12 month hypertension management intervention targeted toward stroke patients who receive services from VNSNY. **The Center is looking for detail-oriented people interested in research to travel to patients' homes to conduct health interviews.**

Three structured interviews are planned with each recruited study participant – baseline, 3 month and 12 month follow up in-home interviews. Questions will focus on the patient's high blood pressure treatment, health care service use, and health status along with a variety of socio-demographic items.

Basic Responsibilities

- Conducting the initial in-home interview and schedule and conduct 2 follow-up interviews (3 months and 12 months post baseline)
- Interviewers will be required to measure each patient's blood pressure during each interview using an automated blood pressure device; training will be provided by VNSNY
- If applicable, contacting individuals via telephone to describe the project, solicit participation and schedule in-home interviews
- Communicating frequently with Research Center staff on status of interviews

Basic Qualifications

- Great communication, organization and follow-up skills
- Excellent at engaging people on the phone
- **Bilingual (English/Spanish) verbal and reading fluency, preferred**
- Able to follow detailed study protocol when conducting interviews
- Able to handle several assignments simultaneously
- Experience in research interviewing a plus
- Experience in cold calling or customer service calls a plus
- Knowledge of home care or geriatrics a plus
- Bachelor's Degree in health care, social services, social sciences or related discipline required.

Mandatory Requirements

- Able to attend a 5 hour interviewer training on a week day (Monday-Friday) followed by two 3 hour booster practice sessions on different days.
- Available until the projected study completion in 2017 (or at least 12 months)
- Needs to be comfortable talking with medically ill older adults
- **Needs to travel to all areas within an assigned borough**
- Available in the daytime at least two half days each week from Monday-Friday (to complete interviews or to come into the office if needed)
- If needed, must be willing to come to the office to complete phone recruitment or, if completing off-site, must have a private location and a reliable telephone

Compensation

- \$80 for recruitment, completed consent of patient and baseline interview combined.
- \$55 for completed follow up interviews.
- \$18 an hour for training and booster training time.
- The interview compensation includes travel time and expense. Reimbursements for these activities are rolled into the interview payments. No additional reimbursement will be provided for these activities.

For more information, or to send a resume by email, please contact:

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