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|  | QUT Ethics Approval Number: XXXX  Preliminary Questionnaire |

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**Participant’s Background**

1. Are you aged 18 or over?

* Yes
* No

(Eligible participants should be aged 18 or over)

1. Have you undertaken or is currently undertaking medical studies (including students, nurses, doctors)?

* Yes
* No

(Determine the participant’s group)

1. How often do you use search engines to find information online (not only health related)?

* Several times a day
* About once a day
* 3-5 days a week
* Less often

(Eligible participants should use search engines for at least 3-5 days a week)

1. In the last 12 months, how often do you searched online for health information either for yourself or someone else?

This could include searching for information about medical conditions, psychological problems, developmental problems, pregnancy, healthy lifestyles, or any other health issues.

* More than 25 times (more than twice per month)
* 13 – 24 times (about once or twice per month)
* 1 to 10 times (less than once per month)
* Never

1. Have you ever gone online specifically to try to figure out what medical condition you or someone else might have?

* Yes
* No

(Potential valuable knowledge)

1. Describe your past experience in using search engines!

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| *Please state the level of agreement with the following statements* | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
| (EFFICACY) I feel confident in using search engines to find the information I need |  |  |  |  |
| (EASY) It is easy to use search engines to find the information I need. |  |  |  |  |
| (QUALITY) I am satisfied with the quality of information found by search engines. |  |  |  |  |
| (USEFUL) Search engines can help me find useful information. |  |  |  |  |
| (USEFUL) Using search engines to find information is less time consuming than searching for information from other source such as by reading a book, consulting to an expert, etc. |  |  |  |  |
| (ENJOY) I like to use search engines to search for information. |  |  |  |  |

1. Define your level of knowledge on the following health condition:

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|  | No knowledge | Limited understanding | Good Understanding | Expert |
| Diabetes |  |  |  |  |
| Cataract |  |  |  |  |
| Heart disease or other heart conditions |  |  |  |  |
| Skin cancer |  |  |  |  |

(To control for background knowledge bias)

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Describe your experience in using the given search engine to complete this health task!

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| *Please state the level of agreement with the following statements* | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
| (EFFORT) A significant mental effort is required to complete this task. |  |  |  |  |
| (QUALITY) I am satisfied with the quality of health information provided by the given search engine. |  |  |  |  |
| (USEFUL) The given search engine helps me to find health information quickly |  |  |  |  |
| (EASY) It is easy to use the given search engine to find health information. |  |  |  |  |
| (ENJOY) I like to use the given search engine when making health decisions |  |  |  |  |