

# Poll Questions

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## Too Much of a Good Thing? Overuse of Health Care

Questions were answered by respondents age 50–80.

Think about all the different kinds of tests, treatments, and procedures that people get in the United States.

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### How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements

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**Q1. Health care providers in general often recommend medications, tests, or procedures that *patients do not* really need.**

1. Strongly disagree
2. Somewhat disagree
3. Somewhat agree
4. Strongly agree

**Q2. My own health care provider often recommends medications, tests or procedures that *I do not* really need.**

1. Strongly disagree
2. Somewhat disagree
3. Somewhat agree
4. Strongly agree

**Q3. In the last 12 months, has a health care provider recommended a medication, test or procedure that *you felt you did not* need?**

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

**Q4. What did you feel was not needed?**

1. A medication such as a prescription or over the counter medication
2. A test such as an x-ray, blood test or similar test
3. A procedure such as a surgery

**Q5. Did you fill the prescription anyway?**

1. Yes
2. No, but I plan to
3. No

**Q6. Did you have the test done anyway?**

1. Yes
2. No, but I plan to
3. No

**Q7. In the last 12 months, has a health care provider told you that *you did not* need a medication, test or procedure that *you thought you needed*?**

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

**Q8. What did you feel was needed?**

1. A medication such as a prescription or over the counter medication
2. A test such as an x-ray, blood test or similar test
3. A procedure such as a surgery

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**Q9. Thinking about the last time that happened, did the health care provider explain why you *did not* need the medication, test or procedure?**

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't recall

**Q10. To what extent did you understand the health care provider's explanation of why you *did not* need that medication, test or procedure.**

1. Not at all
2. Somewhat
3. Completely

**Q11. When it comes to medical treatment, more is usually better.**

1. Strongly disagree
2. Somewhat disagree
3. Neither agree or disagree
4. Somewhat agree
5. Strongly agree

*Participants were also asked demographic questions on age, gender, health status and insurance status.*

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