One hour for the research

An examination where everybody's life experience help us to a better knowledge of the cause of cancer and the connection between lifestyle and health

You can help out in the fight against cancer

One hour of your life

One hour, maybe a little longer, is what we ask you to give to the research. We will ask questions about lifestyle and health, questions that never can be solved by sampling or test on animals, but only through careful answers from many individuals.

Is your contribution meaningful? Our answer is Yes, it is invaluable. The contribution from every individual is equally important.

Our aim is to get reliable knowledge of how to keep or improve ones health. We want to get away from the existing situation with unsecure, often contradictory health directions and constant larm reports.

It is a long and difficult process that can take several years. But we hope that you shall be able to feel satisfaction over your contribution to such a development. You do that by inform us of your experiences, by answering this questionnaire.

Good luck in your efforts to remember and answer.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

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This is how you fill in the questionnaire:

As the questionnaire is read by machines, we rather see that you use a pencil with black or blue colour. Please mark your answer with a cross within the box beside the answering alternative that you find fitting.

Example

If you have made a mistake and wish to change your answer, you should fill the wrong box completely and put the cross in the right box

Example

We kindly ask you to give your fully National Registration Number. Only questionnaires with correct National Registration Numbers can be considered and contribute to the research. The information about your National Registration Number, as well as your answer, will be completely inaccessible for others than the researchers.

Which is your complete			ation Numb	er?				
Which year/years did year 1991 ☐ 1993	ou attend ☐199		nal march fo 1997	or the Swee	dish Cance	er Society	/?	
How do you consider the sex?	nat your o	condition i	s/was comp	ared to pe	rsons of th	ne same a	age and	
ook!		Much worse	A little worse	Equal	A little better	Much better		
Now When you were 10-16 ye	ears							
How much do/did you e	exercise (compared Much less	to persons of A little less	of the same Equal	e age and s A little more	sex? Much more		
Now When you were 10-16 ye	ears							
How much daily exercise have you got <i>per week</i> during the last 12 months, e.g. by walking and/or biking to work, by weekly cleaning, gardening or the alike? Less than 1 hours 1-2 hours More than 6 hours								
How much time per weathletics/exercise/sport	ek, in ave s/outdoo	erage, duri or life? Hours per		2 months	have you c	levoted t	0	
Light exercise, like taking a walk	Summer Winter	0	0-1 	2 	3 	4 	5 or more	
Strenuous exercise, like speedy walk, jogging or swimming	Summer Winter							
Hard training or competition	Summer Winter							
How much have you be	en trainii	Times per	week					
As a teenager 20-29 years 30-49 years 50 years or older		Never	Less than 1	Approx. 1 □ □ □	2-3 times	More than 3		

How physically demanding has Light, mostly sedentary Rather strenuous	L		t I have r	upation b noved a li		ng the pa	ıst 12 mo	nths?
If you have marked any of the alte moved/strained yourself. Mark on					se specify	in which	way you i	have
☐ Locomotion, like walking, runn☐ Muscle power, like lifting, bend☐ Other type of strain								
How much did you move yours Much less than now More than now	L	ess tha		Jus	-	/ears agc h as now	?	
How physically active are you on the table below there are 9 level means there are examples of active during 24 hours that you totally do one cross per level.	els (de ivities	egrees) (that are	of strains just that	. In order strenuou	to unders s. Try to e	stand wha estimate <u>h</u>	ow long ti	
How long time of per day/night do you devote to such that are just as strenuous as	Minu 0-4	utes 5-9	10-19	20-39	40-89	90-179	180-359	360-720
A) Sleep, rest								
B) Sit in the bathtub, sit and listen on music, watch TV								
C) Office work, knit, sew, sit in a meeting								
D) Make the bed, ironing, washing up by hand								
E) Bowling, drive bus/tractor, workshop, fix the car, dance walz/foxtrot								
F) Quick walk, horse ride, sweep the pavement								
G) Paint the house, carry and staple wood, ski/slalom								
H) Roadwork, cut the lawn with manual lawn mower, shovel snow								
I) How long time per day/night do you devote to such that is more strenuous than level H?								

Here we ask you to fill in your body measures.

If Yes, how much and how many times?

☐ Between 5 and 10 kg

☐ More than 10 kg

Preferably use a measuring-tape for measuring hip and waist.

Example: If you weigh 84 kg		Pro		t	We 20				Weight at 50 years
you first write 84			Ŏ	kg		Ĺ] kg	∏∭ kg
on top with figures	0								0
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	7		Ш						<u> </u>
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	9								<u> </u>
	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Le	ng	cm		Hip		cm	Waist
					Ш	D	o r	not know	☐ Do not know
Which was your birthweig ☐ Less than 1500 grams ☐ Over 4000		1500 Do n				2	50	0-4000	
Have you ever lost 5 kg or Women should disregard we									gnancy.

Please do not forget to fill in your National Registration number on page 2. Only questionnaires with correct National Registration Numbers can be considered and contribute to the research.

□ 2

□ 1

□ 3

☐ 3

□ 4

☐ 4

5 times or more

5 times or more

Did you know that...

the occurance of different cancer diseases varies a lot – in some cases hundredfold – between different countries? Furthermore there are considerable differences within Sweden. Therefore it is important to have some knowledge of your background.

Which is yours and your biological parents' place of origin?

Sweden Baltic country Denmark Finland Greece Iraq Iran Former Yugo- slavia Lebanon	Me	Mother	Father	Norway Poland Turkey Germany Hungary North America South America Africa Other Do not know	<u>Me</u> □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □	Mother	Father		
If you were born outside Sweden, since which age have you mainly been living in Sweden? ☐ Before 5 years of age ☐ 5-14 years of age ☐ 15-19 years of age ☐ 20-29 years of age ☐ 30-50 years of age ☐ After 50 years of age									
How many brothers and sisters do you have? Even count half-brothers/sisters and brothers/sisters that have passed away. None 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 More than 9									
How many of you None 1 7		hers/sis	sters were	born before you? 3	nan 9] 5			
Where were you ☐ In a big city (or ☐ Small town/villa	suburl		ht up?	Medium-sized city In the countryside					
Which type of child care/nursery school have you gone to? Mark one or more alternatives Day nursery (daghem) Nursery school, preschool, kindergarten, other care with many children None of those types									
If you have gone t ☐ Younger than		_	ry, how old 1-2 years	d were you when you	starte		an 4 years		

Which is presently your ma Paid fulltime work Paid partime work Run your own business Unpaid homework, e.g. ha Unemployed Retired Sickness pension/long-te Student Other	ousewife/housen							
	ou have? ytime + on call ree-Five shift	☐ Mostly evening/nights☐ Other☐ Do not work						
How is your work?								
If you do not work – how is y								
	Seldom/	Some-	Often	Always/				
Do you have to work	never	times		almost always				
very fast?		П						
Do you have to work								
very hard?								
Do you have too much								
to do?								
Do you have enough								
of time to catch up? Are you allowed to		Ш						
learn new things?		П						
Are the demands on you				Ш				
contradictory?								
Does it demand								
skilfulness?								
Does it demand								
ingenuity? Do you have freedom to								
decide what is to be done?		П						
Do you have freedom to		_	_	_				
decide <u>how</u> it is to be done?								
Does it mean that you								
do the same thing over								
and over again?								
Which educations/schools do you have or are in now? Elementary school/Comprehensive school/ Compulsory school Vocational school 2-year Upper secondary school University/Highschool Which education school								

Have you e smoked c than 6 month	igarettes da	aily during	more	□No	Yes					
taken snu a week durir				□No	☐ Yes					
smoked pi a week durir				□No	☐ Yes					
you are just n The aim of the concentrate of	Did you know that you are just now contributing to one of the largest epidemiological research studies that have ever been made? The aim of the epidemiological research is to get knowledge about the cause of different diseases in order to concentrate on preventive measures. During the history preventive measures- rather than treatment – have been the most successful way to improve our health and prolong the life.									
How much have you smoked/taken snuff in different ages? Cigarettes per day										
Age Now 10-14 15-19 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60 or older	o 	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-30	More than	30		
<u>Age</u>	Pipe smok No	<u>king</u> Yes		Amount of	f snuffboxes	per week 1-2	3-7	More		
Now 10-14 15-19 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60 or older					than 1			than 7		
How much	are you/ha	ve been e	xposed to Not at	other pers A little	ons' tobacc Average	o smoke? A lot				
Now	at work during leis	ure time	all							
10 years ago	at work during leis	ure time								
How do you Very goo Bad		your healt ☐ Good ☐ Very b		☐ Neithe	r good or bac	i				

How often of	do you have trouble v	with							
		Never/	Some-	Often	Always/				
chest pair palpitatior breathless headache stomach a muscle pa joint pain backache dizziness faint?	n? sness? e? ache? ain? ?	seldom	times		almost always				
Have you b	een treated by a doc	tor for som	e of the fo	llowina dise	eases?				
nave you b	con incuited by a doo		No	Yes	Do not know				
Allergic nasa Acne (pimplicontact ecz. Psoriasis? Asthma? Heart attack High blood pangina pect Lipid disturb Angina pect Stroke? Rheumatoid Tuberculosis Wrist fractur Cancer? Diabetes de	ema (e.g. nickel allerger) ?? pressure? oris? pance? oris in your legs (clauder) arthritis? s (TB)? re as adult? tected before 30 years tected after 30 years or cosis (MS)? pease?	y)? dication)? s of age?							
the laboratory cancer cells. from epidemi	You surely know that the laboratory research have made fantastic progress in the understanding of how healthy cells transform to cancer cells. But did you know that almost all knowledge about the external causes to cancer in man comes from epidemiological research? The disclosure that smoking causes cancer is one example. With this epidemiological study we want to reveal new connections that may lead to a better health.								
Have you e	ver visited any of the	following	parts of th	e world?					
☐ Asia	☐ Max. 4 weeks	_	s to 1 year		re than 1 year				
Africa	☐ Max. 4 weeks	☐ 5 week	s to 1 year	□ Мо	re than 1 year				
☐ South A	merica, Mexico, Cent	_	a s to 1 year	☐ Mo	re than 1 year				

Are you vaccinated against yellow fever? (is being done before going to parts of South America and Africa) No Yes Do not know
Japanese B encephalitis? (is being done before going to Southeast Asia)
No ☐ Yes ☐ Do not know rabies?
□ No □ Yes □ Do not know
tick born encephalitis, also called TBE? (is being done on persons living on the Swedish east coast, especially the islands in the Stockholm area) No Yes Do not know
jaundice (hepatitis B)? No Yes Do not know
How many times in your life have you had gamma globulin injections, e.g. before
going abroad? Never 1-5 times 6-10 times
☐ More than 10 times ☐ Do not know
How many times in life have you been treated with penicillin or other antibiotics? Never 1-2 times 3-10 times Do not know
If Yes, how long was the longest cure of penicillin or other antibiotics that you were treated with?
 ☐ Less than 2 weeks ☐ 5 weeks up to half a year ☐ More than half a year ☐ Do not know
How often, in average, have you taken a sunbath outdoors the past years?
Never□ Less than 5 hours per year□ 5-14 hours per year□ 15-29 hours per year
☐ 30-60 hours per year ☐ More than 60 hours per year
Do you usually go on sun vacation to southern countries?
□ Never □ Occasionally □ Several times per year
☐ Every or every second year ☐ Several times per year
In former times I took a sunbath Less
Do you easily get a tan?
□ No, I seldom get a tan □ No, I get a tan slowly
☐ Yes, relatively easy ☐ Yes, definitely
Do you use sun lotion when spending time outdoors in the summertime? ☐ Never ☐ Sometimes ☐ Almost always

Do you usually get red/burnt by (Red means flare that doesn't he ☐ Never ☐ Seldom		pain, painful flusi	h and/or bliste	rs)					
If you have been red/burnt, how	often has this ha Never/ almost never	ppened? Some years	Almost every year						
Burnt several times during one and the same year									
Burnt occasional time during one and the same year									
Red but not burnt several times during one and the same year									
Red but not burnt occasional times during one and the same year									
Did you get burnt in the sun as ☐ Never ☐ Sometimes	s a child?	☐ Do not know							
What is/has been your natural hair colour? ☐ Dark brown/black ☐ Light brown ☐ Blonde/yellow ☐ Red									
Have you ever taken a sunbatl ☐ No ☐ Yes	n in a solarium?								
If yes, how many times per year Mark <u>one</u> cross for each age.	-		larium in your	different ages.					
Up to 15 years	1-5 6-10	mes per year 11-20 21	-30 31-50	over 50					
How often do you feel sad, low-spirited, depressed? lonely? worried, tensed or anxious?	Seldom/ never	Some- times		Always/ almost always					
 satisfied with your day? very healthy and full of energy	y? 📙								

Have something of the following happened to you during the past 12 months? How did it influence you? Influenced me No Yes Not so Conside-Strongly much rably negative Sickness/emergency/ death (relative/friend) Divorce/separation Got unemployed Have you got someone/ones that you can... Doubtful ... share interests/experiences with? No Yes ... turn to with daily problems? No Doubtful Yes ... be familiar with? No Doubtful Yes How many persons live in your household except yourself? Nobody ີ 1] 2 4-5 □ 6-7 More than 7 Do you have pets at home? ☐ Yes If Yes, what kind? □ No Dog ☐ Bird Cat Rodent (e.g. hamster, rabbit) Did you know that... many persons are considered suffering from chronic fatigue in our modern society? Nobody knows for sure how this may affect the health in the short and the long run. In this study we make a serious effort to find this out. How is your sleep? Good Rather good ☐ Neither good or bad Rather bad Bad How many hours, approximately, per night... Less 9 or than 5 more ...do you consider that you need to sleep? ... do you usually sleep during a weekday night?

... do you usually sleep

when you are off duty?

The following questions are regarding your sleep during the past 12 months. *Please choose one alternative per row.*

Have you	Never	Seldom		Mostly	Always	Do not know
had problems to fall asleep?			times			
waken up and have had problems to fall asleep again?						
snored severely?						
had a restless sleep?						
had nightmares?						
had problems waking up?						
not been thoroughly rested at awakening?						
woke up fatigued?						
woke up too early?						
been sleepy during the day?						
fell asleep (dropped off) during the day?						
taken a nap during the day?						
used sleeping pills?						

Did you know that...

we in Sweden are the most frequent users of mobile telephones in the whole world? This study will give us unique possibilities to disperse the uncertainty around ev. health effects caused by mobile telephones.

Have you regularl We do not mean a								? ne with outer anteni	na.
☐ Yes ☐ No	, If No, go	to the next	page.						
If Yes, which nets I	have you ι	ısed?							
	ot used obile tel.]]	GSM (070)	NMT 900 (010)	NMT 4: (010)	50	Both GS and NM		Do not know	
How many years, t ☐ Less than 1 year		e use used 1-5 years		<i>ephone?</i> -10 year		☐ More	than	10 years	
How often, in avera Less than once Less than 10 m 30 minutes – 1	a week inutes/day	-	☐ A ☐ 10	hone? few cal 0-29 mir lore thai	nutes/	day			
Towards which ear ☐ Right ☐ Le			the mobile in the right and le		ne wh	en you s _l	oeak?		
How much do you Mark one alternativ	e per row	(7+ means	_	,					
Light/mini milk Medium milk Standard milk Light sour milk/	0 	1 2	3 	4 	5 	6 	7+ 		
light yoghurt Sour milk/yoghurt									
Juice/soft drink Light beer									
Tea Coffee	0	Cups per o	day (1 cup= 3 □ □	1,5 dl) 4	5 	6 	7+ 		
Sugar/honey	0	Bits/spoon 1 2	s per day 3 □	4	5	6 □	7+		
Cottage cheese/cu	0 rd 🗌	Tablespoo	nes per dag	y 4 □	5 	6	7+		

		Slice	s per da	ay				
Cheese Light cheese	0 	1 		3 □ □	4 	5 	6 	7+
Crispbread White bread/loaf Coarse rye bread/ wholemeal bread Bread with butter/ margarine								
How do you usually ☐ Rather thick ☐ Very thin	T	er a slic hin o fat at		ead?				
Which types of coo	_	-		•		king		
Butter Bregott Sandwich margarine Light margarine (e.g Cooking margarine (Olive oil Rape oil Cooking oil (e.g. ma Liquid margarine	. Lätta) (e.g. M ize-, su	ilda)	· oil)	Sand	lwich		Cook	king
I do not use cooking	tat							

How often, in average, do you eat the following?

Mark only one alternative per row.

Corn Oatmeal porridge Other porridge/gruel Flakes/muesli Spaghetti/macaroni Pancakes Pizza Rice Wheat or oat bran	Times/month 0 1-3	Times/week 1-2 3-4 5-6	Times/day 1 2 3+
Meat Minced meat dishes (e.g. meatballs, hamburger, mincemeat sauce)	Times/month 0 1-3	Times/week 1-2 3-4 5-6	Times/day 1 2 3+
Pork (whole/casserole) Beef/veal (whole/casserole) Sausage (fried/grilled, boiled) Black pudding Liver/kidney Liverpaste Meat- or sausage on sandwich			

Did you know that...
good eating habits – according to new esteems – probably should reduce cancer occurance with 1/3?
And furthermore protect against many other diseases? To be able to give safer advise regarding healthy food we kindly ask you to fill in this part exactly accurately.

Bird/fish/egg	Times/month 0 1-3	Times/week 1-2 3-4 5-6	Times/day 1 2 3+
Chicken/other bird Herring/Baltic herring/ mackerel			
Salmon/lavaret/char Cod/coalfish/fish finger Caviar Shellfish (shrimps/			
crayfish) Egg/omelet			

Potato/carrots	Times/month 0 1-3	Times/week 1-2 3-4 5-6	Times/day 1 2 3+
Boiled potato Fried potato French fried potatoes Carrots			
Vegetables	Times/month 0 1-3	Times/week 1-2 3-4 5-6	Times/day 1 2 3+
Lettuce/iceberg lettuce Cabbage/red cabbage/ lettuce cabbage			
Cauliflower Broccoli/Brussels			
sprouts Tomato/tomato juice Paprika (sweet pepper) Spinach/whitebeet Green peas Onion/leek Garlic Mixed vegetables Pea soup/beans/lentils			
Fruit/berries	Times/month	Times/week	Times/day
Orange/citrus fruit/juice Apple/Pear Banana Berries (fresh or frozen) Other fruit Jam/marmalade/mash Stewed fruit/fruit soup	0 1-3	1-2 3-4 5-6	1 2 3+
Other	Times/month	Times/week 1-2 3-4 5-6	Times/day 1 2 3+
Coffee bread (buns, cookies) Biscuits/wafers/rusk			
Cakes and pastries Chocolate/chocolate bar Sweets (not chocolate) Ice cream Chips/popcorn/cheese snacks			
Nuts/almond Dressing Mayonnaise Cream/crème fraiche Ketchup			

It is easy to forget one row by mistake. Please check that you have marked <u>one</u> cross on <u>every</u> row.

Fried food	Times/r			s/wee		_	s/day	_
Sausage/beef/pork chop fried in frying pan	0 1-]	1-2	3-4	5-6	1	2	3+
Fish fried in frying pan Chicken fried in frying]]						
pan Grilled/roasted chicken Gravy/sauce of gravy]						
How often do you usua Only mark one alternative	•							
,,	Never	Times/m	onth	Tim	es/wee		Time	es/day
Medium strong beer Strong beer White wine Red wine Dessert wine Liquor		0-1 1-3	3	1-2 	3-4	5-6		
How much do you usuall Beer	Less	n every od s than 33 d 400 cl			33-50 c More th	cl nan 400 c		0-200 cl 0 cans)
Wine	☐ 1 gla	ass 1 bottle			2-3 gla: More th	sses nan 1 bott	le	
Liquor	☐ 6 cl ☐ 19-3	or less 7 cl			7-12 cl More th	nan 37 cl	<u> </u>	3-18 cl
If you drink alcohol, is it in connection to a meal? ☐ Never ☐ Seldom ☐ Sometimes ☐ Often ☐ Always								
Do you take vitamins, minerals or other supplements? ☐ No ☐ Yes, the whole year ☐ Yes, parts of the year								
If Yes, what do you usual		How long	have	you b	een tak	en it?		
Mark with a cross on eve	ry row.	Never		ss thai ear	n 1-5	years	More 5 yea	e than ars
Vitamins without minerals Vitamins with minerals Calcium C-vitamin B-vitamins E-vitamin Q 10 (antioxidant) Oxigard (antioxidant) Beta-carotene	8			oui				313
Fish oil products								

Everything seems to indicate that it is possible to prevent disease by changing the habits of living. But to get a better knowledge of this, scientific studies are necessary. We plan to start that kind of research study within a couple of years and therefore ask if you would be interested to participate. This is only an application of interest; we will send a new inquiry before the study starts, together with detailed information about the habits of living that we believe may improve the health and prevent diseases. Would you like to be contacted and eventually take part in the planned research study? ☐ Yes. I would like to ☐ Yes. mavbe \square No Did you know that... different painkillers have shown to protect against several cancer diseases in animal experiments? Nobody knows if they have the same positive effect in man, but that is something we would like to find out. Therefore we kindly ask you to answer the following questions as accurately as possible. How much acetylsalicylic acid have you taken, in average? (e.g. Magnecyl, Bamyl, Dispril, Aspirin, Alka-Seltzer, Treo, Albyl, Bamycod, Reumyl, Trombyl) State the amount of tablets per month 11-20 1-5 6-10 21-30 More than 30 During the last year Five years ago Ten years ago How much paracetamol have you taken, in average? (e.g. Alvedon, Panodil, Citodon, Curadon, Distalgesic, Lemsip, Panocod, Reliv) State the amount of tablets per month 11-20 1-5 6-10 21-30 More than 30 0 During the last year Five years ago Ten years ago How much indomethacin have you taken, in average? (e.g. Indomee, Confortid, Indometacin). State the amount of capsules per month. 1-5 6-10 11-20 21-30 More than 30 During the last year Five years ago Ten years ago Mark with a cross if you have taken any/some of the following painkillers and anti-inflammatory drugs: Alganex Alpoxen Ardinex Brexidol Brufen Diklofenak Felden Ibumetin Ipren Ketoprefen Miranax Mobic Naproxen Nurofen Orudis Naprosyn Relifex Prolixana Pronaxen Voltaren If you have marked any/some of those drugs, how many tablets or capsules have you

11-20

6-10

1-5

21-30

More than 30

taken per month totally?

During the last year

Ten years ago
No Yes, but have stopped Yes, taking now Do not know cortisone tablets
If you are a male you shall stop here. Please read the information on the next page how to further contribute to the research. If you are a female, you still have 2 pages to answer.
ONLY FOR THE FEMALES
How old were you at your first menstruation? Younger than 11 years 11-12 13-14 15-16 17 or older Do not know
Do you still have menstrual flow? ☐ Yes ☐ No, they ceased (spontaneously or after operation) when I was ☐ under 40 years ☐ 40-44 ☐ 45-49 ☐ 50-54 ☐ 55-59 ☐ Younger than 11 years
How many children have you given birth to? Do not count miscarriage. None 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 More than 9
How old were you when you first child was born? ☐ Under 20 years ☐ 20-24 ☐ 25-29 ☐ 30-34 ☐ 35-39 ☐ 40 years or older
Have you ever been treated for childlessness? ☐ No ☐ Yes
If Yes, which treatment did you get? ☐ Operation ☐ Hormone stimulation (of ovulation) ☐ Other treatment
Have you ever used contraceptive pill? (Do not count so called minipill) No Yes, If Yes, during how long time totally Less than 1 year 1-4 5-9 10 years or more
Hormone treatment (oestrogen) is usually given against different problems in menopause, or to prevent disease. Have you at anytime had hormone treatment? No Yes If Yes, which type and during how long time totally? Oestrogen without gestagen (Progynon, Promarit/Premarina, Estraderm) Less than 1 year 1-4 5-9 10 years or more
 ☐ Oestrogen together with gestagen (combinations like e.g. Kliogest, Trisekvens, Cyclabil, Estracomb, or in separate preparations) ☐ Less than 1 year ☐ 1-4 ☐ 5-9 ☐ 10 years or more

∏ No	estrogen, nave you stopped \square Yes, in that case when	,	ione treatment?	
	During the past year	1-5 years ago	☐ More than 5 years ago	
you can find more envelope. In every	information. When you hav CA-shop there are special	re read it, please put ti boxes where you can	wers. On the following pages he questionnaire in the address leave your answer.	sea
envelope. In every	_	boxes where you can	•	

What does the body's own defence mean?

In many cases there are known causes for a disease – take smoking as an example. How come that not everybody who smoke are subjects for severe illness? Are there inherent protectors in the cells of the body, and is it only the persons who miss those that get ill? Is it possible in the future to find persons who have less protection against the damaging substance in the tobacco?

To get an answer to this and other questions regarding collaboration between external factors (except tobacco, e.g. exercise and food) and the body's defence, you have to study the cell's "control-gear", that is their DNA. The body's DNA can be extracted from a simple blood sample.

We therefore ask you if you are willing to leave a blood sample on some future occasion. We can already inform that only a small group of all willing will be contacted. In order to compare how those who are getting ill differs from the healthy ones, we would in the future even want the possibility to study the cells in tissue from the ill. The sample will be taken in connection with diagnosis or treatment.

As it may take several years before there are enough cases of illness to compare the ill and the healthy, the blood samples have to be saved. To facilitate the analyses the researchers will immediately start to extract DNA. The DNA will be placed in locked freezers without access for unauthorized persons.

DNA compose, as you may know, the genetic make-up. Even though researchers today from the genetic make-up's chemical composition are unable to get a picture of the individual, a lot of people find it unpleasant that the researchers have access to the genetic code. To guarantee that information will not be abused, all future analyses will be examined and approved by the Ethic Committee at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm.

If you would like to take part in this examination we would like you to take a stand to the following:

- Are you willing to leave a blood sample if you are asked?
- Do you allow that the researcher if you would get ill in the future study cells that is taken in connection with diagnosis or treatment?
- Do you allow that the researchers save your DNA for examinations of further protective genes in the future (after duly approval from the Ethic Committee)?

If you find that you can answer Yes on those questions and want to contribute to the research on the body's own protection mechanisms against pathogenic factors, you mark **box A on the backpage**.

Can drugs cause illness in a long run?

Drugs may influence the health both in a short and a long run.

The information about medication that you just gave in the questionnaire can be more valuable if we, in addition, can have the knowledge of your future medication. This is possible as the pharmacies already – via computer systems – leave information to Socialstyrelsen after approval from the owner of the prescription. This information can be used for research.

Do you give your consent that information of your present or ev. future prescriptions of the following drugs may be registered continuously by Socialstyrelsen for the research project which you are taking part in?

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Painkillers	□No	Yes			
Cortisone	☐ No	Yes			
P-pill	☐ No	Yes			
Other hormone preparation	☐ No	Yes			
If you have answered Yes on any of those questions, please mark with a cross in box B on the backpage . I have read the questions on the former page. A Yes, I would like to contribute to the research of the body's own protection mechanisms and am willing to leave a blood sample.					
B Yes, I consent that preser		e drug prescriptions of the marked drugs may be the research project.)		
If you have put a cross in any of the boxes above, we also ask you to put a cross in the box on					

If you have put a cross in any of the boxes above, we also ask you to put a cross in the box on the flap of the addressed envelope. Then we can quickly identify the questionnaires from those who in this way furthermore wish to contribute to the research.