

## Follow-up on POD 30 (Visit 3) - Guideline for phone interview (~ 5 minutes)

I. Contact the study participant (Special cases: a) if it is not possible to reach the patient, please try to contact the next of kin and ask all questions without the cognitive testing  
b) If the patient is not able to communicate, please ask the next of kin the questions, and enter "0" for the 3 word recall cognitive testing)

II. First introduce yourself and tell the participant that you are calling because of his/her participation in the observational trial, and that you would like to ask them some questions about their health and general condition.

III. Please ask the participant the following questions:

1. "How are you?"
2. "Please keep in mind the following three words: Dog, Apple, House. I will ask you to remember these words later."
3. "I would like to know whether you had any of the following complications after your hospital discharge:"
  - a. "Did you have a cardiac arrest or a heart attack after your hospital discharge?"
  - b. "Did you have pneumonia or a pulmonary embolism/lung clot after your hospital discharge?"
  - c. "Did you have a stroke after your hospital discharge?"
  - d. "Did you have kidney impairment after your hospital discharge? Did you need kidney dialysis after your hospital discharge?"
4. Actual functional status:

"Do you require none/some or total assistance from another person for your activities of daily living?"
5. Ask the person to recall the three words you stated in Step 2. Say: "What were the three words I asked you to remember?" Record the correct number of the recalled words: \_\_\_\_\_ (0-3)

IV. Thank the patient and tell them that this was the last contact follow up for this study.