

# Personal History - 3

8 Please choose one of the following which best describes your current occupation:

## CURJOB1

- 1  Homemaker, not working outside the home → Did you previously work outside the home?  No → Skip to #13  
 Yes
- 2  Employed (or self-employed) full time
- 3  Employed (or self-employed) part time
- 4  Employed, but on leave for health reasons
- 5  Employed but temporarily away from my job (other than health reasons)
- 6  Unemployed or laid off 6 months or less
- 7  Unemployed or laid off more than 6 months
- 8  Retired from my usual occupation and not working
- 9  Retired from my usual occupation but working for pay
- 10  Retired from my usual occupation but volunteering

## HOMEMKR1

9 For whom do/did you work? (name of company, business, organization or other employer) If you are not working now, please respond regarding your main occupation before you stopped working.

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10 What type of business or industry is/was this? (e.g., hospital, newspaper publishing, mail order house, auto repair shop, bank, etc.)

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11 What kind of work do/did you do or what was your job title? (e.g. registered nurse, personnel manager, auto mechanic, accountant, grinder operator, etc.)

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12 What are/were your most important activities or duties? (e.g. patient care, directing hiring policies, repairing automobiles, reviewing financial records, operating grinding mill, etc.)

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The following questions have to do with family finances. We know from other research that financial strain is common and very important to consider in understanding people's health. The following questions will be used to help give us a picture of the various financial situations experienced by persons participating in the MESA study. Any information you provide is strictly confidential and will be used for research purposes only.