# WHAT IS YOUR SELF-CARE PERSONA?

According to a national survey, people are taking a more active role in managing their own health and wellness (self-care) and believe they are expected to do so now more than ever before. Among individuals who are most engaged and active in self-managing their health and that of their loved ones, they have a strong balance between seeing their doctors for preventative health measures and demonstrating self-care behaviors. Across varying degrees of health-conscious consumers, there is an opportunity to create greater awareness of how people regard and practice self-care and how individuals' own attitudes and behaviors compare to current trends.

# WHICH PERSONA DO YOU RELATE TO?



#### **KEY CHARACTERISTICS:**

- Excellent health with minimal need for specialists and prescription or over-the-counter (OTC) medications
- Proactive and in control of their health. exercising frequently and eating healthy
- Trust and rely on their doctors 80% see their healthcare providers for a frequent or annual check-up



# Health Elite Boomers (18%)

"I'm older, but still very active, engaged and committed to leading a healthy lifestyle."

# **KEY CHARACTERISTICS:**

- Excellent health with no more than one serious health issue in the past three years
- Exercise frequently, eat healthy and seek a doctor for preventative and maintenance care
- 95% look to their doctors to help them choose the right OTC products when needed



# **Tech-Savvy OTC Parents (9%)**

"I incorporate technology and OTCs as part of my commitment to self-care. Time and money don't always allow me to see my doctor."

# **KEY CHARACTERISTICS:**

- · Good health overall but more likely to see a specialist due to past chronic medical conditions
- · Rely mainly on doctors, but also look to their family and other sources for help
- Often self-medicate and rely more heavily on OTCs due to limited access and time to see a doctor



# Tech-Savvy OTC Independents (13%)

"I'm independent with no kids, but limited access to doctors and financial burdens lead me to technology and OTCs for better self-care."

# **KEY CHARACTERISTICS:**

- Good health but have some chronic medical conditions to manage (68% have a chronic health issue)
- Rely heavily on doctors, especially primary care physicians (PCPs) to help manage their own health
- Often self-medicate and rely heavily on OTCs with additional guidance from their doctors





#### **Chronic Issue Older Adults (15%)**

"I rely heavily on my doctors for proper care for my medical issues rather than turning to self-management."

#### **KEY CHARACTERISTICS:**

- · Generally in poor health with multiple health issues and chronic illnesses
- Try to stay informed and find some technologies useful in self-managing health
- Ultimately depend on their doctor for proper care and treatment



#### **Doctor-less Self-Reliants (11%)**

"I don't go to the doctor because I don't need to. I'm responsible for managing my own health and don't need to rely on anyone else."

#### **KEY CHARACTERISTICS:**

- Good health overall with minimal health issues. but are less engaged with their doctors
- Tend to rely more on family than doctors for info on health (only 31% have a PCP)
- Positive outlook and active use of OTCs to address health issues



#### Health Ambivalents (26%)

"My health is good enough, and I don't feel the need to take a bigger role in self-care other than visiting my doctor for an annual check-up."

# **KEY CHARACTERISTICS:**

- Moderately healthy but generally not concerned with their health and well-being
- Poor health habits
- Have a PCP and typically go just for an annual physical/check-up

\*Percentages are based on survey data analyses and are inclusive of all respondents.

\*\*The insights and findings represented above are based on a 2014 survey conducted by Ipsos, in collaboration with the National Council on Patient Information and Education (NCPIE) and Pfizer, among a nationally representative sample of 2,024 American adults, aged 18 and older, and 516 primary care physicians between September 25 and October 15, 2014.



#### **Health Rejecters (3%)**

"I have OK health. but I don't feel the need to be more active in self-care."

# **CHARACTERISTICS:**

- Not in great health but don't have any major health issues
- Poor health behaviors and are not engaged with self-care at all
- Do not rely on anyone to help manage their health



