

Brief Negotiation Pocket Card: ASK, Don't tell *

Ask permission:	Would you be willing to spend a few minutes discussing ways to stay healthy and energized?	
Ask open-ended questions Listen and summarize:	How do you feel about your weight? What have you tried so far to work toward a healthier weight?	
Share BMI/Risk Factors:	Your current weight puts you at increased risk for developing heart disease and diabetes. What do you make of this? Offer your interpretation and advice AFTER eliciting the patient's/parent's response.	
Negotiate the agenda:	There are a number of ways to help you achieve a healthy weight (use 5-2-1-0). Is there one of these you'd like to discuss further today?	
Assess readiness:	On a scale of 0-10, how ready are you to consider? Why a (# chosen)? Why are you a and not a (higher number on scale)? What would it take to move you from a to a?	
Explore ambivalence & summarize:	Normalize the behavior. What are the things you like/dislike about? What are the advantages of keeping things the same / making a change? Let me see if I understand what you have told me so far (begin with reasons for maintaining the status quo, end with reasons for making a change). Did I get it all?	
Tailor the intervention:	See Stage of Readiness chart on other side of card.	
Close the encounter: Show appreciation & offer advice. Emphasize choice & express confidence. Next steps:	Our time is almost up. Thank you for being willing to discuss I strongly encourage you to The choice, of course, is yours. I am confident that if you decide to, you can be successful. Make follow up appointment / Referral to a specialist.	

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Unsure Stages 4 — 6 Evaluate ambivalence Elicit change talk Build readiness Promote "pros" of change	 Where does that leave you now? What do you see as your next steps? What are you thinking/feeling at this point? Where does fit in your future?
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