

## Draft Creative Brief February 20, 2013

Project	Self-Management Education (SME) Promotion
Project Objectives  What are your communications goals and objectives?	<ul> <li>CDC is exploring the feasibility of developing a communication campaign that markets the concept of SME as a way to manage chronic disease, rather than promoting disease-specific, individual programs.</li> <li>The communication goal is to increase overall awareness of SME and thus increase receptiveness when individuals are exposed to specific SME programs.</li> <li>Objectives are to:         <ul> <li>Knowledge that SME programs exist</li> <li>Knowledge that non-medical behaviors are important</li> <li>Knowledge that they have a role to play in managing how they live</li> <li>Awareness that SME has health benefits</li> <li>Recognition that people like them participate in SME programs</li> <li>Recognition that HCPs think SME is important and effective</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Target Audience  Who are you trying to reach? Where are they located?	<ul> <li>People living with chronic disease(s)</li> <li>Target age: 45-70 years old (more likely to have 2 or more chronic diseases)</li> <li>National audience, all races/ethnicities (but materials will only be in English)</li> <li>Needs to resonate with lower SES groups and African Americans (increased likelihood of chronic disease); also with women (more likely to attend SME programs)</li> <li>Possible secondary audience: Health care providers</li> </ul>
Product Description  What are its features? What is it that is unique or different? Are there other marketing efforts?	<ul> <li>SME refers to educational interventions designed to enhance patient self-management. The programs vary in mode of delivery, but have the same goal of helping people develop the skills to live healthier lives.</li> <li>The product we are promoting is chronic disease self-management education itself – not a particular program.</li> <li>Others are working to promote individual programs for specific conditions. The idea is that this campaign helps prime the audience to be more receptive to further outreach.</li> </ul>

Customer/User Benefit  How will user be better off?  What are the strongest  benefits?	<ul> <li>Empowerment</li> <li>Self-efficacy</li> <li>Independence</li> <li>Less pain</li> <li>Healthier future</li> <li>Social support</li> <li>Manage disease severity</li> <li>Strategies and techniques</li> <li>Less life interruption/ability to do things you want</li> <li>Less fear/less stress about health problems</li> <li>More energy/less fatigue</li> </ul>
Competition  What similar products and services are available?	<ul><li>Medication</li><li>Not doing anything</li></ul>
Creative Considerations  What limitations or constraints should be considered? Does the budget dictate creative direction?	<ul> <li>Campaign would likely have small budget – focus on print and online</li> <li>Want to test:         <ul> <li>Various tones – positive, hopeful, fear/severity</li> <li>Importance of physician support of SME</li> <li>Messenger that is like viewer</li> <li>General messages vs. diseases mentioned</li> <li>Different calls to action – visit URL to find program, talk to a health provider, call a phone number</li> <li>Address barriers – lots of different SME programs, find the one that fits your life</li> <li>Different terms for self-management</li> <li>Different channels</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Single Most Important Point  The bottom line. If the customer remembers only one thing, what should it be?	<ul> <li>SME can help you develop the skills you need to manage your chronic condition and live the life you want to live.</li> </ul>
Other Considerations	<ul> <li>Concepts are for testing at this stage and will be refined – want to test multiple angles (different concepts, tone, imagery, etc.)</li> <li>Will there be logos or organizational identifiers? Test CDC or generic/local</li> <li>CDC will need to decide on call to action</li> </ul>