## **Appendix 1.** The 8-Item Morisky Medication Adherence Scale (MMAS-8)

- Item 1. Do you sometimes forget to take your Aspirin and/or Plavix pills?
- Item 2. People sometimes miss taking their medications for reasons other than forgetting. Thinking over the past 2 weeks, were there any days when you did not take your Aspirin and/or Plavix?
- Item 3. Have you ever cut back or stopped taking your medication without telling your doctor, because you felt worse when you took it?
- Item 4. When you travel or leave home, do you sometimes forget to bring along your Aspirin and/or Plavix?
- Item 5. Did you take your Aspirin and/or Plavix yesterday?
- Item 6. When you feel like your antiplatelet is under control, do you sometimes stop taking your medicine?
- Item 7. Taking medication every day is a real inconvenience for some people. Do you ever feel hassled about sticking to your antiplatelet treatment plan?
- Item 8. How often do you have difficulty remembering to take all your medications?

Never, rarely, sometimes, usually, or all the time