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Subject is a Caucasian female, 50+ years of age. College-educated. Works as a radiologist.

Was born in Baltimore. Has also lived in Dover, Delaware.

TRANSCRIPTION OF UNSCRIPTED SPEECH:

No I love, I love my patients. They come in and they're not feeling well. Um, a lot of them have chronic pain, back pain, knee pain, whatever, um. And I, I, I love people, I enjoy people. And they always say, oh it's nice to have somebody smiling and they're nervous, they're scared, you know. But um, I enjoy what I do. I've been doing it probably about 35 years. But, you know, we're there because of the patients, and they do hurt and they're not feeling good. And sometimes they can be very difficult. Um, then you get the patients that have Alzheimer's, and and things like tha...it's just sad. It's just...and you think, this could be your mother or your father and you try to be as compassionate as you can, but I love, I love what I do. And it's interesting, it's fun, it's always something different. And we just went to digital so we have to know how to do the darn computer and, you know, it's a...but it's fun and I'm learning, and you know, at my age it's...I'm game for it, I'm...you know, it's fun.

NOTES ON PRONUNCIATION:

Overall tendency of phonetic reduction. Characteristic posture of raised tongue (dorsum). Also specific instances of lip rounding as described below.

Raised posture of the anterodorsum of the tongue results in the pronunciation of [ëö] in many Baltimore and Maryland dialects in stressed syllables, heard in this sample in words such as "rainbow" "no" ['ræmbëö] [nëö].

Another key feature of dialects from the region related to raising of the dorsum can be observed in the pronunciation of the spelled letter "l". Generally speaking, in all but the initial position, pronunciation of "l" is often labialized [ɫʷ]. When "l" follows a front or central unrounded vowel or is syllabic, frequently only the posterodorsum is raised, but the tip/blade of the tongue is NOT raised--lip rounding appears to substitute for raising of the tongue tip/blade. This often results in the substitution of a back rounded vowel [ʊ] for "l". Examples are found in "miracle" "physical" "result" ['mɪɹəkəö] ['fɪzəkəö] [ɹi'zəöt].

Where "l" follows a back rounded vowel or diphthong [ɔ] [oö]--perhaps because the posterodorsum is already raised and lips rounded--often no sound substitutes for the "l". In those instances, I would suggest that the back rounded vowels essentially "stand in" for both the vowel AND the lateral approximate. Examples are found in "falls" "gold" [fɔz] [goöd].

Other notable pronunciations in the sample:

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| token | [ˈtʰɔ̥kɪ] |
| into | [ˈɛntə] |
| path | [pæθ] |
| man | [mæn] |
| over | [ɔ̥və] |
| increases | [ɛnˈkrisəz] [ˈɛnkrisəs] |

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