

A4F08 - NOTES AND COMPUTED VARIABLES

(Medical and Weight History)

Sex-specific questions should have been skipped by persons of the opposite sex. We have set these to missing in the SAS code.

The following discrepancies in the FORM08 weight data have been discovered. These include:

The weight that some subjects listed as the most they have ever weighed was found to be less than what they weighed at the anthropometry station (n=782). The age at which subjects weighed this maximum amount was also examined; a number of subjects were found for whom this age was older than their age at the time of the exam (n=28). The third problem involved subjects who answered "No" to ever being on a diet, but "Yes" to currently dieting (n=12).

The following suggestions regarding editing the data for analysis have been made: (Note: These suggestions have not been implemented in the SAS code.)

- 1) If the subject's current weight is greater than his stated maximum weight, and:
 - a. The difference is 15 lbs or less, then the maximum weight will be replaced by the current weight.
 - b. The difference is greater than 15 lbs, then the maximum weight will be made "missing."
NOTE: This will also eliminate unreasonably low weights.