

C1F08 - NOTES AND COMPUTED VARIABLES

(Medical History)

Form 8 was interviewer-administered in both Exam 1 and Exam 2. The form was revised prior to the third exam to make it self-administered and to reduce the number of medical conditions and medications and thus the number of follow-up forms. In addition, all weight and weight history questions were eliminated. In the process of revision, several questions were re-worded so that the comparability of the Exam 3 data for Form 8 with that from previous exams is not possible in some instances. These cases are noted below.

The Form 8 variable regarding high blood pressure medication (C08BPNOW) refers to current use, **not** "ever use" as in previous exams (A08BPMED and B08BPMED). C08BPNOW is comparable to the Form 9 medication follow-up variable from previous exams (A09MDNOW [where A09MDTYP = HBP] and B09HBNOW).

Likewise, variables regarding birth control use (C08BCNOW) and other hormone use (C08HMNOW) refer to current use, **not** "ever use" as in previous exams (A08BRTHC and A08HORMN). C08BCNOW is comparable to the Form 9 medication follow-up variable from previous exams (A09BCNOW and B09BCNOW). C08HMNOW is comparable to A09MDNOW (where A09MDTYP = HORM) and B09HMNOW.

For all Form 8 variables regarding the age at diagnosis of a specific disease, comparable data from Exams 1 and 2 can be found in the Form 9 follow-up data files. For example, the variable regarding the age at which diagnosis of diabetes occurred (C08DIBAG) would be compared with A09DIBAG and B09DIBAG. Any age at diagnosis of disease recorded as 0 was verified; these values indicate that the participant was born with the condition or was diagnosed before the first birthday.