

MEDICATION FOLLOW-UP - NOTES AND COMPUTED VARIABLES

The Medication Follow-Up data can be found in six files. Those files and the data contained therein include:

- C1F09MHB - Antihypertensive medications
- C1F09MCH - Cholesterol lowering medications
- C1F09MAS - Medications for asthma or other breathing problems
- C1F09MOT - Other prescription medications
- C1F09MBC - Birth control pills
- C1F09MHM - Hormones other than birth control pills

NOTE: Multiple records per participant are allowable for all medications except birth control pills.

Medication codes are derived from the chapter titles of Drug Evaluations, prepared by the American Medical Association. (A copy of the table of contents from this book is included.) The medication codes for Exam 3 are taken from the 6th edition of the book; the codes used in Exams 1 and 2 are from the 5th edition. Thus, Exam 3 medication codes are not directly comparable with those from Exams 1 and 2.

Interviewer ID is not included in this file. This variable was inadvertently excluded from the data entry system.

C1F09MBC Computed Variables:

C09BCCUS (derived from C09BCBY1 and C09BCBM1)

- Total number of months participant has used birth control pills since last began use.

C09BCTUS (derived from C09BCTYR and C09BCTMO)

- Total number of months participant has used birth control pills since first began use.