

D1F08A - NOTES AND COMPUTED VARIABLES
(Medical History)

New Release of Version 4.1

After D1F08 was distributed in September 1993, it was discovered that the breastfeeding variables had not been included in the data set.

Comparability of Variables with Previous Exams

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 it remained so for the fourth exam. Also, additional medical conditions and some questions regarding weight and weight history questions were added to the form since Exam 3. All of the questions that appear both in the Exam 3 and the Exam 4 questionnaires are directly comparable. There are several questions for which the comparability of the Exam 4 data for Form 8 with that from Exams 1 and 2 is not possible. These cases are noted below.

The Form 8 variable regarding high blood pressure medication (D08BPNOW) refers to current use, **not** "ever use" as in Exams 1 and 2 (A08BPMED and B08BPMED). D08BPNOW is comparable to the Form 9 medication follow-up variable from Exam 1 (A09MDNOW) [where A09MDTYP = HBP] and Exam 2 (B09HBNOW).

Likewise, variables regarding birth control use (D08BCNOW) and other hormone use (D08HMNOW) refer to current use, **not** "ever use" as in Exam 1 (A08BRTHC and A08HORMN). D08BCNOW is comparable to the Form 9 medication follow-up variable from Exams 1 and 2 (A09BCNOW and B09BCNOW). D08HMNOW is comparable to A09MDNOW (where A09MDTYP = HORM) and B09HMNOW.

For all Form 8 variables regarding the age at diagnosis of a