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Subject: Re: postnatal checkup of mother and newborn  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 11 Jul 2016 15:20:32 GMT  
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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

Regarding post-natal care, m50 (yes/no) and m51 (timing) always refer to the mother. m70 and m71 are similar but always refer to the child. It's unfortunate that the names of these variables are often ambiguous as to whether they refer to the mother or the child. You can usually resolve the ambiguity by looking at the labels for variables that have nearby numbers. However, what I said is the standard DHS coding.

It appears that the 1996-97 and 1999-2000 Bangladesh surveys do not include these variables.

The 2004 survey includes m50 and m51. It does not include m70 and m71. s432a is probably equivalent to m70, but there is no s variable for the timing.

You should go to the questionnaires, included as appendices in the back of the main reports, to see whether questions were included about the timing of postnatal care, for the mother or the child. If you do this for the 2004 survey, you should be able to find questions about yes/no and timing for the child, and possibly a yes/no question for the child (which would be the source of s432a) but (I believe) no question about the timing for the child.

As you can imagine, postnatal care is very similar for the mother and child. However, the two are not identical.

Unfortunately, the comparisons you would like to make may simply not be possible.