
Subject: Re: DRC - outpatient care and hospitalization data
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Fri, 19 Aug 2016 11:02:44 GMT
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Following is a response from DHS Senior Research Associate, Wenjuan Wang:

You can use PR file, and you have the right variables on reasons for care. The reason that you can't tabulate these variables with ha1(age) and ha40(BMI) is due to the sample design of this survey. The sampling section in Chapter 1 of the report gives more information. In this survey (also applies to many other DHS surveys) a subsample of households was selected for the men's survey. Women's height and weight measurements were collected only for this subsample. However the health expenditure module was administered to only households that were NOT selected for the men's survey. At the beginning of the module (p.542), a filter question indicates this module is only for members from households that were NOT selected for the men's subsample.

Collecting data in different subsamples is not uncommon in DHS. This helps avoid overburdening households with a long questionnaire but still obtaining nationally representative estimates. But certainly you can examine associations with women's other characteristics that are available.

Please let us know if you have other questions
