
Subject: Malaria Treatment Variable

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Hello,

I have accessed the Malawi 2012 MIS (Individual Recode) and want to create an outcome variable that includes treatment for child fever in the last two weeks.

Before constructing the variable I want to make sure I understand the coding within the dataset.

In the individual recode there are 6 variables (s404a_1-6) corresponding to days ago fever started, then 6 treatment variables (s406a1-6). Am I correct that this is one women and up to 6 kids which treatment information is collected? For example s404a_1 is the number of days the fever started and then s406a1 is that same kid and the number of days after the fever began treatment was sought. Following that pattern s404a_2 goes with s406a2...s404a3 goes with s406a3...

Is there a better way to construct malaria treatment behavior or am I on the right track?

Thanks,

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