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Subject: Re: Postnatal care Ghana

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

In the IR file, variables that end with \_1 through \_5 refer to children born in the past five years. "\_1" is for the youngest child born in the past five years, "\_2" for the next youngest, etc. In the 1998 survey, the visits are for the mother AND child. Thus s417b\_1 applies to the most recent birth. If there was no birth in the past five years, it will be "." for NA ("Not Applicable"). It will be 1 if postnatal care was received, 0 if not. If s417b\_1 is "." or 0, then s417c\_1 will be "." If there is a numerical code for s417c\_1, the first digit will be 1 if digits 2-3 give hours. The first digit will be 2 if digits 2-3 give days. Note that days and hours are always "completed" days/hours. There is no "200" because that would mean "completed days=0", in which case the response is given in hours, such as "108". "201" means "one completed day", which is the same as 24-47 completed hours, or during the second day. "202" means "2 completed days, etc.

In the 2003 survey, m50\_\* and m51\_\* are the corresponding variables. I found them with the "lookfor" command, as in "lookfor check". Note that in the 1998 survey, these were country-specific questions. By 2003, they had become core questions and the variable name starts with m rather than s.