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Subject: Re: Creating a variable for disease

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Wed, 30 May 2018 11:54:12 GMT

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

Yes, you definitely can construct such a variable. It would be 1 if any of the three relevant variables is "yes" and 0 otherwise, except that it would be NA (dot) if all of the three variables are NA. But it would seem much more appropriate to me to think of illness as a consequence, rather than as a determinant, of malnutrition.

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