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Subject: Queries on calendar data in NFHS-4  
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Dear DHS experts,

I will like your guidance and clarity on the following issues that I have with calendar data in India DHS 2015-16.

1. I will like to request information on what the following codes stand for in calendar column 2 (reasons for discontinuation):

K, P, Q R, S, T, W

In total, these account for 13313 observations of the variable ev903a ("discontinuation code (alpha)" - obtained using example 7 of the calendar tutorial). If these codes are India survey specific, I may need to adjust my commands accordingly. The women's questionnaire from NFHS-4 indicates 4 codes (N, M, G, L) apart from X (indicates other) that are not reflected in the "reasonlist" used in the do-file. I understand from the calendar tutorial that the characters K and W are special codes and need to be dropped. But I am not sure of the other 5 codes: P, Q R, S, T, and will like to clarify.

2. Also, NFHS-4 data has calendar column 7 and I will request information on what it is.

3. Even though the questionnaire refers to a calendar column devoted to ultrasound conducted during pregnancy, I don't find it in the dataset.

4. Finally, I fail to understand that the calendar column 1 does not have a specific category for emergency contraception even though NFHS-4 is DHS phase VI survey. Have I missed something here?

Thank you  
Deepali

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