Subject: Re: Discrepancy in Frequency of Antenatal Care & Post Natal Care
(Pakistan's BR-file 2017-18
Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Fri, 16 Oct 2020 14:05:16 GMT
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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

The children in the KR file have a code "bidx" that is 1 for the most recent birth, 2 for the next
most recent, etc. Because of multiple births, bidx ranges from 1 to 5 in this survey. If you open
the KR file and enter "tab m15 bidx" you will see that m15 is provided for all values of bidx. But if
you enter "tab m71 bidx" you will see that m71 is only asked about the latest birth, the one with
bidx=1. It is coded "NA" for births with bidx>1. In all DHS surveys, some MCH questions are
asked about all births and some are asked just about the most recent birth. As a general rule, the
limitation to the most recent birth is made for outcomes that would be most affected by recall
error.