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Subject: Full Birth History or Verbal Autopsy

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Dear DHS Representative,

I am working on the BR file (2017-18 PDHS) for determining the predictors of neonatal mortality in Pakistan.

While going through the published literature on the DHS data for neonatal mortality some of the authors use that the information on the neonatal or even the child mortality was collected through verbal autopsy (Part in women questionnaire) and some authors plus the literature of the institute on the population health sciences states for estimating the neonatal or child mortality rate the DHS program use the full birth history.

I made the search for "verbal autopsy" on the final PDHS report 2017-18 but didn't find any match.

Please clarify What a researcher should mention in their paper or thesis doc, the manner in which the information is collected on the neonatal mortality; is it "Full Birth History" Or "Verbal autopsy" in the women questionnaire tool.

Waiting for your kind and elaborate reply.

Best Regards

Dr. Hussain

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