Subject: Re: Blood Pressure and Glucose Variables - India Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Fri, 03 May 2024 13:23:35 GMT

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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

Have you looked at the final report on the NFHS-5

(https://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/FR375/FR375.pdf)? Chapter 12 includes tables on blood pressure levels and blood glucose levels. These measurements and the questions you refer to are not equivalent to medical diagnoses of hypertension or diabetes for individuals but they can suggest differences across sub-populations. As you say, sb20 and s728b, for example, do not correspond closely, and they do not correspond strongly with the blood pressure measurements taken as art of the household survey.

Please check the final report and the public health literature on the potential uses of data on non-communicable diseases.