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Subject: Re: Time of Male Circumcision

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Thu, 07 Jan 2016 23:10:47 GMT

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Dear User,

The standard (core) man's questionnaire under DHS6 and DHS7 can be found on our website.

<http://dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-dhsq7-dhs-questionnaires-and-manuals.cfm>

The standard questionnaire has 4 questions referencing male circumcision.

Quote:

QM801 Some men are circumcised, that is, the foreskin is completely removed from the penis.

Are you circumcised?

QM802 How old were you when you got circumcised?

QM803 Who did the circumcision?

QM804 Where was it done?

The standard recode contains the following recode variables which correspond to the standard variables in the core:

Quote:

Male circumcision

MV483 Whether the respondent circumcised.

MV483A Age at circumcision

MV483B Who performed the circumcision

MV483C Place where circumcision was done

I think age at circumcision will more or less give you the when (from your query). Having said that, your downloaded data sets may contain all 4, none, or even extra questions. If you have all 4 you will find the 4 recoded variables. If none, then this data will not exist for that particular data set. If you have EXTRA questions, then these would be seen as country-specific variables in your male recode data set. For example: In Namibia DHS 2013 there are the 4 standard questions, plus 3 EXTRA questions.

Quote:

QM801 Now I would like to ask you some other questions relating to health matters. Some men are circumcised, that is, the foreskin is completely removed from the penis. Are you circumcised?

QM802 How old were you when you got circumcised?

QM803 Who did the circumcision?

QM804 Where was it done?

QM804A If you had a baby boy, would you have him circumcised?

QM804B Are there any benefits to male circumcision?

QM804C What are the benefits of male circumcision?

In this case the extra questions would appear as country-specific questions in the man's recode data file and they would begin with the letter "S". They normally would follow the same question number as in the questionnaire used in the field.

In this case they should be SM804A, SM804B, and SM804C.

When you download your data sets you should also get a Word Document which documents important information about your data set. It also contains a list of country-specific variables. Yu

can also search in your map or frequency files for the man's recode for keywords or "SM" variables.

For your convenience I have attached a spreadsheet containing surveys which reference male circumcision. If you hover over the comments, you should see text (in most cases) for what the exact question was. Hope this helps.

#### File Attachments

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1) [MaleCircumcision\\_7Jan2016.xlsx](#), downloaded 673 times

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