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Subject: Last time tested for HIV - MW2010, ZW2005, CM2004

Posted by [salome](#) on Fri, 06 Aug 2021 15:12:09 GMT

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Good afternoon

I would very much appreciate your help with the following. My variable of interest is the timing of the last HIV test among all women (v826/v826a). However I notice that there are many NAs for Malawi 2010, Zimbabwe 2005 and Cameroon 2004. After careful data exploration I notice that women are NA for these surveys have gotten their HIV test at the ANC. In these countries, does this question exclude women who have had their last HIV test at the ANC? Sadly IPUMS DHS does not include these countries (except for ZW 2005) so I am unable to check the universe of this question.

My understanding is that in general, "When was the last time you tested for HIV?" question denominator includes all women who have heard of HIV/AIDS and have been tested for HIV.

Thank you in advance. I have been stuck on this for a while!

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Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 16 Aug 2021 18:20:43 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS Project Director, Joy Fishel:

The general question for women "When was the last time you were tested for HIV?" is not asked of women with a recent birth who were tested during ANC and not since then. However, the procedure for these women is that the time since their last HIV test is coded into the standard survey recode variable (v826/v826a).

However, I believe three surveys mentioned had skip errors in the questionnaire such that SOME of the women who were testing for HIV during ANC were not asked a question about time since last test. In some of the surveys, the women missing the date of last test are those tested in ANC and not since, and in others, it was those tested in ANC and after.

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Subject: Re: Last time tested for HIV - MW2010, ZW2005, CM2004

Posted by [salome](#) on Tue, 17 Aug 2021 14:42:45 GMT

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Thank you so much for your response. This is very helpful!

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