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Subject: HIV Positive During Pregnancy

Posted by [Nesco Miyambu](#) on Wed, 03 Jul 2024 09:51:57 GMT

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I am busy with my PhD thesis on the association between Maternal Multimorbidity and maternal health care services with the specific focus on Timing and number of antenatal care services among South African Women. As such I wanted to ask if you do know how one can determine women who were currently pregnant and were HIV Positive in the South African Demographic and Health Survey 2016

Again, I wanted to ask which variables i can use to determine women who were currently pregnant and have this following conditions-Hypertension, depression, TB or any other conditions which may impact their health during pregnancy?

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Subject: Re: HIV Positive During Pregnancy

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Fri, 05 Jul 2024 19:47:58 GMT

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

I suggest that you spend some time looking at the final report (especially chapter 16, on "Adult Morbidity"), the questionnaire, and the variables in the PR, IR, KR, and AR files. You will find maternal health variables in both the IR and KR files. HIV test results are only in the AR file, and have to be merged with the other files using the cluster id, household id, and line number. If you merge the AR and IR files you can identify women who are pregnant and HIV positive. To find the blood pressure measurements, enter "lookfor systolic" in the PR file. These variables have to be merged into the IR file using the cluster id, household id, and line number. The data do not contain clinical diagnoses of depression or TB. Current pregnancy status is given by v213 in the IR file and ha54 in the PR file.

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