Subject: Ghana blood pressure measurement Posted by sanand2 on Thu, 06 Oct 2016 19:01:44 GMT

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When working with the latest Ghana DHS, we find that women have 2 blood pressure measurements, and men have 3. Is this correct? Or are we simply not catching the 3rd BP measurement among women?

Shuchi

Subject: Re: Ghana blood pressure measurement Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Mon. 10 Oct 2016 11:10:14 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

From Mianmian Yu, Senior Data Processing Specialist: Quote: The third measurement of blood pressure is given in the IR file by s1056a and s1056b.

From Gulnara Semenov, Senior DHS Specialist: Quote:Both women and men had their blood pressure measured three times. Each time they were asked for permission for taking another BP measurement. If consent was not given for the second or third measurement, we had a code to record that. The second and third measurements then had to be averaged and reported back to the respondent. If there were only two measurements, the second one was used in place of an average. The BP distribution and high BP prevalence are based on the averaged BP (plus information on taking meds for those with the normal BP).

Subject: Re: Ghana blood pressure measurement Posted by sanand2 on Wed, 02 Nov 2016 21:51:15 GMT

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Thank you for this reply!

Also had another question: we were looking for height and weight (to calculate BMI) for men. Is this available in the MR file? We could identify corresponding variable names. We did find height and weight in the HR files but these have more than one measurement?

Thank you.