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Subject: about cesaeen section for last baby  
Posted by [phres110](#) on Sat, 19 Nov 2016 15:49:11 GMT  
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Hello

Kindly tell me what is the difference between m17 and v401 as both of them are for cesarean section. I am using women as my unit of analysis and want to study the last birth or the most recent birth in the last 5 years by c/s. Which variable I should use?

Regards

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Subject: Re: about cesaeen section for last baby  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Wed, 23 Nov 2016 16:21:19 GMT  
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Dear User,

If you are interested in analyzing the last born child then you would want to use V401. M17 is asked of all the children in the three/five years preceding interview. However, M17(1) is the same as V401 which refers to the last born child.

Hope this helps.

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Subject: Re: about cesaeen section for last baby  
Posted by [phres110](#) on Wed, 23 Nov 2016 16:35:49 GMT  
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Dear Liz-DHS

Thank you very much for your gentle and quick reply. I am sorry to bother you again i have one more question i am working on NFHS three rounds and cesarean section. In NFHS 1 as there is three years priors to the birth history is available. As far as i know V238 is the variable for deliveries in last three years i am seraching for it but this variable is not present in NFHS 1(1992-93).

What is the alternative variable then?

Thanks in advance

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Subject: Re: about cesaeen section for last baby  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Fri, 03 Feb 2017 17:46:09 GMT  
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Dear User,

You are correct. V238 Births in the last three years does not exist in the data set for India 1992-93. However they have the following:

V208 Births in the last five years

S225 Births since January 1988/89. (survey specific)

This was an early survey and at that time the standard recode (DHS-II) did not contain a definition

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for Births in the last three years.

For more information on the Standard Recode Manual please see:[http://](http://www.dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-dhsg4-dhs-questi)

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