

The Pregnancy, Infection, and Nutrition (PIN) Study – PIN 1 and 2

GENERAL DOCUMENTATION INFORMATION

The PIN Study documentation is an annotated listing of variables, their labels in SAS, and comments that include some of the response categories that appear in the questionnaire along with the special codes that were established based on the CPC data support staff coding decisions. Multiple data sets are associated with some instruments (e.g., the Main Q) because of different file formats such as multiple obs per woman. See the specific documentation for clarification about the questionnaire sections and the associated data sets and different levels of confidential data.

General coding rules are described on the next page. Please refer to a copy of the specific questionnaire for additional printed response codes.

The **variable names** were constructed to identify the source instrument (e.g., MQ for the Main Questionnaire), then the question number (A1 for section A, question 1). In cases where there was more than one variable for the question, the convention was to use A, B, C..., or AA, AB, BA, BB (see question MQB3AA as an example).

While an attempt has been made to capture the **skip patterns** in this documentation, please refer to the specific questionnaire for a more thorough understanding of these logic paths.

General Coding Rules

- 9 - A code of "9" or filling the variable field with nines ("99" for a variable of length 2) denotes a missing value or error. Use this code to show that there was no response for a question that should have been answered (a missing value) or there were multiple responses marked for one question (an error).
- 8 - A code of "8" or filling the variable field with "9's" ending with an eight ("9998" for a variable of length 4) denotes that the subject answered the question with "Don't know" or in certain cases refused to answer the question.
- 7 - A code of "7" or filling the variable field with 9's ending with a seven ("997" for a variable of length 3) denotes that the question was intended to be skipped because it was not applicable in the interview, was marked "NA," or had a line crossing it out.

Special Codes

- 96 - Refused. Never used as a code for a single digit field unless it is a valid response. In single digit fields "refused" is coded as "8" unless it is used as a response option for "Refused" (as in the AIDS section of the Main Q).
- 95 - "All my life", "when I was in school", "many" or any response that indicates a non-specific, long span of time or non-specific, large amount. In questions MQE8 through MQE15 "5+" should be coded 95. Never use code for a single digit field.
- 94 - "Not long", "when I was in elementary school", "a few" or any response that indicates a relatively short amount of time or small amount. Never use code for a single digit field.
- 93 - A number larger than field will allow. Actual number documented in code book with its PATID. Never use code for a single digit field.
- 92 - Indeterminate amount. (In Specimen Collection Documentation Form.) Never use code for a single digit field.
- 91 - "Never." Used when a date was expected but the subject responded with "never." Example: "What was the last day you had an orgasm?" and the response was "never." Never use code for a single digit field.
- 90 - Used as an indicator that the subject's response could not be coded using established codes. It's a response to "Other" that doesn't fit in list/combinations of 01-09. It is only used for questions MQH11. and MQH25. Never use code for a single digit field.

Responses given in ranges

The midpoint is taken and rounded, if necessary, to fit into the field.