

Dermatology Section (June 2002) Sample Person Questionnaire

Description

The Dermatology section (variable name prefix DEQ) provides personal interview data on several skin condition topics. Dermatology conditions have not been evaluated in NHANES since NHANES I, 1971-75.

Many of the questions in this section were adapted from existing questionnaires or scales used in clinical dermatology practice.

Topics in the DEQ section:

- General questions about skin and hair
- Questions about history of skin disease
- Questions about current skin condition

Eligible Sample

The eligible sample consists of participants age 6 through 59 years.

Data Collection and Processing

Open-ended questions, such as DEQ.100 allow for multiple responses. Open-ended questions were followed by the probes "any others" or "other specify" in order to capture all possible responses.

Question DEQ.110 was checked along with age information (age <16 and age >+ 16) to make sure that only people who were old enough to be in the work force answered the question.

Special Notes on Using the Dataset

Analysts should be aware that some questions, (e.g., DEQ.080 and DEQ.100) have very few responses. Even with two years of data collection, there is not enough sample size to allow for meaningful information to be derived from these variables. Accordingly, these questions will be removed from the questionnaire section as of 2002.