

**Analgesic Medications Subsection (June 2002)**  
**Dietary Supplements and Prescription Medication Section**  
**Household Interview-Sample Person Questionnaire**

**Description**

The Analgesic Subsection (RXQ\_ANA) is part of the Dietary Supplements and Prescription Medication Section of the Sample Person Questionnaire.

Data on lifetime and current, chronic use of specific prescription and nonprescription analgesic medications were collected.

**Eligible Sample**

Survey participants 20 years of age and older

**Data Collection**

Respondents were asked a series of questions about lifetime and current chronic use of specific prescription and nonprescription pain medication that were identified on a hand card shown to the participant by the interviewer (refer below). Chronic use was defined as 'use nearly every day for as long as a month.'

A hand card listed the following pain-relieving products:

Aspirin – also buffered aspirin products such as Anacin, Bayer, Bufferin, Midol, Ascripton, Ecotrin, Pabrin, and Alka Seltzer

Tylenol – also other acetaminophen products, including sinus products such as Anacin-3, Dristan AF, and Comtrex

Ibuprofen – also Advil, Nuprin, Motrin IB (including cold and sinus products containing ibuprofen)

Excedrin  
Vanquish  
Feldene  
Voltarin  
Clinoril  
Indocin  
Naprosyn – also Aleve  
Tolectin

## **Data Editing**

For the question on the number of years of use of an analgesic product nearly every day, some participants reported use for more than one year, however, they did not provide the exact number of years of use. The derived variable (RXD320) on this data release file records the responses for these individuals as “used for more than one year, unspecified.”

## **Analytic Notes**

This file is a drug product level file. Therefore, participants who reported the use of multiple analgesics will have a record for each reported analgesic.

Note that the data do not differentiate between prescription and nonprescription analgesics.