BRHS 3-5 year follow-up (Q5) questionnaire

1983-85 (Q5)

Data notes and Coding instructions protocol

Questionnaire method	Self-administered postal questionnaire
Type of questionnaire	Structured questionnaire with open-ended questions coded using a questionnaire coding protocol.
BRHS study time point (Year of follow-up)	3-5 year follow-up
Year	1983-85
Mailing dates	1983-1985
Age range of sample	45-64 years
Number of completed questionnaires	7275
Response rate %	98%

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Data notes and coding

Notes on coding inconsistencies, known errors, other data anomalies and additional response codes introduced during the coding stage are made for each affected question. Where possible recommendation on how the data can be treated is given.

Valid value ranges are those shown on the questionnaire. If additional codes are found in the data, check in the data notes below for any new categories that were introduced for a particular question during the coding process.

Coding of open-ended questions: Responses to open-ended questions were coded (given numerical codes/categorised) using a questionnaire coding instructions protocol.

General coding instructions

Responses of Yes and No

Throughout the questionnaire a "**yes**" response is coded as 1 and a "**no**" response is coded as 2.
1=Yes, 2=No

Missing values

Missing values are coded as 9s or dot(.) according to the number of digits (i.e. missing values for single digit numbers were coded as 9s, double digit numbers were coded as 99s, 999 etc). See also coding notes for individual questions OR left blank (dot on data file). See also coding notes for individual questions.

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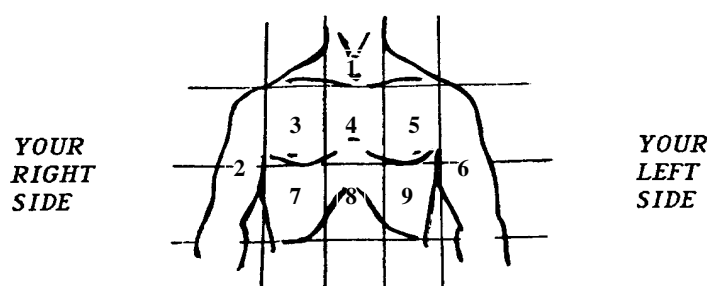
Question

3.0   Regular treatment (variable: q5q3_0)   invalid code 4 = likely to be data entry error

3.1   Drugs to lower blood pressure (q5q3_1_for_BP) invalid code 8 = likely to be data entry error

3.1   Diuretics ("water tablets") (q5q3_1_Diuretics)   invalid code 3 = likely to be data entry error

Chest pain

4.2   *Where did you get this pain?*

Participants are asked to mark on the diagram(below) the position where they feel the pain or discomfort. Each section on the diagram has been assigned codes 2-9. The code corresponding to the position where the pain is indicated is entered into one of 3 coding boxes.

If more than 3 positions are indicated, then sections 4,5 and 8 take priority over other positions.

YOUR RIGHT SIDE — 2 — 3 4 5 — 6 — 7 8 9 — YOUR LEFT SIDE

6.1   An additional code 8 is included in the valid responses.
Code 8= Not applicable e.g. if unemployed

6.2   An additional data column/variable was created (**6.2a**) to record information that a participant was currently off sick. So, if a participant had on going sickness and was currently off work(sick) this was recorded as 1 in **6.2a**.

6.3   99=missing

7.1   9=missing

9.3   Note: Serious non-response to this question

10.3   New code included in the valid responses: Code 4= other reason

11.1   (i) An additional response code was added. Code 6=Invalidity pension.

(ii) When two boxes were ticked by the respondent the second response was recorded in a new/separate data column/variable **11.1a**

11.3   Code of 98 = more than 8 years/96 months, 99=missing/not known

12.0   9=missing

12.1   New code included in the valid responses: 8= continuous unemployment, 9=missing

13.1   New code included in the valid responses: 3= continuous unemployment, 9=missing

13.3   New code included in the valid responses: 5= Redundancy and illness

Questionnaire completed by someone other than the man himself. 1=yes, invalid code 3 is likely to be a data entry error.