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National Survey of Self-Care and Aging: Baseline, 1990-1991

Description

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Bibliographic Description

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Title: National Survey of Self-Care and Aging: Baseline, 1990-1991

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Scope of Study

Summary: The National Survey of Self-Care and Aging (NSSCA) was conducted during 1990 and 1991 to create a baseline database on the prevalence of self-care behaviors by noninstitutionalized older adults. Personal interviews were conducted with 3,485 individuals 65 years of age and older. Oversampling of the oldest old was employed to assure representation of those who were frail or difficult to reach. A proxy was substituted if the subject was hospitalized, too ill, or cognitively not able to respond. Questions were asked about the type and extent of self-care behaviors for activities of daily living, management of chronic conditions (through self-care activities, equipment use, and environmental modifications), medical self-care for acute conditions, and health promotion/disease preventions. Social support, health service utilization, and socio-demographic/economic variables were also included. A follow-up study was conducted in 1994 (see NATIONAL SURVEY OF SELF-CARE AND AGING: FOLLOW-UP, 1994 [ICPSR 2592]).

Subject Term(s): activities of daily living, aging, assistive devices, chronic illnesses, health care, health services utilization, independent living, older adults, self medication

Geographic Coverage: United States

Time Period: • September 16, 1990 - January 25, 1991

Date(s) of Collection: • 1990 - 1991

Universe: Noninstitutionalized Medicare beneficiaries 65 years of age and older in 1990.

Data Type: survey data

Data Collection Notes: The data dictionary lists the variables in alphabetic order as well as by position.

Methodology

Sample: The stratified random sample of noninstitutionalized Medicare beneficiaries 65 years of age and older was drawn from 50 Primary Sampling Units (PSUs), 38 urban and 12 rural. Stratification was by gender and three age groups (65-74, 75-84, 85 or older).

Data Source: personal interview

Access and Availability

Note: A list of the data formats available for this study can be found in the summary of holdings. Detailed file-level information (such as record length, case count, and variable count) is listed in the file manifest.

Some instruments administered as part of this study may contain contents from copyrighted instruments. Reproductions of the instruments are provided solely as documentation for the analysis of the data associated with this collection. Please contact the data producers for information on permissions to use the instruments for other purposes.

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Version History: The last update of this study occurred on 2006-06-22.

2006-06-22 - The Stata dictionary and system data files for dataset 1 were corrected to set the storage type as double for numeric variables with more than nine significant digits.

2006-02-17 - The data, the SAS, SPSS, and Stata setup files, and the documentation have been updated.

Dataset(s):

- DS1: National Survey of Self-Care and Aging: Baseline, 1990-1991