

## **Miscellaneous Pain Question Section (June 2002) Sample Person Questionnaire**

### **Description**

The Miscellaneous Pain section (variable name prefix MPQ), provides personal interview data on several pain topics.

### **Topics**

- Joint Pain
- Pain regions in body

### **Eligible Sample and Exclusion Criteria**

The target sample for questions in this section is individuals 20+ years of age.

### **Data Processing and Preparation**

Please review the file codebook that accompanies the interview data file for a listing of the regions of the body that were specifically mentioned during data collection for MPQ.050. For the >other= category, data were combined into a single count without information on location. For NHANES 2001 and beyond, the >other= category will be eliminated. A QC/QA review of the NHANES 1999-2000 data showed that a majority of the >other= responses did not pertain to joints and therefore were not valid responses for this question. In a small number of instances, the >other= response could be back-coded to an existing response category. For example, pain in knuckle on the left hand would be coded to pain in the left fingers.

### **Data Editing**

Responses to MPQ.040 (How many weeks or months, in the past year did you have joint symptoms due to an injury?) will be recoded to a single time unit (weeks).