

**National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey  
Codebook for Data Release (2001-2002)**

**MEC Examination  
Balance Examination (BAX\_B)**

**Person level data -- use Examination Weights for analysis**

February 2005

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| <b>SEQN</b>                                      | <b>Target</b>              |
|  | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)     |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>                                | <b>SAS Label</b>           |
|  | Respondent sequence number |
| <b>English Text:</b> Respondent sequence number. |                            |
| <b>English Instructions:</b>                     |                            |

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| <b>WTSBA4YR</b>  | <b>Target</b>                       |
|  | B(40 Yrs. to 69 Yrs.)               |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>  | <b>SAS Label</b>                    |
|  | Balance Subsample 4 Year Mec Weight |
| <b>English Text:</b> Balance Subsample 4 Year Mec Weight |                                     |
| <b>English Instructions:</b>                             |                                     |

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| <b>BAAEXSTS</b>                           | <b>Target</b>          |
|   | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.) |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>                         | <b>SAS Label</b>       |
|   | Status of a MEC exam   |
| <b>English Text:</b> Status of a MEC exam |                        |
| <b>English Instructions:</b>              |                        |
| <b>Codes:</b>                             | <b>Skip To Values:</b> |
| 1= Complete                               |                        |
| 2= Partial                                |                        |
| 3= Not done                               |                        |

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| <b>BAAEXCMT</b>                               | <b>Target</b>            |
|   | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)   |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>                             | <b>SAS Label</b>         |
|   | Comment code for an exam |
| <b>English Text:</b> Comment code for an exam |                          |

**English Instructions:****Codes:**

0= None  
 1= Safety exclusion  
 2= SP refusal  
 3= No time  
 4= Physical limitation  
 5= Communication problem  
 6= Equipment failure  
 7= SP ill/emergency  
 56= Came late/left early  
 99= Other, specify

**Skip To Values:**

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| <b>BAQ110</b>                                   | <b>Target</b>              |
|   | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)     |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>                               | <b>SAS Label</b>           |
|   | Can you stand on your own? |
| <b>English Text:</b> Can you stand on your own? |                            |
| <b>English Instructions:</b>                    |                            |
| <b>Codes:</b>                                   | <b>Skip To Values:</b>     |
| 1= Yes<br>2= No                                 |                            |

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| <b>BAQ120</b>                                 | <b>Target</b>            |
|   | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)   |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>                             | <b>SAS Label</b>         |
|   | Do you have a leg brace? |
| <b>English Text:</b> Do you have a leg brace? |                          |
| <b>English Instructions:</b>                  |                          |
| <b>Codes:</b>                                 | <b>Skip To Values:</b>   |
| 1= Yes<br>2= No                               |                          |

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| <b>BAQ130</b>  | <b>Target</b>                     |
|  | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)            |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>  | <b>SAS Label</b>                  |
|  | Feeling dizzy or lightheaded now? |
| <b>English Text:</b> Are you feeling any dizziness or lightheadedness now? |                                   |

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| <b>English Instructions:</b>     |                        |
| <b>Codes:</b><br>1= Yes<br>2= No | <b>Skip To Values:</b> |

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| <b>BAXPFC11</b>   | <b>Target</b>                          |
|   | F(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)                 |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>   | <b>SAS Label</b>                       |
|   | Cond 1 Trial 1 Feet together eyes open |
| <b>English Text:</b> Feet together eyes open:   |  |
| <b>English Instructions:</b> Stand in this position with your eyes open, looking at the target for as long as you can or until I ask you to stop. Please do not talk once the test begins. "Begin now." |  |
| <b>Codes:</b><br>1= Pass<br>2= Dnp(did not pass)  | <b>Skip To Values:</b><br>BAXPFC21     |

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| <b>BAXFTC11</b>                         | <b>Target</b>                        |
|   | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)               |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>                       | <b>SAS Label</b>                     |
| 0 to 14                                 | Cond 1 Trial 1 Failure Time(seconds) |
| <b>English Text:</b> Number of Seconds: |                                      |
| <b>English Instructions:</b>            |                                      |

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| <b>BAXPFC12</b>                                  | <b>Target</b>                          |
|  | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)                 |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>                                | <b>SAS Label</b>                       |
|  | Cond 1 Trial 2 Feet together eyes open |
| <b>English Text:</b> Feet together eyes open:    |  |
| <b>English Instructions:</b>                     |  |
| <b>Codes:</b><br>1= Pass<br>2= Dnp(did not pass) | <b>Skip To Values:</b><br>BAXPFC21     |

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| <b>BAXFTC12</b>                         | <b>Target</b>                        |
|   | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)               |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>                       | <b>SAS Label</b>                     |
| 0 to 14                                 | Cond 1 Trial 2 Failure Time(seconds) |
| <b>English Text:</b> Number of Seconds: |                                      |

**English Instructions:**

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| <b>BAXPFC21</b>   | <b>Target</b>                            |
|   | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)                   |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>   | <b>SAS Label</b>                         |
|   | Cond 2 Trial 1 Feet together eyes closed |
| <b>English Text:</b> Feet together eyes closed:   |  |
| <b>English Instructions:</b> Stand in this position with your eyes closed, facing the target for as long as you can or until I ask you to stop. First assume this position with your eyes open, and then close your eyes. Please do not talk once the test begins. "Begin now." |  |
| <b>Codes:</b><br>1= Pass<br>2= Dnp(did not pass)  | <b>Skip To Values:</b><br>BAXPFC31       |

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| <b>BAXFTC21</b>                         | <b>Target</b>                        |
|   | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)               |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>                       | <b>SAS Label</b>                     |
| 0 to 14                                 | Cond 2 Trial 1 Failure Time(seconds) |
| <b>English Text:</b> Number of Seconds: |                                      |
| <b>English Instructions:</b>            |                                      |

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| <b>BAXPFC22</b>                                  | <b>Target</b>                            |
|  | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)                   |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>                                | <b>SAS Label</b>                         |
|  | Cond 2 Trial 2 Feet together eyes closed |
| <b>English Text:</b> Feet together eyes closed:  |  |
| <b>English Instructions:</b>                     |  |
| <b>Codes:</b><br>1= Pass<br>2= Dnp(did not pass) | <b>Skip To Values:</b><br>BAXPFC31       |

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| <b>BAXFTC22</b>                         | <b>Target</b>                        |
|   | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)               |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>                       | <b>SAS Label</b>                     |
| 0 to 14                                 | Cond 2 Trial 2 Failure Time(seconds) |
| <b>English Text:</b> Number of Seconds: |                                      |
| <b>English Instructions:</b>            |                                      |

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| <b>BAXPFC31</b>   | <b>Target</b>                      |
|   | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)             |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>   | <b>SAS Label</b>                   |
|   | Cond 3 Trial 1 Foam Pad Eyes Open  |
| <b>English Text:</b> Feet together eyes open:   |                                    |
| <b>English Instructions:</b> Stand in this position with your eyes open, looking at the target for as long as you can or until I ask you to stop. Please do not talk once the test begins. "Begin now." |                                    |
| <b>Codes:</b><br>1= Pass<br>2= Dnp(did not pass)  | <b>Skip To Values:</b><br>BAXPFC41 |

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| <b>BAXFTC31</b>                         | <b>Target</b>                        |
|   | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)               |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>                       | <b>SAS Label</b>                     |
| 0 to 29                                 | Cond 3 Trial 1 Failure Time(seconds) |
| <b>English Text:</b> Number of Seconds: |                                      |
| <b>English Instructions:</b>            |                                      |

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| <b>BAXPFC32</b>                                  | <b>Target</b>                      |
|  | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)             |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>                                | <b>SAS Label</b>                   |
|  | Cond 3 Trial 2 Foam Pad Eyes Open  |
| <b>English Text:</b> Feet together eyes open:    |                                    |
| <b>English Instructions:</b>                     |                                    |
| <b>Codes:</b><br>1= Pass<br>2= Dnp(did not pass) | <b>Skip To Values:</b><br>BAXPFC41 |

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| <b>BAXFTC32</b>                         | <b>Target</b>                        |
|   | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)               |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>                       | <b>SAS Label</b>                     |
| 0 to 29                                 | Cond 3 Trial 2 Failure Time(seconds) |
| <b>English Text:</b> Number of Seconds: |                                      |
| <b>English Instructions:</b>            |                                      |

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| <b>BAXPFC41</b>   | <b>Target</b>          |
|                   | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.) |
| <b>Hard Edits</b> | <b>SAS Label</b>       |
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Cond 4 Trial 1 Foam Pad Eyes Closed

**English Text:** Feet together eyes closed:

**English Instructions:** Stand in this position with your eyes closed, facing the target for as long as you can or until I ask you to stop. First assume this position with your eyes open, and then close your eyes. Please do not talk once the test begins. "Begin now."

**Codes:**

1= Pass

2= Dnp(did not pass)

**Skip To Values:**

End of Section

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| <b>BAXFTC41</b>                         | <b>Target</b>                        |
|   | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)               |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>                       | <b>SAS Label</b>                     |
| 0 to 29                                 | Cond 4 Trial 1 Failure Time(seconds) |
| <b>English Text:</b> Number of Seconds: |                                      |
| <b>English Instructions:</b>            |                                      |

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| <b>BAXPFC42</b>                                 | <b>Target</b>                       |
|   | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)              |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>                               | <b>SAS Label</b>                    |
|   | Cond 4 Trial 2 Foam Pad Eyes Closed |
| <b>English Text:</b> Feet together eyes closed: |                                     |
| <b>English Instructions:</b>                    |                                     |
| <b>Codes:</b>                                   | <b>Skip To Values:</b>              |
| 1= Pass   | End of Section                      |
| 2= Dnp(did not pass)                            |                                     |

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| <b>BAXFTC42</b>                         | <b>Target</b>                        |
|   | B(40 Yrs. to 150 Yrs.)               |
| <b>Hard Edits</b>                       | <b>SAS Label</b>                     |
| 0 to 29                                 | Cond 4 Trial 2 Failure Time(seconds) |
| <b>English Text:</b> Number of Seconds: |                                      |
| <b>English Instructions:</b>            |                                      |