

The Rural Health Care Research Center Common Data Elements

Investigators affiliated with the Rural Health Care Research Center are encouraged to collect common data elements using the RHCRC Common Data Elements data collection tool. This tool contains demographic items, including age, race, ethnicity, insurance type and information on geographic location. Geographic variables include a zip code which allows for considering the classification of rural using different rural classification systems. Additional questions related to rurality needed to calculate the *Montana State University Rurality Index (MSU)*¹ are also included.

RHCRC Common Data Elements

Study ID# _____
Subject ID# _____
Date _____

1. Age _____

2. Sex _____

3. What is the highest grade or year of school completed?

_____ 6 or less

_____ 7-11

_____ High School Grad

_____ 13- 15

_____ College grad

_____ 17- 18 More than 18

4. Type of insurance coverage

_____ Public (Medicare/Medicaid)

_____ Private

_____ Military

_____ None

5. Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic origin such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or other Spanish background?

_____ Yes

_____ No

6. What race do you consider yourself to be?

_____ White

_____ African American

_____ Native/Asian/Pacific/other

_____ Don't know

_____ Refused

7. What is your Zip code? _____

8. How far must you travel for **EMERGENCY** medical care? In answering this question think about a potential emergency such as a serious cut from broken glass. How far (ONE WAY) must you travel to get assistance such as stitches? Please try to be as accurate as possible when recording the distance, for example 8 city blocks or 3 3/4 miles, etc.¹

_____ Number of Miles (one way)

_____ Approximate Travel Time (One way)

9. Please describe your source of emergency care (For example: nurse practitioner, hospital, physician's office, etc.)¹ _____

10. I would describe myself as living¹: (Please **CIRCLE** only **ONE** response)

- a. On a Farm/Ranch
- b. In a Rural Area (not a farm/ranch)
- c. In a small rural town
- d. In a small town
- e. In a medium size city
- f. In a large city
- g. In a suburban area
- h. In a major metropolitan area

¹Weinert C, Boik RJ. MSU rurality index: development and evaluation. *Res Nurs Health* 1995, 18:453-64.

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