Spanish Health Care Utilization

1. ¿Cuántas veces ha visitado al médico durante los últimos 6 meses?  
   (Si estuvo en el hospital, no incluya estas visitas.) ........................................... ________ veces

2. Cuántas veces visitó la sala de emergencia en los últimos 6 meses?  
   (No incluya visitas a clínicas de atención inmediata.) ........................................... ________ veces

3. ¿En cuántas diferentes ocasiones ha estado hospitalizado, por una noche o más, en los últimos 4 meses? ................................................................. ________ veces

4. ¿Cuántas noches en total estuvo hospitalizado, toda la noche, en los últimos 6 meses? ................................................................. ________ noches

Scoring
These are single items. We have found that we often have to follow up with telephone clarification for these items, no matter how they are written. You will need to figure out how stringent you want to be in your own research. For example, do you want to count an ER visit that resulted in an in-patient admission? Do you want to distinguish between acute and SNF nights in hospital (patients often can't distinguish)? Do you want to clarify whether the physician visits include infusions, allergy shots, dialysis, or diagnostic tests?

Characteristics
Tested on 317 Spanish-speaking subjects.

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<th>Item Name</th>
<th>Observed Range</th>
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Source of Psychometric Data

Comments
There is no perfect way to get self-reported utilization data-do not try for a time period of more than six months. The article below discusses the validity of these questions.

References


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