Self-Rated Health

In general, would you say your health is: ........................................... *(Circle one)*

Excellent .................................. 1
Very good ................................. 2
Good ........................................... 3
Fair ........................................... 4
Poor .......................................... 5

Scoring
Score the number circled. If two consecutive numbers are circled, choose the higher number (worse health); if two non-consecutive numbers are circled, do not score. The score is the value of this single item only. A higher score indicates poorer health.

Characteristics
Tested on 1,129 subjects with chronic disease. N=51 for test-retest.

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Source of Psychometric Data

Comments
This item is used in the National Health Interview Survey. In a number of studies self-rated health has been found to be an excellent predictor of future health. This scale available in Spanish.

References


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