

Question in Project:

SHARElife – Healthcare Module (English Version)

Question Topic:

Public health/ Visits to the doctor & treatments

Construct:

Age during the time of abandonment due to high cost

General Information:

Note: This item was tested in German. This is an English translation of the original German wording. The translation does not correspond exactly to the wording in the English [SHARE source questionnaire](#).

Question Text:

Please look at SHOWCARD 32. Please specify the periods in which you needed a medical treatment or to see a doctor but you did not because you could not afford it.

[Bitte sehen Sie sich Karte 32 an. Bitte nennen Sie die Zeiträume, in denen Sie auf einen Arztbesuch oder eine Behandlung verzichtet haben, weil es Sie zu viel gekostet hätte.]

Instruction:

INT.: Please code all answers that apply. *[INT.: Bitte alle zutreffenden Antworten kodieren.]*

Answer Categories:

When I was younger than 15 years old. *[Als ich bis 15 Jahre alt war]*

When I was 16-25 years old. *[Als ich 16 bis 25 Jahre alt war]*

When I was 26-40 years old. *[Als ich 26 bis 40 Jahre alt war]*

When I was 41-55 years old. *[Als ich 41 bis 55 Jahre alt war]*

When I was 56-65 years old. *[Als ich 56 bis 65 Jahre alt war]*

When I was 66-75 years old. *[Als ich 66 bis 75 Jahre alt war]*

When I was older than 75. *[Als ich älter als 75 Jahre war]*

Cognitive Techniques:

General Probing, Specific Probing, Emergent Probing.

Findings for Question:

Question 1a was only answered by those respondents who said 'Yes' to question 1 (respondent 01, 03, 05, 09 and 10). Spontaneous comments show that two respondents first remembered the period of time in relation to the moment described in the question and then calculated how old they were:

- *'The other, it (...) was a year ago.'* (respondent 01)
- *'It was a year ago.'* (respondent 09)

Three respondents (respondents 01, 03 and 10) were 'very sure' that their statement of time was correct. Two respondents (respondents 05 and 09) were 'rather sure'. Respondents 03 and 09 each gave up one treatment, respondents 01 and 10 each gave up two treatments whereas respondent 05 did not see a doctor five times (orthopaedic treatments).

Recommendations:

Question: In all questions asking about a time period (Questions 2, 4, 6, and 8), we recommend asking about all treatments and consultations to avoid a situation where the respondents only mention the period of time related to the most recent treatment/consultation.

"Please look at SHOWCARD 32. Please specify the periods in which you needed a medical treatment or to see a doctor but you did not because you could not afford it. Please try to remember all doctor's visits and medical treatments you could not afford because of costs.

[Bitte sehen Sie sich Karte 32 an. Bitte nennen Sie die Zeiträume, in denen Sie auf einen Arztbesuch oder eine Behandlung verzichtet haben, weil es Sie zu viel gekostet hätte. Bitte versuchen Sie sich an alle Arztbesuche oder Behandlungen zu erinnern, auf die Sie aus Kostengründen verzichtet haben.]"

The recommendations for question 2 should also be adopted for questions 4, 6, and 8.

Answer categories: The scale in the current version does not include the exact age of 15 years. Therefore we recommend changing the first answer category in "When I was younger than 16 years old. *[Als ich bis 16 Jahre alt war]*"

The recommendations for question 2 should also be adopted for questions 4, 6, and 8.