

2002 National Health Interview Survey
Verbatim Alternative Health/Complementary and Alternative Medicine File

The Verbatim Alternative Health/Complementary and Alternative Medicine file contains responses for the “other specify” category of the questions that ask respondents for what health problems or conditions they used previously selected complementary and alternative medicine modalities. There is one record for each sample adult. This file only contains information about other specified health problems or conditions that were treated with previously selected complementary and alternative medicine modalities. Other person-level information can be obtained by linking the Verbatim Alternative Health/Complementary and Alternative Medicine file to other 2002 NHIS data files using the household serial number (HHX) and person number (PX).

Prior to the release of this file, editing was done of sensitive responses and the edited text was replaced by the word “suppressed” surrounded by arrows (<>). Grammatical and/or spelling errors were not corrected. The codes of “R,” which represents “Refused;” “D” or “DK,” which represent “Don’t know;” and “N,” which represents “No more information” have also been left in the file.

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RECTYPE	Generated variable
Generated	ASTATFLG = 1 and AGE = 18+
	Sample adults 18+
1-2	Record Type
	33 Verbatim Alternative Health Supplement

Sources: None
 Recodes: None
 Keywords: None
 Notes: None

SRVY_YR	Generated variable
Generated	ASTATFLG = 1 and AGE = 18+
	Sample adults 18+
3-6	Survey Year
	2002 2002

Sources: None
 Recodes: None
 Keywords: survey year
 Notes: None

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HHX
 Generated

Generated variable

ASTATFLG = 1 and AGE = 18+

Sample adults 18+

7-12

Household Serial Number

Sources: None
 Recodes: None
 Keywords: household number
 Notes: Use this variable to identify individual households.

FMX
 Generated

Generated variable

ASTATFLG = 1 and AGE = 18+

Sample adults 18+

13-14

Family Serial Number

Sources: None
 Recodes: None
 Keywords: family number
 Notes: Use this variable in combination with HHX to identify individual families.

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PX
Generated

Generated variable

ASTATFLG = 1 and AGE = 18+

Sample adults 18+

15-16 Person Number

Sources: None
Recodes: None
Keywords: person number
Notes: Use this variable in combination with HHX and FMX to identify individual persons.

ACUCSPEC		For what health problems or conditions did you use acupuncture?
ALT.005		ASTATFLG = 1, AGE = 18+ and ACU_EVER = 1 and ACU_USEM = 1 and ACU_TRET = 1
		Sample adults 18+ who have seen a practitioner for acupuncture during the past 12 months and have used acupuncture to treat a specific health problem or condition
17-96		Other, specify
		Condition
		Text description of other, specify

Sources: None
Recodes: None
Keywords: acupuncture
Notes: None

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AYUCSPEC For what health problems or conditions did you use ayurveda?

ALT.016

ASTATFLG = 1, AGE = 18+ and AYU_EVER = 1 and
AYU_USEM = 1 and AYU_TRET = 1

Sample adults 18+ who have seen a practitioner for ayurveda during the past 12 months and have used ayurveda to treat a specific health problem or condition

97-176

Other, specify

Condition

Text description of other, specify

Sources: None
Recodes: None
Keywords: ayurveda
Notes: None

BIOCSPEC For what health problems or conditions did you use biofeedback?

ALT.032

ASTATFLG = 1, AGE = 18+ and BIO_EVER = 1 and
BIO_USEM = 1 and BIO_TRET = 1

Sample adults 18+ who have seen a practitioner for biofeedback during the past 12 months and have used biofeedback to treat a specific health problem or condition

177-256

Other, specify

Condition

Text description of other, specify

Sources: None
Recodes: None
Keywords: biofeedback
Notes: None

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CHECSPEC	For what health problems or conditions did you use chelation therapy?	
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ALT.054

ASTATFLG = 1, AGE = 18+ and CHE_EVER = 1 and
CHE_USEM = 1 and CHE_TRET = 1

Sample adults 18+ who have seen a practitioner for chelation therapy during the past 12 months and have used chelation therapy to treat a specific health problem or condition

257-336

Other, specify

Condition

Text description of other, specify

Sources: None

Recodes: None

Keywords: chelation therapy

Notes: None

CHPCSPEC	For what health problems or conditions did you use chiropractic care?	
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ALT.076

ASTATFLG = 1, AGE = 18+ and CHP_EVER = 1 and
CHP_USEM = 1 and CHP_TRET = 1

Sample adults 18+ who have seen a practitioner for chiropractic care during the past 12 months and have used chiropractic care to treat a specific health problem or condition

337-416

Other, specify

Condition

Text description of other, specify

Sources: None

Recodes: None

Keywords: chiropractic care

Notes: None

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EHTCSPEC For what health problems or conditions did you use energy healing therapy/Reiki?

ALT.098

ASTATFLG = 1, AGE = 18+ and EHT_EVER = 1 and
EHT_USEM = 1 and EHT_TRET = 1

Sample adults 18+ who have seen a practitioner for energy healing therapy/Reiki during the past 12 months and have used energy healing therapy/Reiki to treat a specific health problem or condition

417-496

Other, specify

Condition

Text description of other, specify

Sources: None

Recodes: None

Keywords: energy healing therapy; Reiki

Notes: None

FMDCSPEC For what health problems or conditions did you use folk medicine?

ALT.120

ASTATFLG = 1, AGE = 18+ and FMD_EVER = 1 and
FMD_USEM = 1 and FMD_TRET = 1

Sample adults 18+ who have seen a practitioner for folk medicine during the past 12 months and have used folk medicine to treat a specific health problem or condition

497-576

Other, specify

Condition

Text description of other, specify

Sources: None

Recodes: None

Keywords: folk medicine

Notes: None

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MASCSPEC	For what health problems or conditions did you use massage?	
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ALT.158

ASTATFLG = 1, AGE = 18+ and MAS_EVER = 1 and
MAS_USEM = 1 and MAS_TRET = 1

Sample adults 18+ who have seen a practitioner for
massage during the past 12 months and have used
massage to treat a specific health problem or
condition

577-656

Other, specify

Condition

Text description of other, specify

Sources: None
Recodes: None
Keywords: massage
Notes: None

NATCSPEC	For what health problems or conditions did you use naturopathy?	
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ALT.180

ASTATFLG = 1, AGE = 18+ and NAT_EVER = 1 and
NAT_USEM = 1 and NAT_TRET = 1

Sample adults 18+ who have seen a practitioner for
naturopathy during the past 12 months and have
used naturopathy to treat a specific health
problem or condition

657-736

Other, specify

Condition

Text description of other, specify

Sources: None
Recodes: None
Keywords: naturopathy
Notes: None

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HRBCSPEC	For what health problems or conditions did you use natural herbs?	
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ALT.202

ASTATFLG = 1, AGE = 18+ and HRB_EVER = 1 and
HRB_USEM = 1 and HRB_TRET = 1

Sample adults 18+ who have used natural herbs for their own health or treatment during the past 12 months and have used natural herbs to treat a specific health problem or condition

737-816

Other, specify

Condition

Text description of other, specify

Sources: None
Recodes: None
Keywords: herbs
Notes: None

HOMCSPEC	For what health problems or conditions did you use homeopathic treatment?	
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ALT.226

ASTATFLG = 1, AGE = 18+ and HOM_EVER = 1 and
HOM_USEM = 1 and HOM_TRET = 1

Sample adults 18+ who have used homeopathic treatment for their own health during the past 12 months and have used homeopathic treatment to treat a specific health problem or condition

817-896

Other, specify

Condition

Text description of other, specify

Sources: None
Recodes: None
Keywords: homeopathic treatment
Notes: None

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DITCSPEC For what health problems or conditions did you use
(this/these) special diet(s)?

ALT.250

ASTATFLG = 1, AGE = 18+ and DITUSEM1 = 1 or
DITUSEM2 = 1 or DITUSEM3 = 1 or DITUSEM4 = 1 or
DITUSEM5 = 1 or DITUSEM6 = 1 and DIT_TRET = 1

Sample adults 18+ who have used at least one of
these special diets for two weeks or more for
health reasons during the past 12 months and have
used at least one of these special diets to treat
a specific health problem or condition

897-976

Other, specify

Condition

Text description of other, specify

Sources: None

Recodes: None

Keywords: special diets

Notes: None

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VITCSPEC For what health problems or conditions did you use high dose or megavitamin therapy?

ALT.276

ASTATFLG = 1, AGE = 18+ and VIT_EVER = 1 and VIT_USEM = 1 and VITK_HDM = 1 and VIT_TRET = 1

Sample adults 18+ who have used high dose or megavitamin therapy during the past 12 months and have used high dose or megavitamin therapy to treat a specific health problem or condition

977-1056

Other, specify

Condition

Text description of other, specify

Sources: None
 Recodes: None
 Keywords: vitamins
 Notes: None

YTQCSPEC For what health problems or conditions did you use yoga, tai chi, or qi gong?

ALT.298

ASTATFLG = 1, AGE = 18+ and YTQU_YOG = 1 or YTQU_TAI = 1 or YTQU_QIG = 1 and YTQ_TRET = 1

Sample adults 18+ who have practiced yoga, tai chi, or qi gong during the past 12 months and have practiced yoga, tai chi, or qi gong to treat a specific health problem or condition

1057-1136

Other, specify

Condition

Text description of other, specify

Sources: None
 Recodes: None
 Keywords: yoga; tai chi; qi gong
 Notes: None

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RELCSPEC For what health problems or conditions did you use
(this/these) relaxation technique(s)?

ALT.320

ASTATFLG = 1, AGE = 18+ and RELU_MED = 1 or
RELU_GIM = 1 or RELU_PRO = 1 or RELU_DBE = 1 and
REL_TRET = 1

Sample adults 18+ who used at least one of these
relaxation techniques for their own health or
treatment during the past 12 months and have used
at least one of these relaxation techniques to
treat a specific health problem or condition

1137-1216

Other, specify

Condition

Text description of other, specify

Sources: None

Recodes: None

Keywords: relaxation techniques

Notes: None
