

**ARIC Public Use Data
Modified Variable Dictionary – Annual Follow-Up**

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1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this dictionary is to provide definitions of modified variables for Annual Follow-Up (AFU) Data. Most changes are due to low frequencies thus re-grouped for confidentiality. Some variables were deleted all together due to low frequencies.

2. AFF11PS1 (AFU Version F, CY 11)

AFF11FU:

This numeric variable is follow up days to AFUF CY 11 interview date since baseline.

$AFF11FU = AFUF01 - V1DATE01,$

where AFUF01 is the AFU Version F interview date at Contact Year11 and V1DATE01 is visit 1 exam date.

AFUX13F (SPECIFY OTHER PAIN Q13F)

Due to the small numbers, this variable was grouped so that all reported areas of chest pain are considered 'other pain'.

AFUX35B(HEART PROBLEM CAUSE NOT WORKING Q35B)

The values of blank and unknown were combined into one value for the question 'Is a heart problem the main cause of your not being able to work?'

AFUX36B (NO. DAYS MISSED FOR HLTH REASONS Q36B)

Due to low frequencies of GE 5, frequencies of 5-9 were grouped and 10 and greater were grouped for this numeric variable.

AFUX38B (NO. DAYS CUT DOWN ON ACTIVITIES Q38B)

Due to some low frequencies, frequencies of 6-10 and 11-27 were grouped for this numeric variable.

AFUX39B (HOW MUCH WEIGHT LOSS Q39B)

Days of reduced activity were grouped into 1-10,11-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50 and >50.

AFUX46 (RESULT CODE Q46)

The values were group as follows: 3=3, 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9=other and 98=98.

3. AFG11PS1 (AFU Version G, CY 11)

AFG11FU:

This numeric variable is follow up days to AFUG CY 11 interview date since baseline.

$AFG11FU = AFUG01 - V1DATE01$,
where AFUG01 is the AFU Version G interview date at Contact Year11 and V1DATE01 is visit 1 exam date.

AFUX2 (FINAL STATUS Q2)

All final status other than 'C' for Contacted and Alive were grouped as 'Other'

AFUX7A (DOCTOR - HEART ATTACK Q7A)

The value 'U' for unknown was combined with 'blank'.

AFUX7B (DOCTOR - HEART FAILURE Q7B)

The value 'U' for unknown was combined with 'blank'.

AFUX7E (DOCTOR - BLOOD CLOT IN LEG Q7E)

The value 'U' for unknown was combined with 'blank'.

AFUX7H (DOCTOR - ASTHMA Q7H)

The value 'U' for unknown was combined with 'blank'.

AFUX9 (FINAL STATUS Q2)

The value 'U' for unknown and 'Y' for Yes was combined with 'blank'.

AFUX10 (OTHER OVERNITE HOSPITALIZATION Q10)

The value 'U' for unknown was combined with 'blank'.

AFUX16A (MEDS FOR HIGH BP Q16A)

The value 'U' for unknown was combined with 'blank'.

AFUX16B (MEDS FOR HIGH BLOOD CHOL Q16B)

The value 'U' for unknown was combined with 'blank'.

AFUX16C (MEDS FOR DIABTS OR BLOOD SUGAR Q16C)

The value 'U' for unknown was combined with 'blank'.

AFUX17 (TAKING ASPRIN Q17)

The value 'U' for unknown was combined with 'blank'.

AFUX32 (EMPLOYMENT STATUS Q32)

Values 'C', 'D' & 'E' were combined into 'Not Working'.

AFUX34 (ABLE TO WALK ONE-HALF MILE Q34)

The value 'U' for unknown was combined with 'blank'.

AFUX35 (ABLE TO GET RECORDS Q35)

The value 'N' for 'No' was combined with 'blank'.

AFUX36 (RESULT CODE Q36)

The values 04, 05, 07, 08 were changed to 'other'

4. AFH11PS1 (AFU Version H, CY 11)

AFH11FU:

This numeric variable is follow up days to AFUH CY 11 interview date since baseline.

$AFH11FU = AFUH01 - V1DATE01$,
where AFUH01 is the AFU Version H interview date at Contact Year11 and V1DATE01 is visit 1 exam date.

AFUX7D (DOCTOR - DIABETES Q7D)

The value 'U' for unknown was combined with 'blank'

AFUX7F (DOCTOR - BLOOD CLOT IN LUN Q7F)

The value 'U' for unknown was combined with 'blank'

AFUX7G (DOCTOR - CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE Q7G)

The value 'U' for unknown was combined with 'blank'

AFUX7I (DOCTOR - HEART CANCER Q7I)

The value 'U' for unknown was combined with 'blank'

AFUX7L (HAD ANOTHER CANCER Q7L)

The value 'U' for unknown was combined with 'blank'

AFUX16C (MEDS FOR DIABTS OR BLOOD SUGAR Q16C)

The value 'U' for unknown was combined with 'blank'

AFUX26B (HEART PROBLEM REASON CANNOT WORK Q26B)

The value 'U' for unknown was combined with 'blank'

AFUX34 (ABLE TO WALK ONE-HALF MILE Q34)

The value 'U' for unknown was combined with 'blank'

AFUX36 (RESULT CODE Q36)

The values 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 were changed to 'other'.