

Section 4: General Health

Questionnaire

Note:

The purpose of this module is to evaluate the respondent's perception of his/her general health status. This question appears in several surveys. Its limitation is that it is asked out context, it is part of *The short-form-36 health survey and needs to be interpreted within that instrument* (McDowell I, Newell C. *Measuring Health: A Guide to Rating Scales and Questionnaires*. 2nd ed. Oxford University Press, 1996 p. 446-456).

Because this module should be very straightforward for surveillance purposes, selection of the most appropriate questions or questionnaire should involve discussion with experts concerning the advantages and disadvantages of at least three other questionnaires. These are listed under "Optional" below, they offer the advantage of having been validated in a number of studies.

4.1	In general, how would you describe your health?	1. Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Fair	<input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Very good	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Poor	<input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Good	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Don't know/not sure	<input type="checkbox"/>

Optional

1. The Duke Health Profile (Mc Dowell I, Newell C. *Measuring Health: A guide to rating Scales and Questionnaires*. – 2nd ed. Oxford University Press, 1996 p. 420-424);
2. The COOP charts for primary care practice (Mc Dowell I, Newell C. *Measuring Health: A Guide to Rating Scales and Questionnaires*. –2nd ed. Oxford University Press, 1996 p. 410-416);
3. The short-form-36 health survey (McDowell I, Newell C. *Measuring Health: A Guide to Rating Scales and Questionnaires*. –2nd ed. Oxford University Press, 1996 p. 446-456).

