PIN Study Coding Guidelines

General Coding Rules:

9 - A code of "9" or filling the variable field with nines ("99" for a variable of length 2) denotes a missing value or error. Use this code to show that there was no response for a question that should have been answered (a missing value) or there were multiple responses marked for one question (an error).

8 - A code of "8" or filling the variable field with "9's" ending with an eight ("9998" for a variable of length 4) denotes that the subject answered the question with "Don't know" or in certain cases refused to answer the question.

7 - A code of "7" or filling the variable field with 9's ending with a seven ("997" for a variable of length 3) denotes that the question was intended to be skipped because it was not applicable in the interview, was marked "NA," or had a line crossing it out.

Special Codes:

96 - Refused. Never use code for a single digit field unless it is a valid response. In single digit fields "refused" is coded as "8" unless it is used as a response option for "Refused" (as in the AIDS section).

95 - "All my life", "when I was in school", "many" or any response that indicates a non-specific, long span of time or non-specific, large amount. Never use code for a single digit field.

94 - "Not long", "when I was in elementary school", "a few" or any response that indicates a relatively short amount of time or small amount. Never use code for a single digit field.

93 - A number larger than field will allow. Actual number documented in codebook with its PATID. Never use code for a single digit field.

92 - "indeterminate amount." (In Specimen collection documentation form.) Never use code for a single digit field.

91 - "Never". Used when a date was expected but the subject responded with "never." Example: "What was the last day you had an orgasm?" and the response was "never." Never use code for a single digit field.

General Information

Responses given in ranges:

     The midpoint is to be picked and then rounded up if necessary to fit into the field.

Responses given with added degree of accuracy (fractions or extra decimal places):

     The number should be rounded up unless the field allows for decimals.

CODED QUESTIONS

Any month variable

Code	Response
13	Beginning-of-the-year Winter
14	End-of-the-year Winter
15	Spring
16	Summer
17	Fall
18	Winter (not specified)
19	Mid-year
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Any day variable.

Code	Response
32	Beginning of the month
33	Middle of the month
34	End of the month
35	1st week
36	2nd week
37	3rd week
38	4th week/last week

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