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# Analyzing MEPS Data with Stata

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# Learning Objectives

- Download MEPS data and read it into Stata
- Make national estimates using full year consolidated files and the “svy” commands
- Make national estimates for subpopulations by pooling MEPS full-year files
- Make national estimates of Rx utilization and expenditures on specific drugs by linking MEPS full-year files and prescription drug files
- Estimate regression models using “svy” commands

# Let's Get Set Up

- Create a place for data, programs and log files on your local drive
  - ▶ “C:\MEPS”, “C:\MEPS\DATA”
- Download programs to new directory
- Start Stata and open “getdata.do” in the program editor
- Use alt-tab to switch between my screen and your Stata session