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ABSTRACT. Let R be a unique factorization domain of characteristic zero with maximal ideal generated by a prime element  $\pi$  having a finite residue field  $R/(\pi)$ . Let  $f \in R[x_1,\ldots,x_n]$ . For each  $m \geq 1$ , let  $c_m$  denote the number of solutions to the congruence  $f(x_1,\ldots,x_n) \equiv 0 \mod \pi^m$ . The Poincaré series of f is the formal power series  $P_f(y) = 1 + \sum_{m=1}^\infty c_m y^m$ . In this paper we compute  $P_f(y)$  for an arbitrary diagonal polynomial f given by  $f(x_1,\ldots,x_n) = \epsilon_1 x_1^{t_1} + \cdots + \epsilon_n x_n^{t_n} + b$  where  $\epsilon_1,\cdots,\epsilon_n \in R,\ t_1,\ldots,t_n$  are positive integers and  $b \in R$ . We show explicitly that  $P_f(y)$  is a rational function extending results of J. Wang and Q. Han.

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