Load the survey package, and load the National Health Interview Survey data using load("nhis\_data.rda")

## Session 1

- 1. Set up a survey design: the cluster id variable is psu\_p, the stratum id variable is strat\_p, and the weight variable is wtfa\_sa. The clusters use the same numbers (1 and 2) within each stratum, so you need the option nest=TRUE.
- 2. Add new variable to the design object using the update function, as follows

```
nhis<-update(nhis, sickleave=factor(ifelse(pdsicka=="1 Yes","yes","no")))
nhis<-update(nhis, backpain=factor(ifelse(painlb=="1 Yes","yes","no")))
nhis<-update(nhis, neckpain=factor(ifelse(paineck=="1 Yes","yes","no")))</pre>
```

3. Compare the estimated prevalence of neck pain and back pain using the survey design and using the unweighted data

## Session 2

In the NHIS data from session 1

- 1. Use graphics and linear regression to examine how hours of sleep (sleep) vary with age and sex
- 2. Use 'svyttest' and 'svyranktest' to compare hours of sleep between men and women, and between people with and without back pain
- 3. Use 'svyciprop' to get a confidence interval for the proportion with back pain and the proportion with neck pain using the default interval and using a logit transform

## Session 3

1. The variables neck\_pain and back\_pain measure presence of pain in the neck and back. Use logistic regression to examine how these vary with on age (age\_p), body mass index (bmi), sex (sex), and having a job with sick leave entitlement (sick leave).