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1. **Refresher Data:** The P.I. Documentation found in this collection refers to the MIDUS Refresher data set. Please note that the data and corresponding documentation for this data set have not been deposited to ICPSR at this time.
2. **Additional Information:** For additional information on the Midlife Development in the United States study can be found at the [MIDUS](#) website.

README file for Public Data Release
MIDUS 3 Project 1
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The purpose of this README is to provide basic information about the public release of the MIDUS 3 Project 1 (survey) dataset and documentation. Please note that the file names below refer to the original documents submitted to ICPSR. ICPSR may rename some of these files in accordance with its naming conventions.

A. What data files are available?

The MIDUS 3 (SPSS) dataset is called:

M3_P1_AGGREGATE_N=3294_20151230

Three additional datasets accompany this release:

M3_DispositionCodes_20151007

MIDUS_MortalityData_20151007

M3_P1_CodedTextData_N3120_20170111

B. What is the structure of the MIDUS Refresher Project 1 Dataset?

This is a rectangular SPSS dataset with 3,294 cases and 2,575 variables from the phone and self-administered questionnaires (SAQs). Variables have been named according to the MIDUS naming conventions. All variables include labels to aid interpretation. Value labels have been applied where appropriate and discrete missing values have been defined. Details about data structure and metadata can be found in the conventions document.

MR_M3_Naming and Coding Conventions_20150303

Details of the final M3 disposition codes, the updated MIDUS mortality data, and the M3 coded text data are available here:

M3_DocumentationOfMortality_20151007

M3_P1_DispositionDocumentation_20151007

M3_P1_DocumentationOfCodedTextData_20170207

C. What additional files are available?

Survey instruments. The complete M3 phone and SAQ instruments are available.

Documentation. Additional documentation about the survey variables and administration:

- Constructed scales. A variety of psycho-social scales and constructed variables are included in the dataset. These variables are comparable to M1 and M2 constructed scales and their construction and background are documented in the following file:

/MR_P1_Documentation of Psychosocial Constructs & Composite

Variables_20150518

- Field Report. A field report describes details about the M3 sample and fielding:

M3_P1_FieldReport_20150703

D. Other important information.

ID system. The M3 dataset uses the M2ID variables to identify individual respondents. This

variable can be used to merge any Core sample MIDUS datasets.

Occupation and industry variables. The University of Wisconsin Survey Center created Occupation and Industry code variables using the Census 2010 Alphabetic Index of Industry and Occupation. These variables were derived from verbatim responses to a series of open-ended questions about respondent's (or spouse's or parent's) past and present work and employment. These constructed variables are released in lieu of the original open-ended data collected in the phone interview.

DDI Codebook. A DDI codebook (in both XML and PDF) is available for the M3 survey data on the MIDUS portal (<http://midus.colectica.org/>).

Please report any errors or inconsistencies you find in the data or documentation to
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