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The Canadian Heart Health Data Base (CHHDB) is a compilation of data from ten Provincial Heart Health Surveys conducted between 1986 and 1992. The Provincial Heart Health Surveys were carried out as part of the Canadian Heart Health Initiative and have been a collaborative effort among the provincial departments of health, Health Canada, The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, and provincial heart and stroke foundations.

The CHHDB consists of two data sets — core information collected by all Provincial Heart Health Surveys and Family History information collected by four provinces — Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The core information has data on major biological risk factors (blood pressure and blood lipid) and information on knowledge and awareness of causes and consequences of cardiovascular diseases and associated risk factors.

This document contains a description of the survey methodology, tables of the approximate coefficient of variance (CV) for qualitative estimates, as well as guidelines for use of the heart health data. Code books describing the variables and related codes are also included.

For further information on the surveys, database support, and calculation of sampling variances, contact:

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