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Nicely stated, Ralph.

Coding responses is a systematic means of discarding information. It has the advantage of permitting statistical comparisons of what remains. It has the disadvantage of stripping away much of the richness of the individual. The blue crab response is an example of a case in which we're not sure what exactly to discard. It's easy, I think, to be seduced by the actuarial material and give inadequate consideration to the behavior of the patient.

Rick