

# Data elements for registries

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*Selection of data elements requires balancing competing considerations;*

*importance of data elements to integrity of registry,*

*their reliability,*

*their necessity for analysis of primary outcomes,*

*their contribution to the overall response burden,*

*the incremental costs associated with their collection*

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## *Identifying Domains;*

Registries generally *include*;

*personal, exposure, and outcomes information*

*Measuring potential confounding factors should be taken into account*

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## *Selecting data elements;*

Each data element should

*support purpose* of registry

answer an explicit *scientific question*

The *most effective* way to select data elements;

start with *study purpose* and *objective*,

decide what types of groupings, measurements, or calculations will be needed to *analyze objective*

***Selecting data elements;***

*Use of established data standards;*

*Improve efficiency in establishing registries;  
promote more effective sharing, combining, or  
linking of data sets from different sources  
to allow comparisons between studies*

## Data Elements needed for *specific types* of Registries;

Registries ***examining safety*** for drugs, vaccines, procedures, devices;

*History of exposure & Potential confounding factors;*

*Data on use (start & stop)*

*comorbidities,*

*socioeconomic status,*

*ethnicity,*

*environmental and social factors*

**Table 4–1. Standard terminologies**

Standard	Acronym	Description and Web Site	Developer
<b>Billing-related</b>			
Current Procedural Terminology	CPT®	Medical service and procedure codes commonly used in public and private health insurance plans and claims processing. Web site: <a href="http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/3113.html">http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/3113.html</a>	American Medical Association
International Classification of Diseases	ICD, ICD-O, ICECI, ICF, ICPC	International standard for classifying diseases and other health problems recorded on health and vital records. ICD-9-CM, a modified version of the ICD-9 standard, is used for billing and claims data in the United States, which will transition to ICD-10-CM in 2014. The ICD is also used to code and classify mortality data from death certificates in the United States. ICD adaptations include ICD-O (oncology), ICECI (External Causes of Injury), ICF (Functioning, Disability and Health), and ICPC-2 (Primary Care, Second Edition). Web site: <a href="http://www.who.int/classifications/icd/en">http://www.who.int/classifications/icd/en</a>	World Health Organization

<b>Clinical</b>			
Systemized Nomenclature of Medicine	SNOMED CT	Clinical health care terminology that maps clinical concepts with standard descriptive terms. Formerly SNOMED RT and SNOP. Web site: <a href="http://www.ihtsdo.org/snomed-ct">http://www.ihtsdo.org/snomed-ct</a>	International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization
Unified Medical Language System	UMLS	Database of 100 medical terminologies with concept mapping tools. <sup>19</sup> Web site: <a href="http://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/">http://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/</a>	National Library of Medicine
Classification of Interventions and Procedures	OPCS-4	Code for operations, surgical procedures, and interventions. Mandatory for use in National Health Service (England). Web site: <a href="http://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/web_site_content/supporting_information/clinical_coding/opcs_classification_of_interventions_and_procedures.asp">http://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/web_site_content/supporting_information/clinical_coding/opcs_classification_of_interventions_and_procedures.asp</a>	Office of Population, Censuses, and Surveys
Diagnostic and Statistical Manual	DSM	The standard classification of mental disorders used in the United States by a wide range of health and mental health professionals. The version currently in use is the DSM-IV. Web site: <a href="http://www.psych.org/MainMenu/Research/DSMIV.aspx">http://www.psych.org/MainMenu/Research/DSMIV.aspx</a>	American Psychiatric Association

## **Drugs**

Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities	MedDRA	Terminology covering all phases of drug development, excluding animal toxicology. Also covers health effects and malfunctions of devices. Replaced COSTART (Coding Symbols for a Thesaurus of Adverse Reaction Terms). Web site: <a href="http://www.meddramssso.com">http://www.meddramssso.com</a>	International Conference on Harmonisation (ICH)
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**Table 4–2. Examples of possible baseline data elements**

Enrollee contact information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enrollee contact information for registries with direct-to-enrollee contact</li><li>• Another individual who can be reached for followup (address, telephone, email)</li></ul>
Enrollment data elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patient identifiers (e.g., name [last, first, middle initial], date of birth, place of birth, Social Security number)</li><li>• Permission/consent</li><li>• Source of enrollment (e.g., provider, institution, phone number, address, contact information)</li><li>• Enrollment criteria</li><li>• Sociodemographic characteristics, including race, gender, and age or date of birth</li><li>• Education and/or economic status, insurance, etc.</li><li>• Preferred language</li><li>• Place of birth</li><li>• Location of residence at enrollment</li><li>• Source of information</li><li>• Country, State, city, county, ZIP Code of residence</li></ul>

**Table 4–3. Examples of possible additional enrollee, provider, and environmental data elements**

**Pre-Enrollment History**

Medical history

- Morbidities/conditions
- Onset/duration
- Severity
- Treatment history
- Medications
- Adherence
- Health care resource utilization
- Diagnostic tests and results
- Procedures and outcomes
- Emergency room visits, hospitalizations (including length of stay), long-term care, or stays in skilled nursing facilities
- Genetic information
- Comorbidities
- Development (pediatric/adolescent)

Environmental exposures

- Places of residence

Patient characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Functional status (including ability to perform tasks related to daily living), quality of life, symptoms</li><li>• Health behaviors (alcohol, tobacco use, physical activity, diet)</li><li>• Social history</li><li>• Marital status</li><li>• Family history</li><li>• Work history</li><li>• Employment, industry, job category</li><li>• Social support networks</li><li>• Economic status, income, living situation</li><li>• Sexual history</li><li>• Foreign travel, citizenship</li><li>• Legal characteristics (e.g., incarceration, legal status)</li><li>• Reproductive history</li><li>• Health literacy</li><li>• Individual understanding of medical conditions and the risks and benefits of interventions</li><li>• Social environment (e.g., community services)</li><li>• Enrollment in clinical trials (if patients enrolled in clinical trials are eligible for the registry)</li></ul>
Provider/system characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geographical coverage</li><li>• Access barriers</li><li>• Quality improvement programs</li><li>• Disease management, case management</li><li>• Compliance programs</li><li>• Information technology use (e.g., computerized physician order entry, e-prescribing, electronic medical records)</li></ul>

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## Data Definitions

*Explicit data definitions* is essential to process of selecting data elements

*Important to ensure **internal validity***

*History of exposure & Potential confounding factors;*

*Should include the ranges and acceptable values for each individual data element*

*Determine which data elements are **required** or may be **optional***

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## Patient-Reported Outcomes

*It is important to use patient-reported outcomes;  
valid, reliable, responsive, interpretable, and translatable  
Reflect patients' perceptions of their status*

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## Pilot Testing

*To determine **time needed** to complete the form and the resulting subject / abstractor burden*

*May **uncover problems** in registry logistics*

*Evaluation of **accuracy** and **completeness** of registry questions*

***Comprehensiveness** of both **instructional** materials and **training** in addressing these potential issues*

