



DAD Updates: New Core Data Layout

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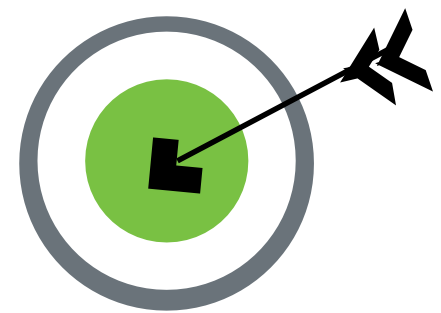
The Discharge Abstracts Database (DAD) includes administrative, clinical, and demographic information on hospital discharges and over time, has also captured data on day surgery, long-term care, rehabilitation and other types of care:

<https://www.popdata.bc.ca/data/health/dad>

FIELDS NOW AVAILABLE



- Record ID to link related NACRS record
- Charlson Comorbidity Index using pre-admission comorbidities recorded on the abstract
- Selected set of Case Mix Group & Comprehensive Ambulatory Care System Code fields
- Patient demographics from claim record
- Mental health related fields



KEY

TAKEAWAYS

- ✓ Date range: April 1, 2001 onward
- ✓ More streamlined while maintaining fields required for the majority of analytic needs
- ✓ DAD-NACRS linkage: easier to identify and link to related NACRS ED visit

FIELDS NO LONGER AVAILABLE



- Many fields removed, for example:
- Intervention details, such as: start/end dates/times, extent and location attributes, anaesthetic codes (intervention ICODES remain)
 - Special care unit stay start/end dates/times