PharmaNet

populationdata BC

Date range: January 1, 1996 onward

PharmaNet data includes records of all medications dispensed in community pharmacies in BC. PharmaNet data is available in three files: claims information, dispensing-events, and health products.

Core vs. Non-Core Data

Core Data: Some BC Ministry of Health data sets available through PopData and HDPBC are called 'Core Data'. A Core Data set is a standardized 'bundle' of commonly requested variables. A Core Data set may not include ALL the variables available in the data set. For example, some Core Data variables, such as geography or organisational codes, are suppressed to meet privacy legislation requirements.

Non-Core Data: Non-Core Data are variables that are **NOT** included in the standardized Core Data set. Non-Core Data is available for request **as an addition** to the Core Data set.

For the majority of DARs, requesting access to Core Data ONLY may make the data access approval process quicker and may expedite data provision. Data requests that include Non-Core Data will be subject to regular rather than expedited processes, both for application review and data provisioning.

ALL AVAILABLE VARIABLES

Name	Core vs Non-Core	Description
PNET_CORE.CLNT_KEY*	Core	Personal Health Number used to identify residents of BC for the purposes of tracking health care treatments; the PHN is replaced by project specific patient identification study ID.
PNET_CORE.MRG_CLNT_IDNT_KEY*	Core	A Merged Personal Health Number refers to the PHN of a client who has been issued multiple PHNs over time. This can occur, for example, when a client receives a prescription but they don't know their PHN: as a matter of policy, prescriptions always require a PHN, and therefore the pharmacy will issue a new one for the client. Some clients can even have as many as six or seven PHNs.
PNET_CORE.ACPT_DAYS_SPLY	Core	Prorated amount of the prescription based on the 'allowed' days supply. The 'accepted' days supply may be reduced from the submitted days supply based on: exceeding one of the following: patient's special authority days supply, amount allowed for the plan or amount allowed for the DINPIN.
PNET_CORE.ACPT_PROD_COST	Core	Product cost that Pharmacare used to adjudicate the claim.
PNET_CORE.ACPT_PROF_FEE	Core	The amount of the professional fee accepted by PharmaCare for the facility that submitted the claim. The professional fee will be adjusted if the submitted amount exceeds the maximum professional fee established by the Benefit Group, or if the amount exceeds the maximum professional fee established for the facility.
PNET_CORE.ACPT_QTY	Core	Pro-rated quantity based on days supply accepted for payment by PharmaCare.
PNET_CORE.BLD_COST_MRKP_AMT	Core	The dispensing facility's markup on the cost of dispensed product calculated as a specific amount.
PNET_CORE.BLD_PROD_COST	Core	The amount of the submitted drug/ingredient cost by the pharmacist.
PNET_CORE.BLD_PROF_FEE	Core	Pharmacists fee submitted for professional and technical activities associated with providing the prescribed medicine or treatment.
PNET_CORE.DSPD_DAYS_SPLY	Core	Estimate of number of days of treatment contained in the prescription, as submitted by the pharmacist.
PNET_CORE.DSPD_QTY	Core	Quantity of medication dispensed, i.e. the actual number of units dispensed as submitted by the Pharmacist. Value from Dispensing Event Data Mart overrides the value in Pharmacare Claim Data Mart if different._x000D_
PNET_CORE.PD_PROD_COST	Core	The amount of the submitted drug/ingredient cost paid (covered) by Pharmacare.
PNET_CORE.PD_PROF_FEE	Core	The amount of the professional fee paid to the facility (usually a Pharmacy) that submitted the claim. Pharmacists who serve such patients in long-term care do not receive professional fees for each dispense. Instead, these pharmacists are paid a daily capitation fee for every bed they serve. These capitation fee payments do not make their way into this table.
PNET_CORE.TOT_ACPT_AMT	Core	Total Accepted Amount The PharmaCare system stores three sets of dollar values: Billed: The amount for which the pharmacy sold a product Accepted: The dollar value that PharmaCare would have paid, had deductibles not existed Paid: The amount that PharmaCare actually reimbursed

PNET_CORE.TOT_BLD_AMT	Core	Calculated as Billed Ingredient Cost + Billed Professional Fee + Billed Special Service Fee. Pharmacist may refuse to fill a prescription, however these records are still included in the Claims History. In order to filter them, use the following statement in the where clause: BLD_SPEC_SRV_FEE = 0
PNET_CORE.TOT_CLNT_PD_AMT	Core	The amount the pharmacy collected from the patient for a claim. Calculated as Billed Ingredient Cost + Billed Professional Fee - Paid Ingredient Cost - Paid Professional Fee. This is the difference between claimed cost and paid cost. Note that this is the assumed amount paid by the client.
PNET_CORE.TOT_PCARE_PD_AMT	Core	Total amount paid by PharmaCare to the pharmacy for drug cost and professional fee after adjusting for maximum price rules and subtraction of the copay to collect amount.
PNET_CORE.ACUM_EXP_AMT	Core	Total dollar amount spent by, or on behalf of, the family since the start of the year (may be calendar or fiscal based on the accumulated expenditure rules specified for the PharmaCare Account).
PNET_CORE.SRV_DATE	Core	Date treatment, product or service was provided to the patient.
PNET_CORE.DSPG_EVT_NUM*	Core	System defined number that uniquely identifies the record in the table. Stored as a negative number so that records can easily be retrieved in reverse chronological order.
PNET_CORE.CLM_NUM*	Core	A unique system generated number used to identify a record in the Claims History Table.
PNET_CORE.RX_NUM*	Core	A system generated number assigned by the pharmacy system to a dispense and claim event on the original date of the event.
PNET_CORE.ORIG_RX_NUM*	Core	Original Prescription Number
PNET_CORE.SRC_SYS_CRT_DATE_TM	Core	The date and time the record was added to the database.
PNET_CORE.SRC_SYS_UPD_DATE_TM	Core	Date and time record was last changed.
PNET_CORE.SPEC_AUTHY_FLG	Core	Indicates whether or not the claim was adjudicated under a special authority.
PNET_CORE.SRV_DATE_LABEL	Core	Date of Service Event
PNET_CORE.MRG_CLNT_BRTH_DATE	Core	Date individual was born, only year and month are approved for release from PharmaNet.
PNET_CORE.CLNT_AGE_LABEL	Core	Client Age. Age is calculated using the Event/Service date and the birthdate in the Reference Data
PNET_CORE.CLNT_AGE_TYDF_CODE	Core	Client Age. Age is calculated using the Event/Service date and the birthdate in the Reference Data
PNET_CORE.CLNT_AGE_IN_YRS_NUM	Core	Client Age. Age is calculated using the Event/Service date and the birthdate in the Reference Data.
PNET_CORE.CLNT_5_YR_AGE_GRP_CD	Core	Labels for the twently standard age groups starting from <1, 1-4,..., to 90+.
PNET_CORE.CLNT_GENDER_LABEL	Core	Sex of the individual.
PNET_CORE.CLNT_GEOG_KEY*	Core	Level 3 version of Client geography
PNET_CORE.CLNT_HA_AREA_CD	Core	Codes used to identify the Health Authority of the client's residence. Client's geographical information included in the AROs corresponds to client residential address at the time of dispense, while information in the client roster corresponds to a particular time in the year (not sure which time). So if the patient moved after the dispense and the client roster got updated with the new address, the information will not match.
PNET_CORE.CLNT_HA_AREA	Core	Labels for the Health Authority of the client's residence.
PNET_CORE.CLNT_HA_AREA_1997	Core	Labels for the Health Authority of the client's residence (1997 format).
PNET_CORE.CLNT_HSDA_CD	Core	Codes used to identify the Health Service Delivery Area of the client's residence.
PNET_CORE.CLNT_HSDA	Core	Patient Health Services Delivery Area (HSDA)
PNET_CORE.CLNT_HSDA_1997	Core	Labels for the Health Service Delivery Area of the client's residence (1997 format).
PNET_CORE.CLNT_LHA_CD	Core	Codes used to identify the Local Health Area of the client's residence
PNET_CORE.CLNT_LHA	Core	Patient Local Health Area (LHA).
PNET_CORE.CLNT_LHA_1997	Core	Client LHA 1997
PNET_CORE.CLNT_FRWRD_SORT_AREA	Core	Patient Forward Sortation Area - the first three digits of the postal code.
PNET_CORE.CLNT_CHSA_CD	Non-Core	Client Community Health Service Areas
PNET_CORE.CLNT_CHSA	Non-Core	Client Community Health Service Areas
PNET_CORE.HLTH_PROD_LABEL	Core	The Drug Identification Number / Product Identification Number assigned by Health Canada, also referred to as Canadian Drug Identity Code (CDIC), is used to uniquely identify a particular drug by chemical, dosage, form and manufacturer.
PNET_CORE.HLTH_PROD_TYDF_CODE	Core	Identifies authorized Health Products (drugs) where the product is identified by a DIN_PIN
PNET_CORE.DIN_PIN	Core	The Drug Identification Number / Product Identification Number assigned by Health Canada, also referred to as Canadian Drug Identity Code (CDIC), is used to uniquely identify a particular drug by chemical, dosage, form and manufacturer.
PNET_CORE.PRSCR_PRAC_LABEL*	Core	
PNET_CORE.PRSCR_PRAC_LIC_BODY_IDNT	Core	Description and code identifying the governing body from which practitioner receives their license. Can uniquely identify a practitioner when using this field in combination with "practitioner identification number" PRSCR_PRAC_IDNT.
PNET_CORE.PRSCR_PRAC_LIC_BODY	Core	Prescribing Practitioner Licensing Body Identifier
PNET_CORE.PRSCR_PRAC_IDNT*	Core	License number assigned by the governing body with which the individual is registered. Replaced by a project-specific practitioner identification study number. Is a unique a unique identifier of a practitioner when used in combination with "practitioner identification reference" PRSCR_PRAC_LIC_BODY_IDNT.
PNET_CORE.PRSCR_PRAC_PROF	Core	Practitioner type (e.g. physician, dentist, nurse practitioner, podiatrist, midwife, veterinarian, pharmacist). Describes type of medical work performed.

PNET_CORE.PROF_SRV_1_LABEL	Core	Intervention Type Code. Identifies intervention codes for special services performed. Up to two Special Service Intervention codes are allowed per claim. Includes description of code.
PNET_CORE.PROF_SRV_1	Core	Professional Service 1
PNET_CORE.PROF_SRV_2_LABEL	Core	Intervention Type Code. Identifies intervention codes for special services performed. Up to two Special Service Intervention codes are allowed per claim. Includes description of code.
PNET_CORE.PROF_SRV_2	Core	Professional Service 2
PNET_CORE.PRSCR_GEOG_SECONDARY_ANON_ID*	Core	Prescribing Practitioner Geography
PNET_CORE.PCARE_PLAN_LABEL	Core	Account type under which claim adjudicated, represents type of PharmaCare plan e.g., long term_x000D_ care, income assistance, cystic fibrosis, mental health, Fair PharmaCare
PNET_CORE.PCARE_PLAN	Core	PharmaCare Plan
PNET_CORE.PCARE_DTL_PLAN_LABEL	Core	Identifies the benefit plan (PLANRULE) used to adjudicate the claim which resulted in a reimbursement
PNET_CORE.PCARE_PMT_STS_LABEL	Core	Current status of the claim, reversal, or adjustment. https://meta.healthideas.gov.bc.ca/concepts/medications-history: A pharmacist may refuse to fill a prescription, however these records are still included in the Medication History. In order to filter them, use the following statement in the where clause: dspg_evt_sts_label in ('F','D')
PNET_CORE.FCTY_LABEL*	Core	Pharmacy identification number (ID) is a unique identifier assigned by the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association. Pharmacy ID is replaced by a project-specific pharmacy study identification number.
PNET_CORE.FCTY_TYDF_CODE	Core	The facility (pharmacy) to which the special authorization was granted.
PNET_CORE.FCTY_IDNT*	Core	A flag: BC geography or non-BC geography.
PNET_CORE.FCTY*	Core	Facility
PNET_CORE.FCTY_GEOG_SECONDARY_ANON_ID*	Core	Facility Geography
PNET_CORE.FCTY_BC_NONBC_CD	Core	A flag: BC geography or non-BC geography.
PNET_CORE.FCTY_HA_AREA_CD	Core	Pharmacy Health Authority (HA).
PNET_CORE.FCTY_HA_AREA	Core	Facility HA Area
PNET_CORE.FCTY_HA_AREA_1997	Core	Facility HA Area (1997 format)
PNET_CORE.FCTY_HSDA_CD	Core	Codes used to identify the Health Service Delivery Area.
PNET_CORE.FCTY_HSDA	Core	Pharmacy Health Services Delivery Area (HSDA)
PNET_CORE.FCTY_HSDA_1997	Core	Facility Health Service Delivery Area (1997 format).
PNET_CORE.FCTY_LHA_CD	Core	Pharmacy Local Health Area (LHA).
PNET_CORE.FCTY_LHA	Core	Pharmacy Local Health Area (LHA).
PNET_CORE.FCTY_LHA_1997	Core	Facility LHA 1997
PNET_CORE.FCTY_CHSA_CD	Non-Core	Facility CHSA Code
PNET_CORE.FCTY_CHSA	Non-Core	Facility CHSA
PNET_CORE.FCTY_FRWRD_SORT_AREA	Core	Pharmacy Forward Sortation Area - the first three digits of the postal code
PNET_CORE.IS_DIFF_FLAG	Core	Flag Y/N identifying if there are differences/discrepancies between Dispensing Event and Pharmacare Claim data marts on common measures/dimensions. These discrepancies are recorded in PNET_DIFF table.
PNET_CORE.DSPGEVT_OBJ_ID*	Core	A system-generated unique identifier representing record in Dispensing Event Data Mart
PNET_CORE.PCARECLM_OBJ_ID*	Core	A system-generated unique identifier representing record in Pharmacare Claim Data Mart
PNET_CORE.OBJ_ID*	Core	
PNET_CORE.CREATE_DATE_TIME	Core	Date record was created
PNET_CORE.UPDATE_DATE_TIME	Core	Last Date record was updated

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