

# Project: Healthcare - Persistency of a drug

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## **Week 8: Deliverables**

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### **Problem Description:**

ABC is a pharmaceutical company that wants to understand the persistency of a drug as per the physician's prescription for a patient. This company has approached an Analytics company to automate this process of identification. This Analytics company has assigned this task as part of the internship and has asked to come up with a solution to automate the persistence of a drug for the client ABC.

## Data Understanding:

The dataset contains 70 columns and 3424 rows in total. The target variable is Persistency\_Flag which is a binary variable having either True or False as its value. One of the features of the given dataset is 'Ptid' that is patient identity number and it plays no role in prediction of persistence of a drug on a patient and hence is removed. Overall the datatypes of most of the features is either binary or string.

## Feature Description:

Bucket	Variable	Variable Description
Unique Row Id	Patient ID	Unique ID of each patient
Target Variable	Persistency_Flag	Flag indicating if a patient was persistent or not
Demographics	Age	Age of the patient during their therapy
	Race	Race of the patient from the patient table
	Region	Region of the patient from the patient table
	Ethnicity	Ethnicity of the patient from the patient table
	Gender	Gender of the patient from the patient table
	IDN Indicator	Flag indicating patients mapped to IDN
Provider Attributes	NTM - Physician Specialty	Specialty of the HCP that prescribed the NTM Rx

Clinical Factors	NTM - T-Score	T Score of the patient at the time of the NTM Rx (within 2 years prior from rxdate)
	Change in T Score	Change in Tscore before starting with any therapy and after receiving therapy (Worsened, Remained Same, Improved, Unknown)
	NTM - Risk Segment	Risk Segment of the patient at the time of the NTM Rx (within 2 years days prior from rxdate)
	Change in Risk Segment	Change in Risk Segment before starting with any therapy and after receiving therapy (Worsened, Remained Same, Improved, Unknown)
	NTM - Multiple Risk Factors	Flag indicating if patient falls under multiple risk category (having more than 1 risk) at the time of the NTM Rx (within 365 days prior from rxdate)
	NTM - DEXA Scan Frequency	Number of DEXA scans taken prior to the first NTM Rx date (within 365 days prior from rxdate)
	NTM - DEXA Scan Recency	Flag indicating the presence of DEXA Scan before the NTM Rx (within 2 years prior from rxdate or between their first Rx and Switched Rx; whichever is smaller and applicable)
	Dexa During Therapy	Flag indicating if the patient had a DEXA Scan during their first continuous therapy
	NTM - Fragility Fracture Recency	Flag indicating if the patient had a recent fragility fracture (within 365 days prior from rxdate)

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	NTM - Glucocorticoid Recency	Flag indicating usage of Glucocorticoids ( $\geq 7.5$ mg strength) in the one year look-back from the first NTM Rx
	Glucocorticoid Usage During Therapy	Flag indicating if the patient had a Glucocorticoid usage during the first continuous therapy
Disease/Treatment Factor	NTM - Injectable Experience	Flag indicating any injectable drug usage in the recent 12 months before the NTM OP Rx
	NTM - Risk Factors	Risk Factors that the patient is falling into. For chronic Risk Factors complete lookback to be applied and for non-chronic Risk Factors, one year lookback from the date of first OP Rx
	NTM - Comorbidity	Comorbidities are divided into two main categories - Acute and chronic, based on the ICD codes. For chronic disease we are taking complete look back from the first Rx date of NTM therapy and for acute diseases, time period before the NTM OP Rx with one year lookback has been applied
	NTM - Concomitancy	Concomitant drugs recorded prior to starting with a therapy(within 365 days prior from first rxdate)
	Adherence	Adherence for the therapies



## **Exploratory Data Analysis:**

On analyzing data, it is observed that originally 62.35% of data shows that the drug is non-persistent whereas 37.65% is only persistent. Dexa Scan Frequency and Receny are highly correlated to persistence of drug. There are no missing values present in any column of the dataset. Binary values present in the dataset were mapped from Y, N to 1,0 respectively. Although a lot of outliers were detected in Dexa Frequency during RX which was then transformed using log transformation.

## **GitHub Repository:**

[https://github.com/AmimaShifa/WEEKLY-TASKS/blob/main/Week-8/Week\\_8\\_DATA\\_Understandingpynb.ipynb](https://github.com/AmimaShifa/WEEKLY-TASKS/blob/main/Week-8/Week_8_DATA_Understandingpynb.ipynb)