

## **ERD Modeling**

- 1. Identify entities
  - a. Patient
  - b. Doctor
  - c. Appointment
  - d. Bill
  - e. Payment (associative entity)
- 2. Remove duplicate entities
  - a. None
- 3. List the attributes of each entity
  - a. Patient
    - i. Patient ID, name(First, Las and address (City, State, Zip code)
  - b. Doctor
    - i. <u>Doctor ID</u>, name(First, Last) and specialty
  - c. Appointment
    - i. Appointment ID, Patient ID, Doctor ID, date, time, and reason
  - d. Bill
- i. <u>Bill ID</u>, visit date, due date (25 days after visiting data), total amount, remaining balance, bill details (assume it is a general summary of treatments during the visit
- e. Payment (associative entity)
  - i. <u>Patient ID</u>, <u>Bill ID</u>, payment date, amount paid, payment method (cash, card, check), Payment No.
- 4. Mark the primary keys
  - a. PK are underlined in #3
- 5. Define the relationships
  - a. Schedule (Patient, Appointment)
  - b. Scheduled\_with (Appointment, Doctor)
  - c. Creates (Appointment, Bill)
  - d. Makes (Patient, Payment)
  - e. Pays (Payment, Bill)
- 6. Describe the cardinality and optionality of the relationships
  - a. 1:M A Patient (schedules) many appointments
  - b. M:1 Many appointments (scheduled\_with) one and only one doctor
  - c. 1:1 An Appointment (creates) one Bill
  - d. 1:M A Patient (makes) multiple payments
  - e. M:1 Many payments (pays) a Bill
- 7. Remove redundant relationships
  - a. None

## Notes:

- 1. Patient and Doctor entity Name is a composite attribute so I split it into First and Last name since it is easier to look up in a query.
- 2. Patient entity Address is a composite attribute so I split it into City, State, Street and Zip code since it is easier to look up in a query.

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- 3. Appointment entity Appointment ID primary key was created for Bill tracking since an appointment generates the bill. If a patient sees Doctor A and Doctor B the same day (however, this would be rare), then this is where appointment ID can differentiate bills. Due to the ID attribute, Appointment is an entity.
- 4. Payment is an associative entity.
- 5. Payment associative entity Date is a foreign key for Bill entity Visit Date.
- 6. Bill entity Due Date is a derived attribute since it takes visit date and adds 25 days.
- 7. Bill entity Remaining Balance is a derived attribute since it will be deducing amount paid from payment.
- 8. Payment associative entity Payment method is a multivalued attribute since selection can be card, credit or cash or a combination.
- 9. Payment associative entity Payment No. is the nth number of payments. This is a derived attribute. This helps maintain the uniqueness of each bill. This is a foreign key for Bill entity.
- 10. Doctor Entity Specialty attribute is a multivalued attribute since specialty can be one or more specialties.

## Assumptions:

- 1. There is no storage limitations.
- 2. There is no performance requirements.