User Manual: Tableau – Importing CSV and Creating a Dashboard

Step 1: Download and Install Tableau

- 1. Go to the **Tableau** official website: https://www.tableau.com
- 2. Click on "Try Now" (if using Tableau Public) or "Download Tableau Desktop" (if you have a license).
- 3. Fill in the required details and click "Download Free Trial" (for Tableau Desktop) or "Download Tableau Public" (for the free version).
- 4. After downloading, open the installer file and follow the on-screen instructions:
 - o Accept the terms and conditions.
 - o Click "Install."
 - o Once installed, launch Tableau.

Step 2: Load CSV File into Tableau

- 1. Open Tableau.
- 2. On the home screen, under "Connect", select "Text File" (for CSV files).
- 3. Navigate to the folder containing your CSV file and select it.
- 4. Tableau will display a preview of the data.
- 5. Click "Sheet 1" at the bottom to start creating visualizations.

Step 3: Create Sheets (Visualizations)

1. Create a Patient Age Histogram

- 1. Go to Sheet 1.
- 2. Drag the Age column from the Data Pane to Columns.
- 3. Drag the **Number of Records** to **Rows**.
- 4. Select **Histogram** from the **Show Me** panel.
- 5. Adjust the bin size if needed by right-clicking the Age axis \rightarrow Edit Bins \rightarrow Set size.

2. Create Number of Encounters Visualization

- 1. Create a new sheet.
- 2. Drag Encounter ID to Rows.
- 3. Change the aggregation to Count (right-click \rightarrow Convert to Measure \rightarrow Count).
- 4. Format as a bar or line chart from the **Show Me** panel.

3. Create Number of Patients Visualization

- 1. Create a new sheet.
- 2. Drag Patient ID to Rows.
- 3. Change the aggregation to **Count**.
- 4. Format as a bar chart from the **Show Me** panel.

4. Create Inpatient Average Length of Stay (Avg_LOS)

- 1. Create a new sheet.
- 2. Drag Length of Stay to Rows.
- 3. Change the aggregation to **Average** (right-click \rightarrow Measure \rightarrow Average).
- 4. Format as a bar or line chart from the **Show Me** panel.

5. Create ER Median Time

- 1. Create a new sheet.
- 2. Drag ER Time to Rows.
- 3. Change the aggregation to **Median** (right-click \rightarrow Measure \rightarrow Median).
- 4. Format as a bar chart from the **Show Me** panel.

6. Create Encounters Over Time

- 1. Create a new sheet.
- 2. Drag Date to Columns (convert to continuous if needed).
- 3. Drag Encounters to Rows.
- 4. Format as a line chart from the **Show Me** panel.

7. Create All Payer Mix

- 1. Create a new sheet.
- 2. Drag Payer Type (e.g., Medicare, Private, No Insurance) to Rows.
- 3. Drag Number of Records to Columns.
- 4. Format as a stacked bar or pie chart from the **Show Me** panel.

Step 4: Build the Dashboard

- 1. Click on "New Dashboard" (bottom of the screen).
- 2. Drag and drop the created sheets onto the dashboard.
- 3. Resize and arrange the sheets as needed.
- 4. Add interactive filters:
 - o Drag a filter from the **Data Pane** to the dashboard.
 - o Adjust settings to apply the filter across all sheets.
- 5. Customize the dashboard title and formatting using the **Format** panel.

Step 5: Save and Export

- 1. Save the file:
 - o For Tableau Desktop: File → Save As
 - o For Tableau Public: File → Save to Tableau Public
- 2. Export as a PDF or image:
 - \circ File \rightarrow Export \rightarrow PDF/Image