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MEPS-HC: Linking Medical Conditions to Prescribed Medicines

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MEPS Panel Design: Data Reference Periods

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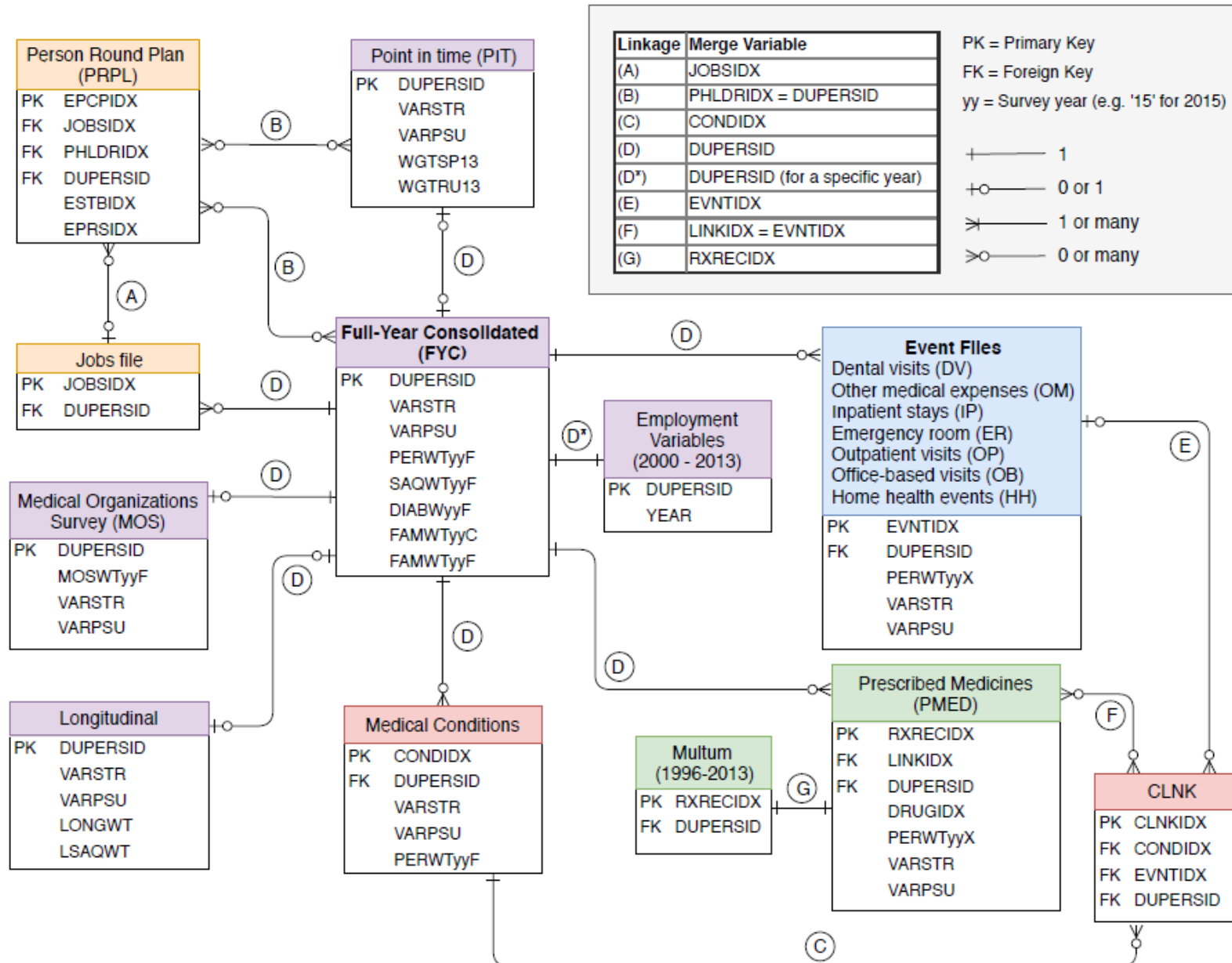
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CLNK file:

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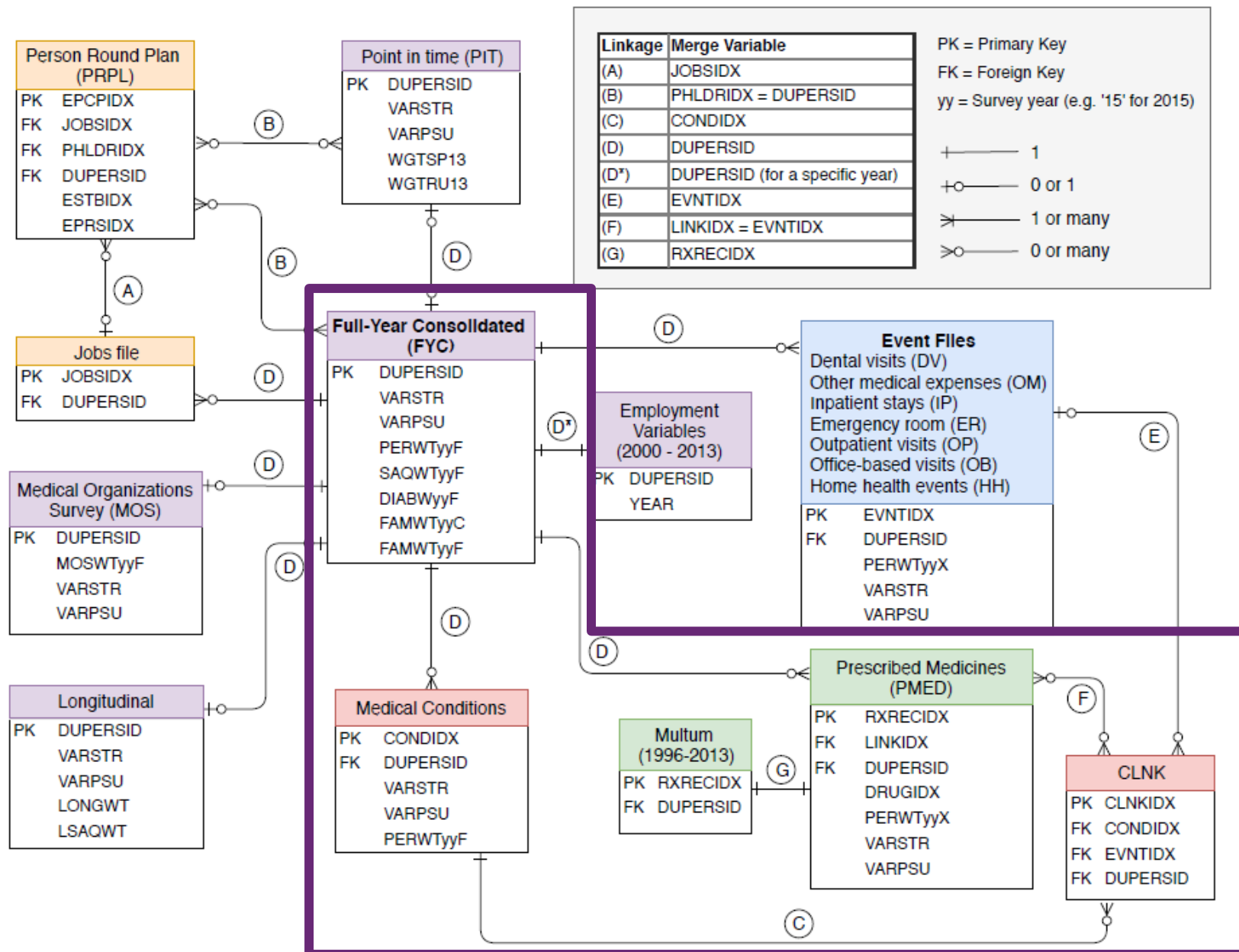
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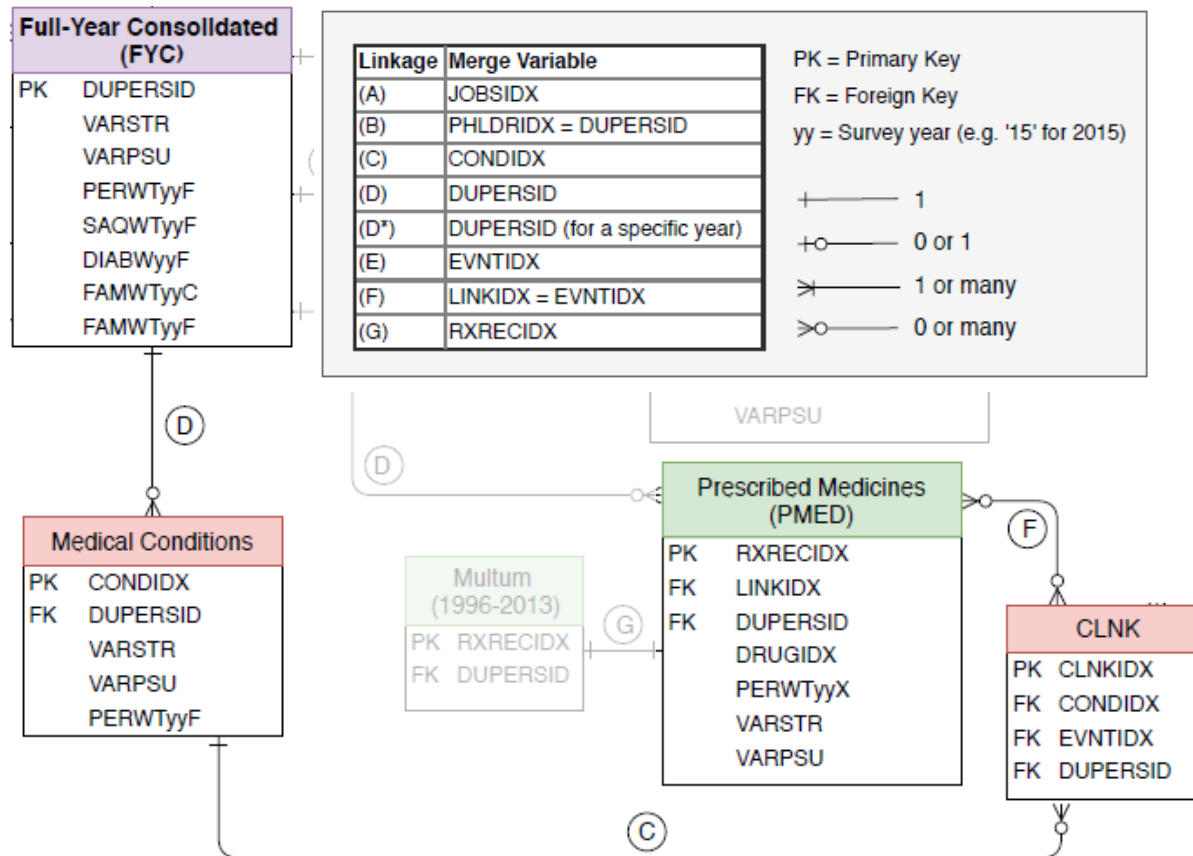
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Linking PMEDs to Conditions

Conditions-Event Link (CLNK) PUF: Crosswalk between medical conditions and medical events (including PMEDs)



- ▶ Not all conditions link to drugs
- ▶ Not all drugs link to conditions
- ▶ Not all MEPS sample members have reported drugs
- ▶ Not all MEPS sample members have reported conditions
- ▶ Merge EVNTIDX on CLNK to LINKIDX on PMED
- ▶ Many-to-many matching is possible
 - One drug can treat multiple conditions
 - One condition can be treated with multiple drugs

Linking Conditions to PMEDs

PMED File

DUPERSID	DRUGIDX	RXRECIDX	PURCHRD	LINKIDX	RXDRGNAM
2510001101	2510001101001	2510001101001103001	1	2510001101001103	ATORVASTATIN
2510001101	2510001101001	2510001101001103002	1	2510001101001103	ATORVASTATIN
2510001101	2510001101001	2510001101001203003	2	2510001101001203	ATORVASTATIN
2510001101	2510001101002	2510001101002203004	2	2510001101002203	AMOXICILLIN

'Lipitor'

Hyperlipidemia
(High Cholesterol)

CLNK File

DUPERSID	CONDIDX	EVNTIDX	EVENTYPE
2510001101	2510001101001	2510001101001103	8
2510001101	2510001101001	2510001101001203	8
2510001101	2510001101002	2510001101002203	8

Medical Conditions File

DUPERSID	CONDIDX	ICD10CDX	CCSR1X	CCSR2X
2510001101	2510001101001	E78	END010	-1
2510001101	2510001101002	J02	INF003	RSP006
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Respondent Reports: "Strep throat"

Code to ICD-10: J02.0

CCSR codes: INF003 RSP006

Included on PUF:

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Resources

MEPS Website:

<https://meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/>

MEPS GitHub:

<https://github.com/HHS-AHRQ/MEPS/>

MEPS-HC Online Data Tools:

<https://datatools.ahrq.gov/meps-hc>

The Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey:

<https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/abs/10.2105/AJPH.2021.306534?journalCode=ajph>



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