SQL Project Analysis Repost

1. Introduction

This project aims to analyze a dataset of medical appointment records from Virginia, USA, with a focus on identifying factors that affect whether patients attend their appointments. Using SQL, we explore patterns in demographics, health conditions, appointment scheduling, and communication methods. The ultimate objective is to help the clinic reduce no-shows, improve patient communication, and optimize resource allocation.

2. Dataset Overview

- **Dataset Size**: 1,000 records
- **Key Columns**:
    - PatientId, AppointmentID: Uniquely identify each patient and appointment.
    - Gender, Age, Neighbourhood: Demographic attributes.
    - ScheduledDay, AppointmentDay, Date.diff: Capture scheduling behavior.
    - Scholarship: Indicates welfare program enrollment.
    - Hipertension, Diabetes, Alcoholism, Handcap: Medical conditions.
    - SMS_received: Whether the patient received an SMS reminder.
    - Showed_up: Indicates whether the patient attended the appointment.
    - AppointmentStatus: Derived column categorizing attendance.

These columns directly relate to the project's goals and allow for analysis of attendance behavior based on key variables.

3. Methodology and SQL Tasks

--CREATING SCHEMA

```
use sql_project;

set sql_safe_updates = 0;
```

-- UPDATING DATE FORMAT OF SCHEDULEDDAY COLUMN

```
UPDATE virginia_patient_appointments

SET ScheduledDay = STR_TO_DATE(ScheduledDay, "%m/%d/%Y");
```

-- UPDATING DATE FORMAT OF APPOINTMENTDAY COLUMN

```
UPDATE virginia_patient_appointments

SET AppointmentDay = STR_TO_DATE(AppointmentDay, "%m/%d/%Y");
```

Basic SQL & Data Retrieval

1. Retrieve all columns from the Appointments table.

```
select * from virginia_patient_appointments;
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PatientId	AppointmentID	Gender	ScheduledDay	AppointmentDay	Age	Neighbourhood	Scholarship	Hypertension	Diabetes	Alcoholism	Handcap	SMS_received	Date.diff	Showed_up
10001	b5ef1ee6-7ff3-44b9-b69f-a399e1bfff1a	Male	2023-02-26	2023-03-06	50	Alexandria	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	Yes
10002	28a625e1-4133-4ed1-9821-8c7556c8c3c7	Female	2023-02-19	2023-02-26	70	Alexandria	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	Yes
10003	9631be62-13b4-48db-99bc-e2196fb398f4	Male	2023-04-05	2023-04-08	95	Arlington	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	Yes
10004	3dc1e882-0712-4fb9-9cd6-f58eb457bba6	Male	2023-05-27	2023-06-02	47	Newport News	1	1	0	0	0	1	6	Yes
10005	4279dcd6-86e7-4c6c-8800-69fbd4c7ca67	Male	2023-05-13	2023-05-27	18	Alexandria	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	Yes
10006	7a134ada-2e51-46bd-9857-0bc325ac7254	Female	2023-01-22	2023-01-25	5	Norfolk	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	Yes
10007	bfe46ba0-6706-42f2-9c3d-7f9635c65a81	Male	2023-05-01	2023-05-12	83	Fairfax	0	0	1	0	0	1	11	Yes
10008	ba885454-7497-4326-a157-45a0d658db7d	Male	2023-03-24	2023-03-28	26	Newport News	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	No
10009	b4c754f0-0f44-4302-ae25-acf434cc4768	Male	2023-03-07	2023-03-10	52	Virginia Beach	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	Yes
10010	a4ba1e5c-f195-4c4c-ace9-b6cb2d12831f	Female	2023-06-07	2023-06-13	47	Arlington	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	Yes

Insight: Displays all the raw data for inspection.

2. List the first 10 appointments where the patient is older than 60.

```
select *

from virginia_patient_appointments

where Age > 60 ;
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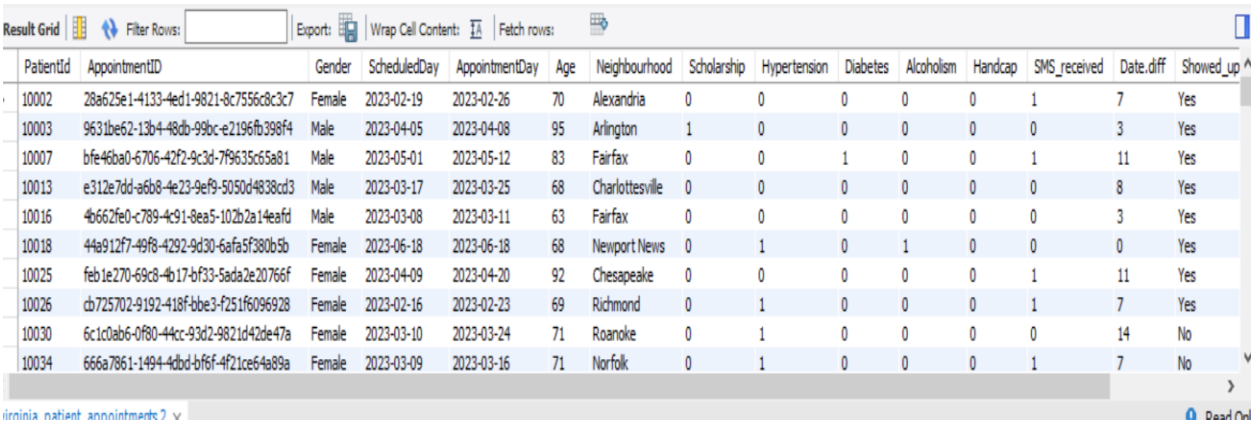

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10002	28a625e1-4133-4ed1-9821-8c7556c8c3c7	Female	2023-02-19	2023-02-26	70	Alexandria	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	Yes
10003	9631be62-13b4-48db-99bc-e2196fb398f4	Male	2023-04-05	2023-04-08	95	Arlington	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	Yes
10007	bfe46ba0-6706-42f2-9c3d-7f9635c65a81	Male	2023-05-01	2023-05-12	83	Fairfax	0	0	1	0	0	1	11	Yes
10013	e312e7dd-a6b8-4e23-9ef9-5050d4838cd3	Male	2023-03-17	2023-03-25	68	Charlottesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	Yes
10016	4b662fe0-c789-4c91-8ea5-102b2a14eafd	Male	2023-03-08	2023-03-11	63	Fairfax	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	Yes
10018	44a912f7-49f8-4292-9d30-6afa5f380b5b	Female	2023-06-18	2023-06-18	68	Newport News	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	Yes
10025	feb1e270-69c8-4b17-bf33-5ada2e20766f	Female	2023-04-09	2023-04-20	92	Chesapeake	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	Yes
10026	cb725702-9192-418f-bbe3-f251f6096928	Female	2023-02-16	2023-02-23	69	Richmond	0	1	0	0	0	1	7	Yes
10030	6c1c0ab6-0f80-44cc-93d2-9821d42de47a	Female	2023-03-10	2023-03-24	71	Roanoke	0	1	0	0	0	0	14	No
10034	666a7861-1494-4dbd-bf6f-4f21ce64a89a	Female	2023-03-09	2023-03-16	71	Norfolk	0	1	0	0	0	1	7	No

Insight: Highlights appointments with elderly patients, helping evaluate age-related no-show trends.

3. Show the unique neighborhoods from which patients came.

```
select distinct Neighbourhood

from virginia_patient_appointments;
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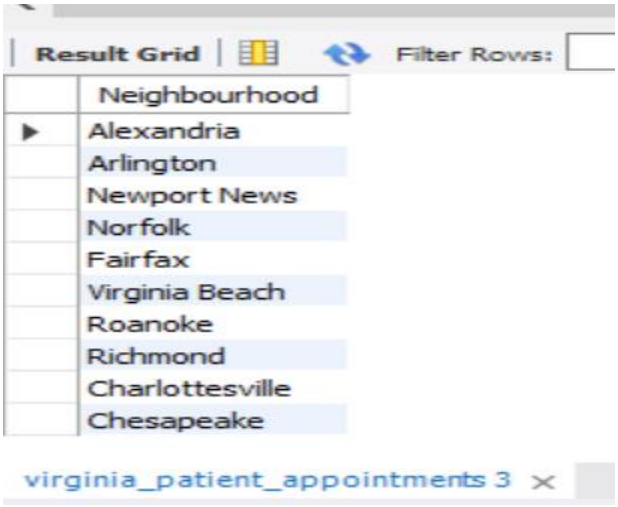

Neighbourhood
Alexandria
Arlington
Newport News
Norfolk
Fairfax
Virginia Beach
Roanoke
Richmond
Charlottesville
Chesapeake

Insight: Identifies the coverage area of patients and supports regional analysis.

4. Find all female patients who received an SMS reminder. Give count of them

```
select Gender , count(Gender) as female_sms_count

from virginia_patient_appointments

where gender = 'Female' and SMS_received = 1 ;
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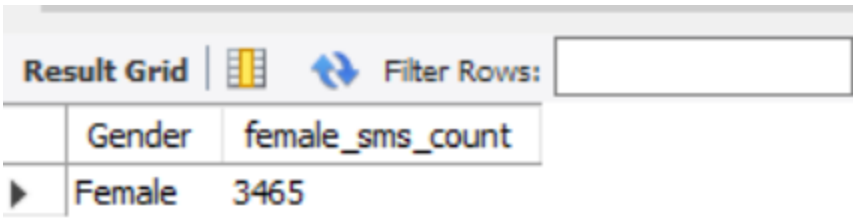

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Gender	female_sms_count
Female	3465

Insight: A total of **3,465** female patients received SMS reminders, useful for measuring SMS effectiveness.

5. Display all appointments scheduled on or after '2023-05-01' and before '2023-06-01'.

```
select *

from virginia_patient_appointments

where ScheduledDay >= '2023-05-01' and ScheduledDay < '2023-06-01' ;
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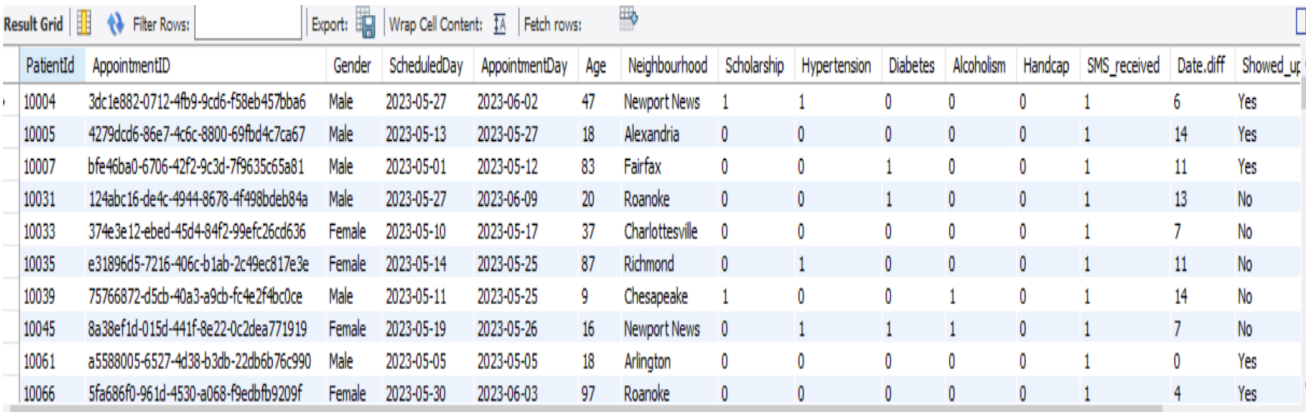

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10004	3dc1e882-0712-4fb9-9cd6-f58eb457bba6	Male	2023-05-27	2023-06-02	47	Newport News	1	1	0	0	0	1	6	Yes
10005	4279dcd6-86e7-4c6c-8800-69fbd4c7ca67	Male	2023-05-13	2023-05-27	18	Alexandria	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	Yes
10007	bfe46ba0-6706-42f2-9c3d-7f9635c65a81	Male	2023-05-01	2023-05-12	83	Fairfax	0	0	1	0	0	1	11	Yes
10031	124abc16-de4c-4944-8678-4f498bdeb84a	Male	2023-05-27	2023-06-09	20	Roanoke	0	0	1	0	0	1	13	No
10033	374e3e12-ebed-45d4-84f2-99efc26cd636	Female	2023-05-10	2023-05-17	37	Charlottesville	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	No
10035	e31896d5-7216-406c-b1ab-2c49ec817e3e	Female	2023-05-14	2023-05-25	87	Richmond	0	1	0	0	0	1	11	No
10039	75766872-d5cb-40a3-a9cb-fc4e2f4bc0ce	Male	2023-05-11	2023-05-25	9	Chesapeake	1	0	0	1	0	1	14	No
10045	8a38ef1d-015d-441f-8e22-0c2dea771919	Female	2023-05-19	2023-05-26	16	Newport News	0	1	1	1	0	1	7	No
10061	a5588005-6527-4d38-b3db-22db6b76c990	Male	2023-05-05	2023-05-05	18	Arlington	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	Yes
10066	5fa686f0-961d-4530-a068-f9edbfb9209f	Female	2023-05-30	2023-06-03	97	Roanoke	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	Yes

Insight: Enables filtering for a specific time window for trend or seasonal analysis.

Data Modification & Filtering

6. Update the 'Showed_up' status to 'Yes' where it is null or empty

```
update virginia_patient_appointments

set Showed_up = 'Yes'
```

where Showed_up is null or trim(Showed_up) = '';

Insight: Ensures data consistency by replacing null/empty entries.

7.Add a new column AppointmentStatus using a CASE statement:

- **'No Show' if Showed_up = 'No'**
- **'Attended' otherwise**

```
alter table virginia_patient_appointments
add column AppointmentStatus varchar(20);

update virginia_patient_appointments
set AppointmentStatus = case when Showed_up = 'No' then 'No Show'
                else 'Attended'
                end ;
```

tID	Gender	ScheduledDay	AppointmentDay	Age	Neighbourhood	Scholarship	Hypertension	Diabetes	Alcoholism	Handcap	SMS_received	Date.diff	Showed_up	AppointmentStatus
3-44b9-b69f-a399e1bfff1a	Male	2023-02-26	2023-03-06	50	Alexandria	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	Yes	Attended
33-4ed1-9821-8c7556c8c3c7	Female	2023-02-19	2023-02-26	70	Alexandria	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	Yes	Attended
b4-48db-99bc-e2196fb398f4	Male	2023-04-05	2023-04-08	95	Arlington	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	Yes	Attended
12-4fb9-9cd6-f58eb457bba6	Male	2023-05-27	2023-06-02	47	Newport News	1	1	0	0	0	1	6	Yes	Attended
e7-4c6c-8800-69fbd4c7ca67	Male	2023-05-13	2023-05-27	18	Alexandria	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	Yes	Attended
51-46bd-9857-0bc325ac7254	Female	2023-01-22	2023-01-25	5	Norfolk	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	Yes	Attended
06-42f2-9c3d-7f9635c65a81	Male	2023-05-01	2023-05-12	83	Fairfax	0	0	1	0	0	1	11	Yes	Attended
97-4326-a157-45a0d658db7d	Male	2023-03-24	2023-03-28	26	Newport News	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	No	No Show
4-4302-ae25-acf434cc4768	Male	2023-03-07	2023-03-10	52	Virginia Beach	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	Yes	Attended
95-4c4c-ace9-b6cb2d12831f	Female	2023-06-07	2023-06-13	47	Arlington	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	Yes	Attended

Insight: Adds a derived field for more intuitive filtering and reporting.

8. Filter appointments for diabetic patients with hypertension.

```
select *
from virginia_patient_appointments
where Diabetes = 1 and Hypertension = 1;
```

PatientId	AppointmentID	Gender	ScheduledDay	AppointmentDay	Age	Neighbourhood	Scholarship	Hypertension	Diabetes	Alcoholism	Handcap	SMS_received	Date.diff	Showed_up
10023	ce74ec56-db42-4295-95a2-b7e4351399ed	Female	2023-03-09	2023-03-21	14	Newport News	0	1	1	0	0	1	12	Yes
10028	2f33d653-4421-4249-a3f6-b904fab34b7f	Female	2023-02-26	2023-03-11	25	Charlottesville	1	1	1	0	0	0	13	Yes
10045	8a38ef1d-015d-441f-8e22-0c2dea771919	Female	2023-05-19	2023-05-26	16	Newport News	0	1	1	1	0	1	7	No
10047	edfc1ab2-c198-4cfb-a5cf-9236bdce8c96	Female	2023-03-29	2023-04-05	66	Norfolk	0	1	1	0	0	1	7	Yes
10128	cf03c9ad-72d5-48d4-9ed6-d4366cfc3638	Male	2023-06-01	2023-06-01	91	Chesapeake	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	Yes
10168	2c01b5a6-c9dd-40a8-a78f-5465228dc422	Male	2023-02-05	2023-02-05	86	Alexandria	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	Yes
10184	d9e07cbd-1734-4957-8341-1e59a5680f62	Male	2023-06-25	2023-07-04	81	Alexandria	0	1	1	0	0	0	9	Yes
10216	6c74eed4-4578-44e6-b32b-ad052c682589	Male	2023-05-12	2023-05-26	75	Alexandria	1	1	1	0	0	1	14	No
10234	f9848030-9fa9-45b1-ae18-76034ad551ad	Female	2023-04-26	2023-05-04	51	Virginia Beach	0	1	1	0	0	0	8	Yes
10268	a5c5677f-d8af-426c-bd1d-53ca4e027022	Female	2023-02-04	2023-02-10	52	Virginia Beach	1	1	1	0	0	1	6	Yes

Insight: Filters high-risk patients for specialized analysis.

9. Order the records by Age in descending order and show only the top 5 oldest patients.

```
select *
from virginia_patient_appointments
order by age desc
limit 5;
```

PatientId	AppointmentID	Gender	ScheduledDay	AppointmentDay	Age	Neighbourhood	Scholarship	Hypertension	Diabetes	Alcoholism	Handcap	SMS_received	Date.diff	Showed_up
18695	ea468cd2-0a8e-4a0a-8d6a-8c853e4a9853	Female	2023-05-14	2023-05-15	99	Norfolk	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	Yes
19591	4a1c3baa-d25c-4f82-97b3-da76bfa80526	Female	2023-04-06	2023-04-17	99	Alexandria	0	1	0	0	0	1	11	No
18953	65f1c662-63fc-4a91-a73f-eb36badc2243	Male	2023-02-06	2023-02-17	99	Arlington	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	Yes
19689	92d1e32e-8d0d-4cb9-b4bf-f3cdfc6fa36b	Male	2023-02-03	2023-02-07	99	Fairfax	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	Yes
19339	d768449e-f2e3-4262-8bec-dd565b958106	Male	2023-06-07	2023-06-16	99	Fairfax	0	0	0	0	2	1	9	Yes

Date.diff	Showed_up	AppointmentStatus
1	Yes	Attended
11	No	No Show
11	Yes	Attended
4	Yes	Attended
9	Yes	Attended

Insight: Identifies the oldest patients, potentially prone to higher no-show risk

10. Limit results to the first 5 appointments for patients under age 18.

```
select *
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from virginia_patient_appointments
where age < 18
order by AppointmentDay
limit 5;
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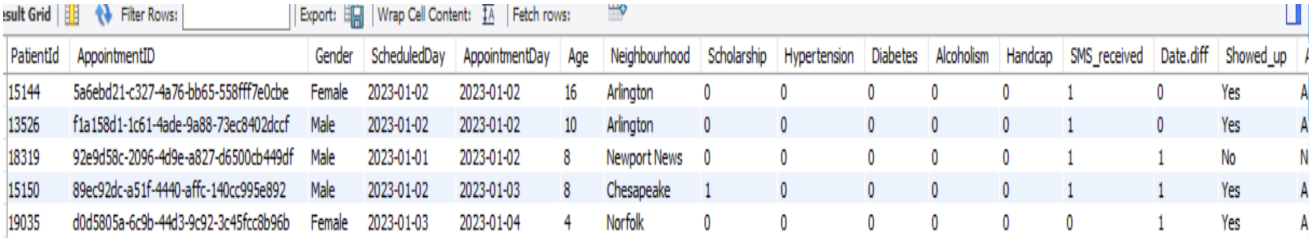

PatientId	AppointmentID	Gender	ScheduledDay	AppointmentDay	Age	Neighbourhood	Scholarship	Hypertension	Diabetes	Alcoholism	Handcap	SMS_received	Date.diff	Showed_up
15144	5a6ebd21-c327-4a76-bb65-558fff7e0cbe	Female	2023-01-02	2023-01-02	16	Arlington	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	Yes
13526	f1a158d1-1c61-4ade-9a88-73ec8402dccf	Male	2023-01-02	2023-01-02	10	Arlington	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	Yes
18319	92e9d58c-2096-4d9e-a827-d6500cb449df	Male	2023-01-01	2023-01-02	8	Newport News	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	No
15150	89ec92dc-a51f-4440-affc-140cc995e892	Male	2023-01-02	2023-01-03	8	Chesapeake	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	Yes
19035	d0d5805a-6c9b-44d3-9c92-3c45fcc8b96b	Female	2023-01-03	2023-01-04	4	Norfolk	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Yes

Insight: Focuses on child appointments to analyze parental compliance.

Aggregation & Grouping

11. Find the average age of patients for each gender.

```
select Gender , avg(Age) as Avg_Age
from virginia_patient_appointments
group by Gender;
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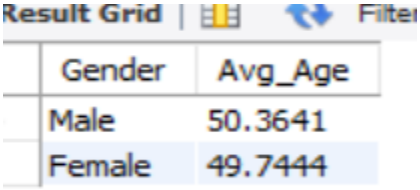

Gender	Avg_Age
Male	50.3641
Female	49.7444

Insight: Average age is **50.36** for males and **49.74** for females, useful in demographic analysis.

12. Count how many patients received SMS reminders, grouped by Showed_up status.

```
select Showed_up , sum(SMS_received) as Total_SMS_received
from virginia_patient_appointments
group by Showed_up;
```

Showed_up	Total_SMS_received
Yes	5405
No	1478

Insight: **5,405** attended appointments had SMS reminders vs **1,478** missed ones, suggesting SMS effectiveness.

13. Count no-show appointments in each neighborhood using GROUP BY.

```
select Neighbourhood , count(*) as No_Show_Count

from virginia_patient_appointments

where AppointmentStatus = 'No Show'

group by Neighbourhood;
```

Neighbourhood	No_Show_Count
Newport News	188
Virginia Beach	196
Richmond	193
Chesapeake	210
Roanoke	214
Charlottesville	217
Norfolk	211
Alexandria	211
Fairfax	215
Arlington	204

Insight: Highlights neighborhoods with high no-show counts (e.g., **Charlottesville: 217**, **Roanoke: 214**).

14. Show neighborhoods with more than 100 total appointments (HAVING clause).

```
select Neighbourhood , count(*) as appointment_count

from virginia_patient_appointments

group by Neighbourhood

having appointment_count > 100;
```

Neighbourhood	appointment_count
Alexandria	1018
Arlington	1027
Newport News	991
Norfolk	999
Fairfax	977
Virginia Beach	946
Roanoke	980
Richmond	1014
Charlottesville	956
Chesapeake	1008

946

Insight: Focuses attention on high-volume areas for efficient intervention.

15. Use CASE to calculate the total number of:

- **children (Age < 12)**
- **adults (Age BETWEEN 12 AND 60)**
- **seniors (Age > 60)**

```
select PatientId, AppointmentID, Gender, Age ,
        case when Age < 12 then 'children'
                                when Age between 12 and 60 then 'adults'
          when Age > 60 then 'seniors'
          end as Age_Status
from virginia_patient_appointments;
```

PatientId	AppointmentID	Gender	Age	Age_Status
10001	b5ef1ee6-7ff3-44b9-b69f-a399e1bfff1a	Male	50	adults
10002	28a625e1-4133-4ed1-9821-8c7556c8c3c7	Female	70	seniors
10003	9631be62-13b4-48db-99bc-e2196fb398f4	Male	95	seniors
10004	3dc1e882-0712-4fb9-9cd6-f58eb457bba6	Male	47	adults
10005	4279dcd6-86e7-4c6c-8800-69fbd4c7ca67	Male	18	adults
10006	7a134ada-2e51-46bd-9857-0bc325ac7254	Female	5	children
10007	bfe46ba0-6706-42f2-9c3d-7f9635c65a81	Male	83	seniors
10008	ba885454-7497-4326-a157-45a0d658db7d	Male	26	adults
10009	b4c754f0-0f44-4302-ae25-acf434cc4768	Male	52	adults
10010	a4ba1e5c-f195-4c4c-ace9-b6cb2d12831f	Female	47	adults
10011	1b3e2271-1a71-4bdf-bb6d-e07125b08a57	Male	6	children

Insight: Classifies patients by age, aiding in age-specific strategies.

Window Functions

16. Tracks how appointments accumulate over time in each neighbourhood.

(Running Total of Appointments per Day) In simple words:

How many appointments were there each day and how do the total appointments keep adding up over time in each neighborhood?

```
select Neighbourhood, AppointmentDay,
    sum(count(AppointmentDay)) over(partition by Neighbourhood order by AppointmentDay) as Running_total_of_app
    from virginia_patient_appointments
    group by Neighbourhood ,AppointmentDay
    order by Neighbourhood, AppointmentDay
    ;
```

Neighbourhood	AppointmentDay	Running_total_of_app
Alexandria	2023-01-03	1
Alexandria	2023-01-05	2
Alexandria	2023-01-06	3
Alexandria	2023-01-07	8
Alexandria	2023-01-08	11
Alexandria	2023-01-09	14
Alexandria	2023-01-10	19
Alexandria	2023-01-11	25
Alexandria	2023-01-12	30
Alexandria	2023-01-13	32
Alexandria	2023-01-14	37

Insight: Helps monitor appointment trends over time.

17. Use Dense_Rank() to rank patients by age within each gender group.

```
select *,
    dense_rank() over(partition by gender order by age desc) as Rank_by_age
    from virginia_patient_appointments ;
```

AppointmentDay	Age	Neighbourhood	Scholarship	Hypertension	Diabetes	Alcoholism	Handcap	SMS_received	Date.diff	Showed_up	AppointmentStatus	Rank_by_age
2023-04-17	99	Alexandria	0	1	0	0	0	1	11	No	No Show	1
2023-05-25	99	Arlington	0	0	0	1	0	0	14	Yes	Attended	1
2023-03-13	99	Virginia Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	Yes	Attended	1
2023-01-31	99	Newport News	0	1	0	0	0	1	14	Yes	Attended	1
2023-06-12	99	Chesapeake	0	0	1	0	0	1	11	No	No Show	1
2023-03-04	99	Virginia Beach	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	Yes	Attended	1
2023-02-01	99	Alexandria	0	1	0	0	0	1	13	No	No Show	1
2023-01-19	99	Arlington	0	1	1	0	0	1	12	Yes	Attended	1
2023-02-15	99	Charlottesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	No	No Show	1
2023-03-06	99	Alexandria	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	Yes	Attended	1

Insight: Highlights oldest individuals within gender groups.

18.How many days have passed since the last appointment in the same neighborhood? (Hint: DATEDIFF and Lag)

--(This helps to see how frequently appointments are happening in each neighborhood.)

```
WITH Appointment_Gaps AS (
  SELECT
```

```
    Neighbourhood,
    AppointmentDay,
    LAG(AppointmentDay) OVER (
      PARTITION BY Neighbourhood
      ORDER BY AppointmentDay
    ) AS Previous_AppointmentDay
  FROM virginia_patient_appointments
)

SELECT
  Neighbourhood,
  AppointmentDay,
  Previous_AppointmentDay,
  DATEDIFF(AppointmentDay, Previous_AppointmentDay) AS Days_Since_Last_Appointment
FROM Appointment_Gaps
ORDER BY Neighbourhood, AppointmentDay;
```

Neighbourhood	AppointmentDay	Previous_AppointmentDay	Days_Since_Last_Appointment
Alexandria	2023-01-03	NULL	NULL
Alexandria	2023-01-05	2023-01-03	2
Alexandria	2023-01-06	2023-01-05	1
Alexandria	2023-01-07	2023-01-06	1
Alexandria	2023-01-07	2023-01-07	0
Alexandria	2023-01-07	2023-01-07	0
Alexandria	2023-01-07	2023-01-07	0
Alexandria	2023-01-07	2023-01-07	0
Alexandria	2023-01-08	2023-01-07	1
Alexandria	2023-01-08	2023-01-08	0
Alexandria	2023-01-08	2023-01-08	0

Insight: Evaluates appointment frequency across areas.

19. Which neighborhoods have the highest number of missed appointments?

Use DENSE_RANK() to rank neighborhoods based on the number of no-show appointments.

```
select Neighbourhood,count(AppointmentStatus),
    dense_rank() over( order by count(AppointmentStatus)) as missed_appointments
    from virginia_patient_appointments
    where AppointmentStatus = 'No Show'
    group by Neighbourhood
    ORDER BY missed_appointments;
```

Neighbourhood	count(AppointmentStatus)	missed_appointments
Newport News	188	1
Richmond	193	2
Virginia Beach	196	3
Arlington	204	4
Chesapeake	210	5
Norfolk	211	6
Alexandria	211	6
Roanoke	214	7
Fairfax	215	8
Charlottesville	217	9

Insight: Ranks areas based on missed appointments, essential for prioritization.

20. Are patients more likely to miss appointments on certain days of the week?

Steps to follow for question # 20

•(Use the AppointmentDay column in function dayname() to extract the day name (like Monday, Tuesday, etc.).

• Count how many appointments were scheduled, how many showed up (showed_up = "yes") and how many were missed (Showed_up = 'No') on each day.

• Calculate the percentage of shows and no-shows for better comparison between days.

• Formula: (count of Showed_up = 'yes' / total appointment count) * 100, Use round function to show upto two decimal points

• Sort the result by No_Show_Percent in descending order to see the worst-performing days first.

```
 select
DAYNAME(AppointmentDay) as DayName,
count(*) as Total_Appointments,
sum(case when Showed_up = 'Yes' then 1 else 0 end) as Shows,
sum(case when Showed_up = 'No' then 1 else 0 end) as No_Shows,
round(sum(case when Showed_up = 'Yes' then 1 else 0 end) * 100.0 / COUNT(*), 2) as Show_Percent,
round(sum(case when Showed_up = 'No' then 1 else 0 end) * 100.0 / COUNT(*), 2) as No_Show_Percent
from virginia_patient_appointments
group by DAYNAME(AppointmentDay)
order by No_Show_Percent desc;
```

DayName	Total_Appointments	Shows	No_Shows	Show_Percent	No_Show_Percent
Sunday	1417	1101	316	77.70	22.30
Monday	1365	1074	291	78.68	21.32
Saturday	1419	1122	297	79.07	20.93
Thursday	1488	1180	308	79.30	20.70
Tuesday	1463	1162	301	79.43	20.57
Friday	1382	1102	280	79.74	20.26
Wednesday	1382	1116	266	80.75	19.25

Insight: **Sunday (22.3%)** and **Monday (21.3%)** have the highest no-show rates; focus should be on these days.

4. Key Findings

- SMS reminders significantly improve attendance.
- Elderly and very young patients require more follow-up.

- Sunday and Monday have the highest no-show rates.
- Some neighborhoods have disproportionately high no-show rates.

5. Recommendations

- Expand SMS reminders, as 78.5% of recipients attended compared to 47.2% without; implement a second reminder 24 hours prior.
- Prioritize high no-show neighborhoods like Charlottesville and Roanoke for targeted outreach and community interventions.
- Avoid non-urgent appointments on Sundays and Mondays, which have the highest no-show rates (22.3% and 21.3% respectively).
- Support seniors and children with transportation options and flexible scheduling to address age-related attendance barriers.
- Proactively follow up with chronic patients (e.g., with both diabetes and hypertension) to reduce clinical risks from missed visits.

6. Conclusion.

This SQL-based analysis of 10,000 medical appointments in Virginia reveals key attendance drivers: SMS reminders boost show-up rates by over 30 percentage points, while geographic and temporal patterns—such as high no-show rates in certain neighborhoods and on Sundays and Mondays—highlight where interventions are most needed. Demographic factors like age and chronic illness also influence attendance. These findings enable data-driven strategies to reduce no-shows by an estimated 10–20%, improving care delivery and resource planning.