

Project Title: Smoking and Cancer Risk Analysis using MY SQL

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Summary:

In this project, MySQL was used to analyse a healthcare dataset focused on understanding how smoking habits correlate with cancer risk. The data was organized across three relational tables—Patients, Habits, and Results—covering lifestyle, smoking behaviour, and medical outcomes. Through a series of SQL queries, the analysis identified high-risk groups, examined smoking patterns, calculated BMI trends, and evaluated cancer distribution. Key insights included patterns in cancer types by gender, risk levels based on smoking history, and cases of long-term smokers without diagnosis—offering valuable implications for preventive healthcare and research.

Query Analysis

1. **Query:** List all patients who are older than 50 and have a poor diet.

```
10
11 • SELECT
12     *
13 FROM
14     project1.patients
15 WHERE
16     age > 50 AND diet_quality = 'Poor';
```

Output:

Result Grid						
		Filter Rows:			Export:	
					Wrap Cell Content:	
	Patient_ID	Age	Gender	BMI	Physical_Activity_Level	Diet_Quality
▶	17	75	Other	21.4	Low	Poor
	21	77	Male	28.4	Moderate	Poor
	26	68	Male	27	Low	Poor
	27	81	Male	35.6	High	Poor
	31	56	Female	29.7	Low	Poor
	34	77	Female	20	Moderate	Poor
	39	88	Female	21.5	Moderate	Poor
	46	71	Female	23.4	Low	Poor
	49	80	Female	25.8	Moderate	Poor
	55	65	Other	21.7	Moderate	Poor
	56	89	Male	17.7	High	Poor
	66	88	Other	19.2	High	Poor
	78	89	Male	30.1	High	Poor

Insight: These are high-risk patients based on age and dietary habits.

2. **Query:** Display the distinct physical activity levels recorded in the dataset

```
12
13 • SELECT DISTINCT
14     (physical_activity_level)
15 FROM
16     project1.patients;
17
```

Output:

physical_activity_level
Low
High
Moderate

Insight: The dataset includes distinct Low, Moderate, and High activity levels.

3. Query: Show the top 5 patients with the highest number of cigarettes smoked per day

```
14
15 • SELECT
16     *
17 FROM
18     project1.habits
19 ORDER BY cigarettes_per_day DESC
20 LIMIT 5;
21
```

Output:

Patient_ID	Smoking_Status	Cigarettes_Per_Day	Years_Smoking
590	Former	20	39
1730	Former	20	2
1396	Former	20	16
1627	Former	20	16
1794	Former	19	15

Insight: These patients have the highest daily tobacco exposure.

4. Query: Find the average BMI grouped by physical activity level.

```
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21 • SELECT
22     physical_activity_level, ROUND(AVG(bmi), 2) AS Avg_BMI
23 FROM
24     project1.patients
25 GROUP BY physical_activity_level;
26
```

Output:

	physical_activity_level	Avg_BMI
▶	Low	25.1
	High	24.97
	Moderate	25

Insight: Patients with high physical activity levels tend to have lower BMI on average.

5. **Query:** Count how many patients fall into each smoking status category.

```
22
23 • SELECT
24     COUNT(patient_id) AS Total_Patients, smoking_status
25 FROM
26     project1.habits
27 GROUP BY smoking_status;
28
```

Output:

	Total_Patients	smoking_status
▶	1054	Never
	779	Former
	734	Current

Insight: Most patients have never smoked. The remaining patients are more former smokers than current smokers.

6. **Query:** List the number of cancer patients per cancer type ordered by patient count

```
24
25 • SELECT
26     cancer_type, COUNT(patient_id) AS Total_Patients
27 FROM
28     project1.results
29 GROUP BY cancer_type
30 ORDER BY Total_Patients DESC;
31
```

Output:

Result Grid			Filter Rows:	Export:	Wrap Cell Content:
	cancer_type	Total_Patients			
▶	None	2076			
	Lung	217			
	Other	110			
	Mouth	86			
	Throat	78			

Insight: The highest concentration of patients falls under the "None" category.

7. Query: Find the average years of smoking for patients who are current and former smokers.

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26
27 • SELECT
28     smoking_status, AVG(years_smoking) AS Avg_years_of_smoking
29 FROM
30     project1.habits
31 GROUP BY smoking_status
32 HAVING smoking_status IN ('Current' , 'former');
33

```

Output:

Result Grid			Filter Rows:	Export:	Wrap Cell Content:
	smoking_status	Avg_years_of_smoking			
▶	Former	25.1579			
	Current	24.9360			

Insight: Former smokers have a slightly longer smoking history compared to current smokers

8. Query: Get the gender-wise average BMI of patients with cancer.

```

29
30 • SELECT
31     patients.gender, ROUND(AVG(patients.bmi), 2) AS Avg_BMI
32 FROM
33     project1.patients
34     INNER JOIN
35     project1.results ON patients.patient_id = results.patient_id
36 WHERE
37     results.cancer_type != 'none '
38 GROUP BY patients.gender;
39

```

Output:

	gender	Avg_BMI
▶	Other	24.87
	Male	25.13
	Female	25.08

Insight: Males have the highest average BMI compared to females and other gender categories

9. Query: List patients who smoke more than the average number of cigarettes per day.

```
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41 • SELECT
42     patient_id,
43     ROUND(AVG(cigarettes_per_day), 0) AS Avg_No_Of_Cigarettes_Per_Day
44 FROM
45     project1.habits
46 WHERE
47     smoking_status != 'Never'
48 GROUP BY patient_id
49 HAVING AVG(cigarettes_per_day) > (SELECT
50     AVG(cigarettes_per_day)
51 FROM
52     project1.habits
53 WHERE
54     smoking_status != 'never');
55
```

Output:

	patient_id	Avg_No_Of_Cigarettes_Per_Day
▶	3	11
	11	15
	13	12
	14	14
	16	14
	17	13
	18	16
	20	11

Insight: This outcome shows the average number of cigarettes smoked per day by Patients

10. Query: Create a new column named Risk_Level using CASE:

- "High" if smoking status is 'Current'
- "Medium" if smoking status is 'Former'
- Else "Low"

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43
44 • select *,
45     case
46     when smoking_status = "Never" then "Low"
47     when smoking_status = "current" then "High"
48     else "Medium"
49     end as Risk_Level from project1.habits;
50

```

Output:

Result Grid Filter Rows: Export: Wrap Cell Content:					
	Patient_ID	Smoking_Status	Cigarettes_Per_Day	Years_Smoking	Risk_Level
▶	1	Never	0	0	Low
	2	Never	0	0	Low
	3	Former	11	44	Medium
	4	Never	0	0	Low
	5	Never	0	0	Low
	6	Never	0	0	Low
	7	Never	0	0	Low
	8	Never	0	0	Low
	9	Never	0	0	Low
	10	Never	0	0	Low
	11	Former	15	13	Medium

Insight: Patients who have never smoked exhibit a low risk level while former smokers have medium level and current smokers are high risk level





11. Query: Identify patients who have smoked for more than 20 years but have not been diagnosed with any cancer.

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53 • SELECT
54     habits.patient_id,
55     habits.smoking_status,
56     habits.cigarettes_per_day,
57     habits.years_smoking,
58     results.cancer_type
59 FROM
60     project1.habits
61     JOIN
62     project1.results ON habits.patient_id = results.patient_id
63 WHERE
64     years_smoking > 20
65     AND cancer_type = 'none';
66

```

Output:

Result Grid   Filter Rows: <input type="text"/> Export:  Wrap Cell Content: 					
	patient_id	smoking_status	cigarettes_per_day	years_smoking	cancer_type
▶	3	Former	11	44	None
	13	Current	12	27	None
	16	Current	14	37	None
	18	Current	16	41	None
	21	Former	12	47	None
	30	Former	11	24	None
	39	Current	6	45	None
	41	Former	10	43	None
	47	Former	12	21	None
	51	Current	9	47	None

Insight: This outcome shows patients who have not been diagnosed with cancer.






12. Query: Find the top 3 cancer types with the highest number of female patients.

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56 • SELECT
57     COUNT(patients.patient_id) AS Total_Patients,
58     patients.gender,
59     results.cancer_type
60 FROM
61     project1.patients
62     JOIN
63     project1.results ON patients.patient_id = results.patient_id
64 WHERE
65     gender = 'Female'
66 GROUP BY results.cancer_type
67 ORDER BY Total_Patients DESC
68 LIMIT 3;

```

Output:

Result Grid   Filter Rows: <input type="text"/> Export:  Wrap Cell Content:  Fetch rows: 			
	Total_Patients	gender	cancer_type
▶	693	Female	None
	75	Female	Lung
	31	Female	Other

Insight: The majority of female patients in this dataset have no recorded cancer, while a smaller is diagnosed with lung cancer or other types.