

# **Data Science HealthCare Project   Drug Persistence ABC Pharma**



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## Problem description

ABC Pharma is looking for an automated way better than the traditional debilitating methods currently used to assess persistence of drugs as per the physician prescription, in order to have a deeper understanding on the factors impacting the persistence of their drug. The aim is to know if a patient, based on his/her information, will follow the prescription of the physician and continue taking the drug for all the treatment time. We have been provided with a dataset which contains patients' details.

## Business understanding

We will create a classification model as a solution that divides patients into categories depending on their information, to determine if a patient was persistent or not.

Our goal is to create a web application that might be used as an automated solution to this process of identification.

## Data understanding

To fit any predictive model on a dataset, we need to understand the complexity of the dataset before deciding which predictive model to use to get optimal performance .

```
persist_pd.head()
```

|   | Ptid | Persistence_Flag | Gender | Race          | Ethnicity    | Region  | Age_Bucket | Ntm_Speciality       | Ntm_Specialist_Flag | Ntm_Speciality_Bucket     | ... | Risk_F |
|---|------|------------------|--------|---------------|--------------|---------|------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----|--------|
| 0 | P1   | Persistent       | Male   | Caucasian     | Not Hispanic | West    | >75        | GENERAL PRACTITIONER | Others              | OB/GYN/Others/PCP/Unknown | ... |        |
| 1 | P2   | Non-Persistent   | Male   | Asian         | Not Hispanic | West    | 55-65      | GENERAL PRACTITIONER | Others              | OB/GYN/Others/PCP/Unknown | ... |        |
| 2 | P3   | Non-Persistent   | Female | Other/Unknown | Hispanic     | Midwest | 65-75      | GENERAL PRACTITIONER | Others              | OB/GYN/Others/PCP/Unknown | ... |        |
| 3 | P4   | Non-Persistent   | Female | Caucasian     | Not Hispanic | Midwest | >75        | GENERAL PRACTITIONER | Others              | OB/GYN/Others/PCP/Unknown | ... |        |
| 4 | P5   | Non-Persistent   | Female | Caucasian     | Not Hispanic | Midwest | >75        | GENERAL PRACTITIONER | Others              | OB/GYN/Others/PCP/Unknown | ... |        |

5 rows × 69 columns

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## Type of data

```
persist_pd.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
```

```
RangeIndex: 3424 entries, 0 to 3423
```

```
Data columns (total 69 columns):
```

| #  | Column  | Non-Null Count | Dtype  |
|----|---|----------------|--------|
| 0  | Ptid  | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 1  | Persistency_Flag  | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 2  | Gender  | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 3  | Race  | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 4  | Ethnicity   | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 5  | Region  | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 6  | Age_Bucket  | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 7  | Ntm_Speciality  | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 8  | Ntm_Specialist_Flag   | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 9  | Ntm_Speciality_Bucket   | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 10 | Gluko_Record_Prior_Ntm  | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 11 | Gluko_Record_During_Rx  | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 12 | Dexa_Freq_During_Rx   | 3424 non-null  | int64  |
| 13 | Dexa_During_Rx  | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 14 | Frag_Frac_Prior_Ntm   | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 15 | Frag_Frac_During_Rx   | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 16 | Risk_Segment_Prior_Ntm  | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 17 | Tscore_Bucket_Prior_Ntm   | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 18 | Risk_Segment_During_Rx  | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 19 | Tscore_Bucket_During_Rx   | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 20 | Change_T_Score  | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 21 | Change_Risk_Segment   | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 22 | Adherent_Flag   | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 23 | Idn_Indicator   | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 24 | Injectable_Experience_During_Rx                                 | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 25 | Comorb_Encounter_For_Screening_For_Malignant_Neoplasms          | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 26 | Comorb_Encounter_For_Immunization                               | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 27 | Comorb_Encntr_For_General_Exam_W_O_Complaint,_Susp_Or_Reprtd_Dx | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 28 | Comorb_Vitamin_D_Deficiency                                     | 3424 non-null  | object |
| 29 | Comorb_Other_Joint_Disorder_Not_Elsewhere_Classified            | 3424 non-null  | object |

|    |  |      |          |        |
|----|--|------|----------|--------|
| 29 | Comorb_Other_Joint_Disorder_Not_Elsewhere_Classified               | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 30 | Comorb_Encntr_For_Oth_Sp_Exam_W_O_Complaint_Suspected_Or_Reprtd_Dx | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 31 | Comorb_Long_Term_Current_Drug_Therapy                              | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 32 | Comorb_Dorsalgia   | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 33 | Comorb_Personal_History_Of_Other_Diseases_And_Conditions           | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 34 | Comorb_Other_Disorders_Of_Bone_Density_And_Structure               | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 35 | Comorb_Disorders_of_lipoprotein_metabolism_and_other_lipidemias    | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 36 | Comorb_Osteoporosis_without_current_pathological_fracture          | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 37 | Comorb_Personal_history_of_malignant_neoplasm                      | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 38 | Comorb_Gastro_esophageal_reflux_disease                            | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 39 | Concom_Cholesterol_And_Triglyceride_Regulating_Preparations        | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 40 | Concom_Narcotics   | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 41 | Concom_Systemic_Corticosteroids_Plain                              | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 42 | Concom_Anti_Depressants_And_Mood_Stabilisers                       | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 43 | Concom_Fluoroquinolones  | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 44 | Concom_Cephalosporins  | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 45 | Concom_Macrolides_And_Similar_Types                                | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 46 | Concom_Broad_Spectrum_Penicillins                                  | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 47 | Concom_Anaesthetics_General  | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 48 | Concom_Viral_Vaccines  | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 49 | Risk_Type_1_Insulin_Dependent_Diabetes                             | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 50 | Risk_Osteogenesis_Imperfecta                                       | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 51 | Risk_Rheumatoid_Arthritis  | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 52 | Risk_Untreated_Chronic_Hyperthyroidism                             | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 53 | Risk_Untreated_Chronic_Hypogonadism                                | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 54 | Risk_Untreated_Early_Menopause                                     | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 55 | Risk_Patient_Parent_Fractured_Their_Hip                            | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 56 | Risk_Smoking_Tobacco   | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 57 | Risk_Chronic_Malnutrition_Or_Malabsorption                         | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 58 | Risk_Chronic_Liver_Disease   | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 59 | Risk_Family_History_Of_Osteoporosis                                | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 60 | Risk_Low_Calcium_Intake  | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 61 | Risk_Vitamin_D_Insufficiency                                       | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 62 | Risk_Poor_Health_Frailty   | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 63 | Risk_Excessive_Thinness  | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 64 | Risk_Hysterectomy_Oophorectomy                                     | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 65 | Risk_Estrogen_Deficiency   | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 66 | Risk_Immobilization  | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 67 | Risk_Recurring_Falls   | 3424 | non-null | object |
| 68 | Count Of Risks   | 3424 | non-null | int64  |

```
persist_pd.describe()
```

|       | Dexa_Freq_During_Rx | Count_Of_Risks |
|-------|---------------------|----------------|
| count | 3424.000000         | 3424.000000    |
| mean  | 3.016063            | 1.239488       |
| std   | 8.136545            | 1.094914       |
| min   | 0.000000            | 0.000000       |
| 25%   | 0.000000            | 0.000000       |
| 50%   | 0.000000            | 1.000000       |
| 75%   | 3.000000            | 2.000000       |
| max   | 146.000000          | 7.000000       |

Let's see how we can find out unique elements in a column of the dataset.

```
persist_pd["Race"].unique()
```

```
array(['Caucasian', 'Asian', 'Other/Unknown', 'African American'],  
      dtype=object)
```

```
persist_pd["Age_Bucket"].unique()
```

```
array(['>75', '55-65', '65-75', '<55'], dtype=object)
```

```
persist_pd["Ntm_Speciality"].unique()
```

```
array(['GENERAL PRACTITIONER', 'Unknown', 'ENDOCRINOLOGY', 'RHEUMATOLOGY',  
      'ONCOLOGY', 'PATHOLOGY', 'OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY',  
      'PSYCHIATRY AND NEUROLOGY', 'ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY',  
      'PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION',  
      'SURGERY AND SURGICAL SPECIALTIES', 'PEDIATRICS',  
      'PULMONARY MEDICINE', 'HEMATOLOGY & ONCOLOGY', 'UROLOGY',  
      'PAIN MEDICINE', 'NEUROLOGY', 'RADIOLOGY', 'GASTROENTEROLOGY',  
      'EMERGENCY MEDICINE', 'PODIATRY', 'OPHTHALMOLOGY',  
      'OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE', 'TRANSPLANT SURGERY', 'PLASTIC SURGERY',  
      'CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST', 'OTOLARYNGOLOGY', 'HOSPITAL MEDICINE',  
      'ORTHOPEDICS', 'NEPHROLOGY', 'GERIATRIC MEDICINE',  
      'HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE MEDICINE',  
      'OBSTETRICS & OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY & OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY',  
      'VASCULAR SURGERY', 'CARDIOLOGY', 'NUCLEAR MEDICINE'], dtype=object)
```

## Data Problems

Data problems such as irrelevant columns , Null values , duplicates , skewed data ,outliers and many others may cause bad predictions ...

So we need to check if we have one of them to know then how to overcome it .

| Bucket       | Columns    | Information   |
|--------------|------------|---|
| Demographics | Gender     | Type: Object<br>No missing values<br># of unique values: 2<br>Values: "Male", "Female"<br>Mode: Female (3230/3424 or 94.33%)    |
|              | Age_Bucket | Type: Object<br>No missing values<br># of unique values: 4<br>Values: >75, 55-65, 65-75, <55<br>Mode: >75 (1439/3424 or 42.03%) |
|              | Race       | Type: Object<br>Missing values: "Other/Unknown" (97/3424 or   |

|  |               |  |
|--|---------------|--|
|  |               | 2.83%)<br># of unique values: 4<br>Values: [Caucasian, Asian, Other/Unknown, African American]<br>Mode: "Caucasian" (3148/3424 or 91.94%)  |
|  | Region        | Type: Object<br>Missing values: "Other/Unknown" (60/3424 or 1.75%)<br># of unique values: 5<br>Values: West, Midwest, South, Other/Unknown, Northeast<br>Mode: "Midwest" (1383/3424 or 40.39%) |
|  | Ethnicity     | Type: Object<br>Missing values: "Unknown" (91/3424 or 2.66%)<br># of unique values: 3<br>Values: "Not Hispanic", "Hispanic", "Unknown"<br>Mode: "Not Hispanic" (3235/3424 or 94.48%)           |
|  | Idn_Indicator | Type: Object<br>No missing values<br># of unique values: 2<br>Values: "Y", "N"<br>Mode: "Y" (2557/3424 or 74.68%)  |

|                     |               |  |
|---------------------|---------------|--|
| Provider Attributes | Ntm_Specialty | <p>Type: Object</p> <p>Missing values: "Unknown" (310/3424 or 9.05%)</p> <p># of unique values: 36</p> <p>Values: 'GENERAL PRACTITIONER', 'Unknown', 'ENDOCRINOLOGY', 'RHEUMATOLOGY', 'ONCOLOGY', 'PATHOLOGY', 'OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY', 'PSYCHIATRY AND NEUROLOGY', 'ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY', 'PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION', 'SURGERY AND SURGICAL SPECIALTIES', 'PEDIATRICS', 'PULMONARY MEDICINE', 'HEMATOLOGY &amp; ONCOLOGY', 'UROLOGY', 'PAIN MEDICINE', 'NEUROLOGY', 'RADIOLOGY', 'GASTROENTEROLOGY', 'EMERGENCY MEDICINE', 'PODIATRY', 'OPHTHALMOLOGY', 'OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE', 'TRANSPLANT SURGERY', 'PLASTIC SURGERY', 'CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST', 'OTOLARYNGOLOGY', 'HOSPITAL MEDICINE', 'ORTHOPEDICS', 'NEPHROLOGY', 'GERIATRIC MEDICINE', 'HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE MEDICINE', 'OBSTETRICS &amp; OBSTETRICS &amp;</p> |
|---------------------|---------------|--|

|                  |                |   |
|------------------|----------------|---|
|                  |                | <p>GYNECOLOGY &amp; OBSTETRICS &amp; GYNECOLOGY',</p> <p>'VASCULAR SURGERY', 'CARDIOLOGY', 'NUCLEAR MEDICINE'</p> <p>Mode: "General Practitioner" (1535/3424 or 44.83%)</p>   |
| Clinical factors | Ntm_Speciality | <p>Type: Object</p> <p>% missing values: 9.05% as Unknown</p> <p># of unique values: 36</p> <p>Values: 'GENERAL PRACTITIONER', 'Unknown', 'ENDOCRINOLOGY', 'RHEUMATOLOGY', [...], 'VASCULAR SURGERY', 'CARDIOLOGY', 'NUCLEAR MEDICINE'</p> <p>Mode: GENERAL PRACTITIONER (1535/3424 or 44.83% )</p> |

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|--|--------------------------|--|
|  | Ntm_Specialist_Flag      | Type: Object<br>% missing values: 0%<br># of unique values: 2<br>Values: 'Others', 'Specialist'<br>Mode: Others (2013/3424 or 58.79%)  |
|  | Ntm_Speciality_Bucket    | Type: Object<br>% missing values: 0%<br># of unique values: 3<br>Values: 'OB/GYN/Others/PCP/Unknown', 'Endo/Onc/Uro', 'Rheum'<br>Mode: OB/GYN/Others/PCP/Unknown (2104/3424 or 61.45%)             |
|  | Glucose_Record_Prior_Ntm | Type: Object<br>% missing values: 0%<br># of unique values: 2<br>Values: 'N', 'Y'<br>Mode: N (2619/3424 or 76.49%)   |
|  | Glucose_Record_During_Rx | Type: Object<br>% missing values: 0%<br># of unique values: 2<br>Values: 'N', 'Y'<br>Mode: N (2522/3424 or 73.66%)   |
|  | Dexa_Freq_During_Rx      | Type: Int64<br>% missing values: 0%<br># of unique values: 58<br>Values info:<br>Mean 3.01, std 8.13 min<br>0.00<br>25% 0.00<br>50% 0.00<br>75% 3.00 max<br>146.0<br>Mode: 0 (2488/3424 or 72.66%) |
|  | Dexa_During_Rx           | Type: Object<br>% missing values: 0%<br># of unique values: 2<br>Values: 'N', 'Y'<br>Mode: N (2488/3424 or 72.66%)   |



|                           |                             |   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
|                           | Frag_Frac_Prior_Ntm         | Type: Object<br>% missing values: 0% #<br>of unique values: 2<br>Values: 'N', 'Y'<br>Mode: N (2872/3424 or 83.88%)                  |
|                           | Frag_Frac_During_Rx         | Type: Object<br>% missing values: 0% #<br>of unique values: 2<br>Values: 'N', 'Y'   |
|                           | Risk_Segment_Prior_Ntm      | Type: Object<br>% missing values: 0%<br># of unique values: 2<br>Values: 'VLR_LR', 'HR_VHR'   |
|                           | Tscore_Bucket_Prior_Ntm     | Type: Object<br>% missing values: 0%<br># of unique values: 2<br>Values: '>-2.5', '<=-2.5'  |
|                           | Risk_Segment_During_Rx      | Type: Object<br>% missing values: 43% as Unknown<br># of unique values: 3<br>Values: 'VLR_LR', 'Unknown', 'HR_VHR'                  |
|                           | Tscore_Bucket_During_Rx     | Type: Object<br>% missing values: 43% as Unknown<br># of unique values: 3<br>Values: '<=-2.5', 'Unknown', '>-2.5'                   |
|                           | Change_T_Score              | Type: Object<br>% missing values: 43% as Unknown<br># of unique values: 4<br>Values: 'No change', 'Unknown', 'Worsened', 'Improved' |
| Disease/treatment factors | Change_Risk_Segment         | Type: Object<br>% missing values: 65% as Unknown<br># of unique values: 4<br>Values: 'Unknown', 'No change', 'Worsened', 'Improved' |
|                           | NTM - Injectable Experience | Type: Object<br>No null values<br># of unique values: 2<br>Values: "Y", "N"   |

|  |                    |  |
|--|--------------------|--|
|  | NTM - Risk Factors | Type: Object   |
|  |                    | No null values<br># of unique values: 2<br>Values: "Y", "N"                                |
|  | NTM - Comorbidity  | Type: Object<br>No null values<br># of unique values: 2<br>Values: "Y", "N"                |
|  | NTM - Concomitancy | Type: Object<br>No null values<br># of unique values: 2<br>Values: "Y", "N"                |
|  | Adherence          | Type: Integer<br>No null values<br># of unique values: 8<br>Values: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |

## Solutions :

Having duplicates in the dataset is not advisable and it often leads to overfitting.

```
persist_pd.duplicated().sum()
```

0

⇒ There is no duplicates

## Missing Values

```
persist_pd.isnull().sum()
```

```
Ptid 0
Persistency_Flag 0
Gender 0
Race 0
Ethnicity 0
..
Risk_Hysterectomy_Oophorectomy 0
Risk_Estrogen_Deficiency 0
Risk_Immobilization 0
Risk_Recurring_Falls 0
Count_Of_Risks 0
Length: 69, dtype: int64
```

⇒ No missing Values

### Skewed data check

```
Q1 = persist_pd.quantile(0.25)
Q3 = persist_pd.quantile(0.75)
IQR = Q3 - Q1
print(IQR)
```

```
Dexa_Freq_During_Rx    3.0
Count_Of_Risks         2.0
dtype: float64
```

```
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
```

```
print(persist_pd < (Q1 - 1.5 * IQR)) | (persist_pd > (Q3 + 1.5 * IQR))
```

|      | Adherent_Flag | Age_Bucket | Change_Risk_Segment | Change_T_Score | \ |
|------|---------------|------------|---------------------|----------------|---|
| 0    | False         | False      | False               | False          |   |
| 1    | False         | False      | False               | False          |   |
| 2    | False         | False      | False               | False          |   |
| 3    | False         | False      | False               | False          |   |
| 4    | False         | False      | False               | False          |   |
| ...  | ...           | ...        | ...                 | ...            |   |
| 3419 | False         | False      | False               | False          |   |
| 3420 | False         | False      | False               | False          |   |
| 3421 | False         | False      | False               | False          |   |
| 3422 | False         | False      | False               | False          |   |
| 3423 | False         | False      | False               | False          |   |

  

|   | Comorb_Disorders_of_lipoprotein_metabolism_and_other_lipidemias | \ |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | False   |   |
| 1 | False   |   |
| 2 | False   |   |
| 3 | False   |   |
| 4 | False   |   |

Trying to :

- Remove no significant columns
- Handling with Skewed data
- Detect Outliers using different vizualisation tools and mathematical functions  
By calculated Z score