PATIENTS' APPOINTMENT ANALYSIS OF VIRGINIA STATE OF USA

1.Introduction

The main objective of this project is to help the clinic reduce missed appointments, enhance communication with patients, and improvement in resource allocation by identifying and analyzing key patterns using SQL.

2. Dataset Overview

The dataset contain real-world medical appointment records from **Virginia**, a state in the United States. The data contains information on 9916 appointments, including patient demographics, clinical details, and attendance rates such as:

PatientId ,AppointmentID, Gender, ScheduledDay,AppointmentDay, Age and their Neighbourhood.It also contain Scholarship that indicates whether the patient is enrolled in welfare program or not, Some health indicators such as Hypertension, Diabetes, Alcoholism, Handcap are also present in dataset. List of number of SMS_received as appointment reminder ,Date.diff which indicates the calculated difference in days between the scheduled and appointment date,List of number of patients who actually Showed_up on appointment day and AppointmentStatus.

3. Methodology and SQL Tasks

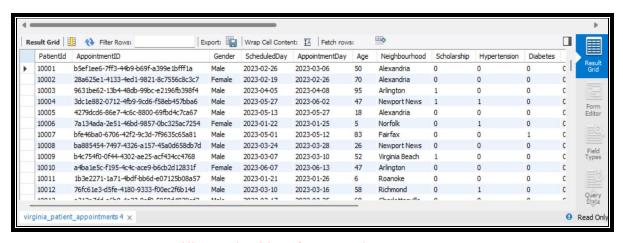
Basic SQL & Data Retrieval

1- Retrieve all columns from the Appointments table.

Code

```
-- Q1.Retrieve all columns from the Appointments table.
select * from virginia_patient_appointments; # To see Complete record
```

Output



All records of Appointments data

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

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-- Q2. List the first 10 appointments where the patient is older than 60.

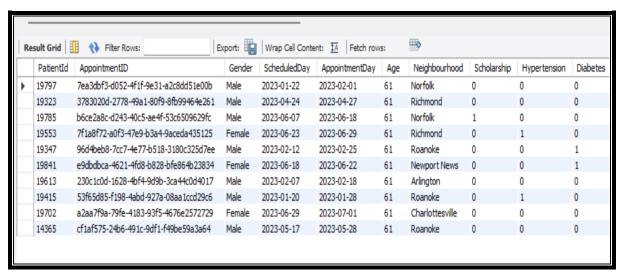
select * from

virginia_patient_appointments

where age >60

order by age limit 10;
```

Output



First 10 records of Patients older than 60

3-Show the unique neighborhoods from which patients came.

Code

```
-- Q3. Show the unique neighborhoods from which patients came

• select
distinct Neighbourhood
as Unique_Neighbourhood
from virginia_patient_appointments;
```

Output



Patients' Unique Neighbourhoods (Area of living)

The above output shows that there are total ten areas from where people came for appointment booking.

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

Code# 1 (All female patients who received SMS reminder for appointment)

```
# female patients_ids who received sms reminder

• select PatientId,Gender,SMS_received
from virginia_patient_appointments
where SMS_received=1 and Gender="Female"
group by PatientId,Gender,SMS_received; # only female patients with sms reminder will get displayed
```

Output

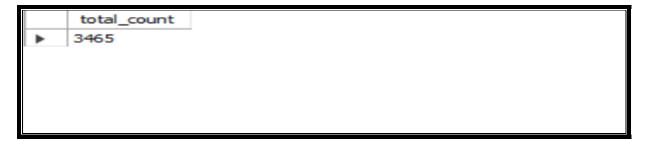


Female Patients who received an SMS-Reminder for their Appointment

Code#2 (Total count of female patients who received SMS reminder)

```
    select distinct count(*) as total_count
        from virginia_patient_appointments
        where Gender="Female" and SMS_received=1; # total count of female patients who get sms reminder will be displayed
```

Output



Total no. of female pateints who received an SMS Reminder for their appointment

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

It means list of all appointments scheduled from 1st may 2023 onward, before 1st june 2023.

```
# STEP-1 OF Q(5): First we need to modify text-date to its proper 'date format' for furthur operation

• set sql_safe_updates=0;
• update virginia_patient_appointments
set ScheduledDay= str_to_date(ScheduledDay,"%m/%d/%Y"); #DATE MODIFICATION

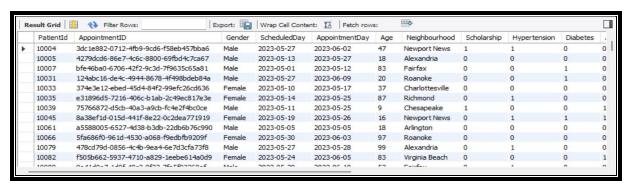
• alter table virginia_patient_appointments
modify ScheduledDay date;

# STEP-2 OF Q(5): All appointments scheduled on or after '2023-05-01' and before '2023-06-01'.

• select *,

Case
when
ScheduledDay between'2023-05-01' and '2023-05-31' then 1
end as scheduled_appointments
from virginia_patient_appointments
having scheduled_appointments is not null;
```

Output



All Appointments scheduled on or after 1st May 2023 but before 1st June 2023

Data Modification & Filtering

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

```
-- STEP(1) OF Q(6)

select Showed_up from virginia_patient_appointments
where Showed_up is NULL; # check if there is a missing value is present or not

-- STEP(2) OF Q(6)

set sql_safe_updates=0;
update virginia_patient_appointments
set Showed_up = 'Yes'
where
Showed_up is NULL;
select * from virginia_patient_appointments; # check if missing value is still present or not
```

Output

	Age	Neighbourhood	Scholarship	Hypertension	Diabetes	Alcoholism	Handcap	SMS_received	Date.diff	Showed_up
	94	Charlottesville	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	Yes
	11	Arlington	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	Yes
	3	Roanoke	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	No
	41	Chesapeake	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	Yes
	12	Charlottesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	Yes
	97	Fairfax	1	0	0	1	0	1	5	Yes
	84	Newport News	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	No
2	85	Virginia Beach	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	Yes
	3	Fairfax	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	Yes
	81	Virginia Beach	0	1	0	0	0	1	9	Yes
	68	Newport News	0	1	0	0	0	1	14	No
	18	Arlington	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	Yes
	1	Richmond	1	0	0	0	0	1	7	Yes
	11	Norfolk	1	1	0	0	0	1	4	Yes
	80	Alexandria	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	Yes

Updated Record showing **Showed_up=yes** on empty/Null values

This update indicates that the patients who appeared for appointment are Shown as 'Yes' and those who didn't appear are indicated by 'No'. This thing is helpful to know how many patient couldn't appear and then appointment attendance can be improved by any communication or any other channel.

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

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

Code

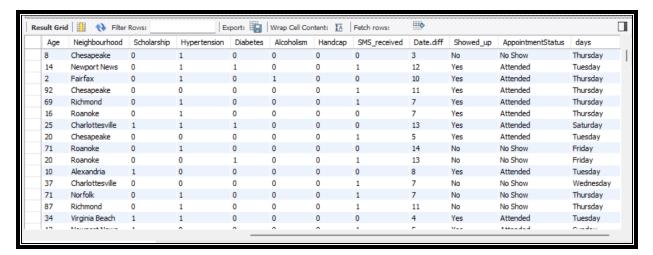
The purpose is to see how much the appointment attendance is good or bad, so we can find reason for bad attendance further.

```
# PART (1) OF Q(7)
alter table virginia_patient_appointments
add column AppointmentStatus varchar(20); #adding a column named AppointmentStatus

# PART (2) OF Q(7)
set sql_safe_updates=0;
update virginia_patient_appointments
set AppointmentStatus = (select
case when Showed_up = 'No' then 'No Show'
else 'Attended'
end ); #update according to given condition

select * from virginia_patient_appointments; #check modification in complete table
```

Output



Updated Record showing AppointmentStatus

8. Filter appointments for diabetic patients with hypertension.

The purpose is to see patients who have diagnosed with diabetes and hypertension.we can see which patients are having health indicators of diabetes and hyperstension and later we can also find their total number as well for further insights.

Code

```
    Select AppointmentID,PatientId,Diabetes,Hypertension
        from virginia_patient_appointments
        where Diabetes=1 and
        Hypertension=1; # patients who have diabetes and hypertension will be showed
```

Output

	AppointmentID	PatientId	Diabetes	Hypertension
•	ce74ec56-db42-4295-95a2-b7e4351399ed	10023	1	1
	2f33d653-4421-4249-a3f6-b904fab34b7f	10028	1	1
	8a38ef1d-015d-441f-8e22-0c2dea771919	10045	1	1
	edfc1ab2-c198-4cfb-a5cf-9236bdce8c96	10047	1	1
	cf03c9ad-72d5-48d4-9ed6-d4366cfc3638	10128	1	1
	2c01b5a6-c9dd-40a8-a78f-5465228dc422	10168	1	1
	d9e07cbd-1734-4957-8341-1e59a5680f62	10184	1	1
	6c74eed4-4578-44e6-b32b-ad052c682589	10216	1	1
	f9848030-9fa9-45b1-ae18-76034ad551ad	10234	1	1
	a5c5677f-d8af-426c-bd1d-53ca4e027022	10268	1	1
	fcc6febe-7b48-4fd1-8185-361480f377c2	10314	1	1
	0c44c0fd-e13c-464d-b23e-860e0ae35494	10378	1	1
	f38f922c-56c0-472f-b747-e5cd94571290	10390	1	1
	14cb07a9-0180-4ceb-a665-c3027c0ba9d2	10409	1	1
	ee31bc55-a973-48f7-8f7d-59dc4b9486e6	10411	1	1
	ce8a4293-673a-48f7-a193-ab0809d73a75	10440	1	1
	4eaeba0b-f07a-4ab7-8b9f-82a53f76f3b0	10514	1	1

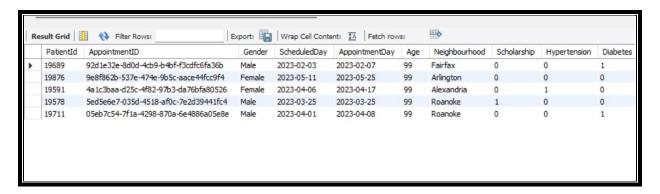
Appointments for Diabetic and Hypertension Health Indicators

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

This is helpful in finding maximum age group interested in appointment with doctor, so we can improve our required facilities according to age group in order to maintain and improve patient retention like comfortable chairs, increased number of helpers in waiting area for older people for their support and counselling sessions.

```
    Select * from
virginia_patient_appointments
order by age desc limit 5; #show only the top 5 oldest patients in descending order
```

Output



Top 5 oldest Patients' Record in Descending order

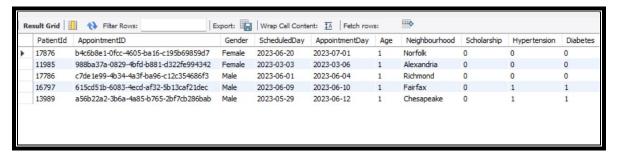
10-. Limit results to the first 5 appointments for patients under age 18.

The Insights about age group of children under 18 are helpful so we can involve more counselling session as the young children are more exposed to anxiety and boredom as compared with other adults. So, additional mental health sessions according to their convenience can be a good initiative for their better attendance in appointment.

we can perform testing initially on first 5 under 18 children and then decide for other children as well.

```
    Select * from virginia_patient_appointments
    where age<18
    order by age asc limit 5;</li>
```

Output



First 5 Appointments for patients under age 18

Aggregation & Grouping

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

Code

```
    Q11. Find the average age of patients for each gender.
    Select Gender, round(avg(age),2) from virginia_patient_appointments
group by Gender;
```

Output



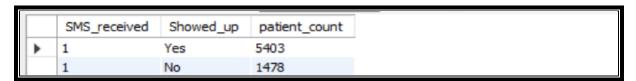
Average age of patients for each gender

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

Code

```
select SMS_received,
Showed_up,count(*) as patient_count
from virginia_patient_appointments
group by Showed_up,SMS_received
having SMS_received=1; # patients who received SMS-reminder will get display
```

Output



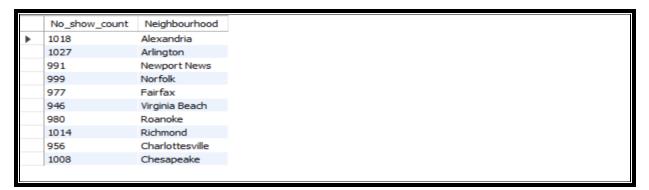
Total Patients who received SMS reminder

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

Code

```
select count(AppointmentStatus="No Show") as No_show_count, Neighbourhood
from virginia_patient_appointments
group by Neighbourhood;
```

Output



Total missed Appointment missed in each neighbourhood

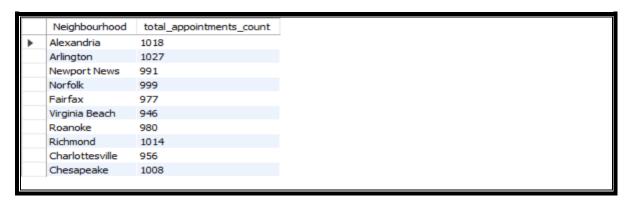
14. Show neighborhoods with more than 100 total appointments (HAVING clause).

Code

```
-- Q14. Show neighborhoods with more than 100 total appointments (HAVING clause).

• select Neighbourhood,count(AppointmentID) as total_appointments_count
from virginia_patient_appointments
group by Neighbourhood
having total_appointments_count>100;
```

Output



Neighborhoods with more than 100 total appointments

15. Use CASE to calculate the total number of:

 \bigcirc children (Age < 12) \bigcirc adults (Age BETWEEN 12 AND 60) \bigcirc seniors (Age > 60)

Code

```
select
count(case when Age<12 then 1 end )as children,
count(case when Age between 12 and 60 then 1 end) as adults,
count(case when Age >60 then 1 end) as seniors
from virginia_patient_appointments;
```

Output



Total number of Children, Adults and seniors for appointment

Window Functions

16. Tracks how appointments accumulate over time in each neighbourhood. (Running Total of Appointments per Day)

It is helpful in finding the varying trends of appointment of each day.

```
• select Neighbourhood,AppointmentDay,
count(AppointmentID) as Total_Appointments_per_day,
sum(count(AppointmentID)) over (partition by Neighbourhood order by AppointmentDay) as Running_total_Appointments
from virginia_patient_appointments
group by Neighbourhood,AppointmentDay
order by Neighbourhood;
```

Output

	Neighbourhood	AppointmentDay	Total_Appointments_per_day	Running_total_Appointments
•	Alexandria	2023-01-03	1	1
	Alexandria	2023-01-05	1	2
	Alexandria	2023-01-06	1	3
	Alexandria	2023-01-07	5	8
	Alexandria	2023-01-08	3	11
	Alexandria	2023-01-09	3	14
	Alexandria	2023-01-10	5	19
	Alexandria	2023-01-11	6	25
	Alexandria	2023-01-12	5	30
	Alexandria	2023-01-13	2	32
	Alexandria	2023-01-14	5	37
	Alexandria	2023-01-15	2	39
	Alexandria	2023-01-16	2	41
	Alexandria	2023-01-17	3	44
	Alexandria	2023-01-18	8	52
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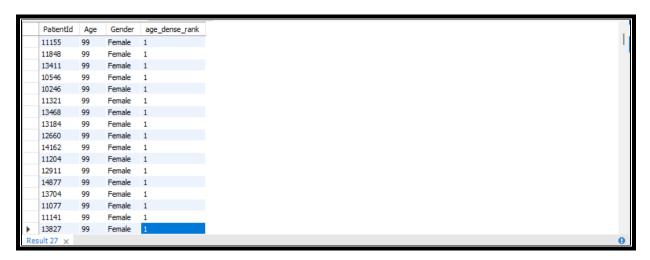
Running total of Appointment per day

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

The insights about ranking are helpful to find highest age and lowest age in each gender and conduct appointments according to their availability hours for better attendance

```
    select * from virginia_patient_appointments;
    #Use Dense_Rank() to rank patients by age within each gender group.
    select PatientId, Age, Gender,
    dense_rank() over ( partition by gender order by age desc) as age_dense_rank
    from virginia_patient_appointments
    order by age desc;
```

Output



Ranking of patients by age within each gender group

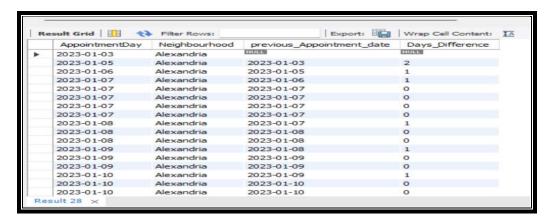
18- How many days have passed since last appointment in same neighborhood?

It is helpful for having an estimate about which day is suitable for booking appointment as many people are job person and don't have time in week days usually.

```
-- Q18: 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.)

• select AppointmentDay, Neighbourhood,
lag(AppointmentDay) over (partition by Neighbourhood order by appointmentDay) as previous_Appointment_date,
datediff(AppointmentDay, lag(AppointmentDay) over (partition by Neighbourhood order by appointmentDay)) as Days_Difference
from virginia_patient_appointments;
```

Output



No. of days passed since Pevious Appointment

19. Which neighborhoods have the highest number of missed appointments? Use DENSE_RANK() to rank neighborhoods based on the number of no-show appointments.

The insights about most and least interested areas in appointments are helpful, so we can improve SMS -reminders and healthcare- awareness campaigns to stimulate people who are not interested.

```
select Neighbourhood, sum(AppointmentStatus='No Show') as Missed,
dense_rank() over (order by sum(AppointmentStatus = 'No Show') desc ) AS Missed_Appointment_rank
from virginia_patient_appointments
group by neighbourhood;
```

Output

	Neighbourhood	Missed	Missed_Appointment_rank
•	Charlottesville	217	1
	Fairfax	215	2
	Roanoke	214	3
	Alexandria	211	4
	Norfolk	211	4
	Chesapeake	210	5
	Arlington	204	6
	Virginia Beach	196	7
	Richmond	193	8
	Newport News	188	9

Neighbourhood "Charolettesvile" showing Highest Rank of missed appointments

Complex Query

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

We can first find the days of week from the respective date and then perform further operation on it. So we can divide this thing into two steps which are:

Code #1 (date format setting and then dayname extraction from appointment day)

```
First we need to modify text date to its proper 'date format' for furthur operation
200 •
       set sql_safe_updates=0;
       update virginia_patient_appointments
201 •
        set AppointmentDay= str_to_date(AppointmentDay,"%m/%d/%Y"); #DATE FORMAT MODIFICATION
202
203 • alter table virginia_patient_appointments
       modify AppointmentDay date;
206
        # STEP-I OF Q(20) :( DAYS EXTRACTION )
207 • alter table virginia_patient_appointments
        add column days varchar(20); # column named "days" will be created
208
209
210 • set sql_safe_updates=0;
211 • update virginia_patient_appointments
212
        set days=(SELECT DAYNAME(AppointmentDay) as Days); # column named "days" will be updated by extracting name of days from date
213
214
215 • select * from virginia_patient_appointments; # check whole column to see modifications clearly
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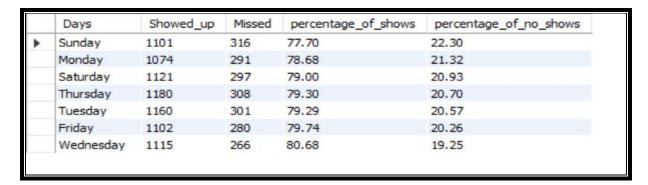
Code #2 (Extraction of Total count of appointment from dataset and the %age of showed and missed appointment per day)

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218
        #STEP -II OF Q(20) 'COUNT OF SCHEDULED APPOINTMNETS', 'COUNT OF SHOWED-UP AND MISSED ' ON EACH DAY
219
                                         -- TOTAL APPOINTMENTS :
220 • select count(*) as total_Appointments from virginia_patient_appointments;
221
        #count of showed-up,missed,%age of shows and missed according to each day in descending order will be displayed
222
223 • select Days, sum(case when Showed_up="yes" then 1 end ) as Showed_up,
      sum(case when Showed_up="No" then 1 end ) as Missed,
      round(count(case when Showed_up ='yes' then 1 end )*100/count(*),2) as percentage_of_shows,
225
226
       round(count(case when Showed up = 'no' then 1 end )*100/count(*),2) as percentage of no shows
227
      from virginia_patient_appointments
228
      group by Days
229
       order by percentage_of_no_shows desc;
```

Outputs



(Total Appointments in virginia of USA)



(Total Scheduled Appointments, Total Showed-up & missed Appointment per day)

4. Key Findings

- ✓ Total no.of People who booked for appointment are 9916
- ✓ Total no.of female and male patients booked for appointment
- ✓ 1074 children, 4910adults and 3932 seniors being booked for appointment
- ✓ Neighbourhood of People with most and least interested in appointment
- ✓ Total number of people who didn't showed up even after having SMS reminder are 5403 and 1478 showed up on respective appointment day

- ✓ Certain days of week when people are more likely to miss their appointments were also found out
- ✓ Trends of appointment per day in each neighbourhood were found
- ✓ Neighbourhoods with most and least missed appointments ranks were extracted
- ✓ No of day gaps between each appointments in each neighborhood also found
- ✓ Average age of patients who interested in appointment were also observed
- ✓ Percentage of missed and attended appointment according to each day of week was also calculated from their data.

5. Recommendations

It is recommended to increase healthcare-awareness campaign in neighborhood with high ranks in missed appointments specifically Charolettesvile neighbourhood .The SMS reminders must be increased so patients can become more active ,specifically for Sunday ,thursday and Tuesday as missed appointment rate is high in these days.

6. Conclusion

The SQL based analysis of Appointment for Virginia state of USA provides valuable insights about certain days and areas to be focused on, for enhancing attendance of patients. Percentage of missed appointments can be reduced by taking steps on recommended actions provided before, to improve attendance of patients and might be helpful for clinic.

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