

CT511 Databases Design 1

Database Model For A Hospital System

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1. **Background**

The hospital has decided to convert from a paper-based system to an electronic based system for all records. This change is mandatory in order to comply with the Electronic Medical Records (EMR) as part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act PPACA (2014). Database systems are efficient for the storage of vast quantities of data, including quick, reliable retrieval of information, therefore improving patient care and treatment efficiency and decreasing human error. An electronic database system is apt for application in medical information storage, simplifying the process of updating patient information, hastening patient information retrieval and thus in aiding prompt medical treatment. Medical record storage is better suited for electronic storage, as maintaining a paper based system for a rapidly growing population, with an average lifespan of eighty years is certainly no longer feasible. The electronic system will also comply with recent data protection regulation, offering improved security to patients. Accessibility to accurate patient information via the electronic system will decrease time and cost spent maintaining the non-electrical data system. Files can be backed up on a hard-drive rather than occupying an excess of physical space. Furthermore, electronic systems are conducive to a more environmental-friendly future.

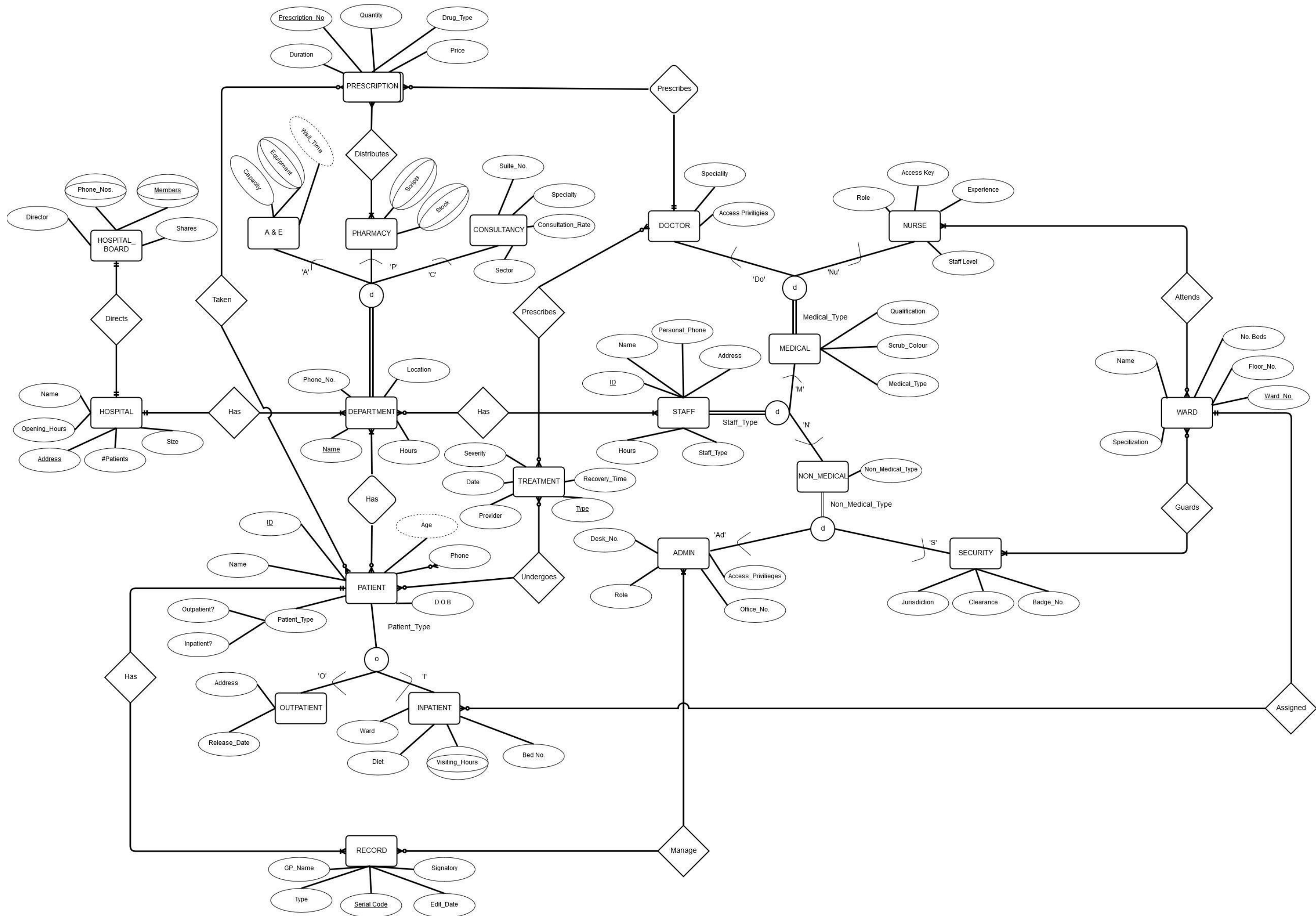
Overview of the system

The following entities are included in the database as they were decided to be fundamental to the efficient running of a hospital: Hospital Board, Hospital, Department (A and E, Pharmacy, Consultancy), Staff (Medical, non-medical), Ward, Patient (Inpatient, Outpatient), Treatment, Prescription and Record.

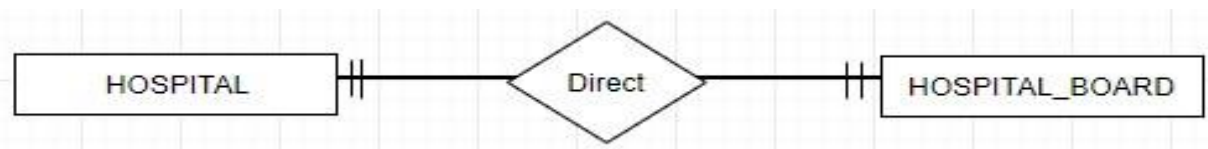
Medical-staff include Doctors and Nurses. Non-Medical Staff include Admin and Security.

The relationship between each entity is defined through and represented in the EERD. This includes the business rule relating the entities, and crow's foot notation is used to represent the number of interactions between entities.

Sub-Entities are defined in the databases, and details on their specialization are shown.

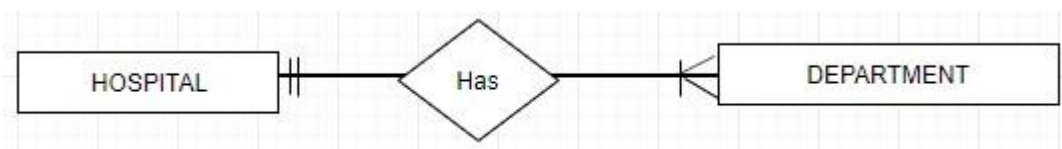


Entity	Attributes	Relationship	Entity
HOSPITAL	<u>Name</u> (Varchar)	Mandatory 1 to Many	HOSPITAL BOARD
	Opening_Hours (Int)		
	Address (Varchar)	Rationale: A hospital has one Hospital Board	
	Number_Patients (int)		
	Size (Int)		



HOSPITAL BOARD	<u>Address</u> (Varchar)	Mandatory 1 to Many	HOSPITAL
	Opening_Hours (Int)		
	Size (Int)	Rationale: A hospital board has one hospital	
	Number_Patients (Int)		
	Name (Varchar)		

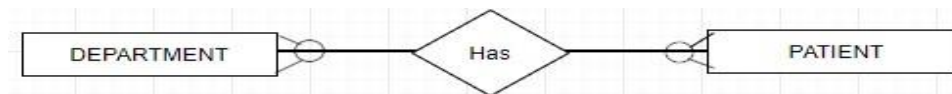
Entity	Attributes	Relationship	Entity
HOSPITAL	Name (Varchar)	Mandatory one to many	DEPARTMENT
	Opening_Hours (Int)		
	<u>Address (Varchar)</u>		
	Number_Patients (Int)	Rationale: one hospital has many departments	
	Size (Int)		



	Name (Varchar)	Mandatory one	
	<u>Location</u> (Varchar)		

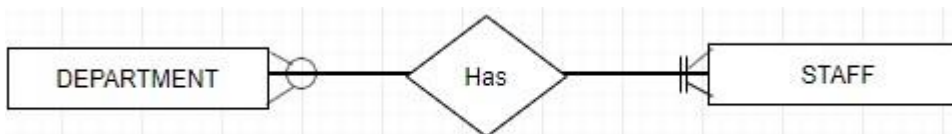
DEPARTMENT	Phone_No. (Int)	Rationale: departments only have one hospital	HOSPITAL
	Hours (Int)		

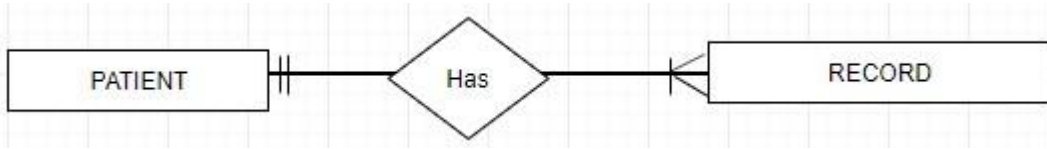
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DEPARTMENT	<u>Name</u> (Varchar)	Optional zero to many	PATIENT
	Location (Varhcar)		
	Phone_Number (Int)		
	Hours (Int)	Rationale: Department can have no patients or many	



PATIENT	Name (Varchar)	Mandatory one to many	DEPARTMENT
	<u>Id</u> (Int)	Rationale: patient has at least one Department they are treated in	
	Patient_Type (Varchar)		
	D.O.B (Int)		
	Phone (Int)		
	Age (Int)		

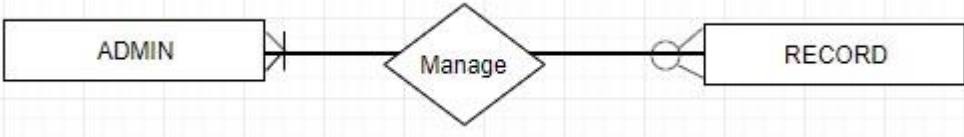
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DEPARTMENT	<u>Name</u> (Varhcar)	Mandatory one to many	STAFF
	Location (Varchar)		
	Phone_Number (Int)		
	Hours (Int)	Rationale: a department can have one or many staff	



STAFF	<u>Id</u> (Int)	Zero to many	DEPARTMENT
	Staff_type (Varchar)	Rationale: staff can work independently of Department	
	Name (Varchar)		
	Personal_Phone (Int)		
	Address (Varchar)		
	Hours (Int)		
Entity	Attributes	Relationship	Entity
PATIENT	<u>ID</u> (Int)	Mandatory one to many	RECORD
	Name (Varchar)		
	Patient_type (Varchar)		
	D.O.B (Int)	Rationale: A patient has to have a record	
	Phone (Int)		
	Age (Int)		
			
RECORD	Serial_Code (Int)	Mandatory one	PATIENT
	Type (Varchar)	A Record has one patient	
	Gp_Name (Varchar)		
	Signatory (Varchar)		
	Edit_Date (Int)		


Entity	Attributes	Relationship	Entity
RECORD	<u>Serial_Code</u> (Int)	Mandatory one to many	ADMIN
	Type (Varchar)		

	Gp_Name (Varchar)		
	Signatory (Varchar)	Rationale: a record has at least one administrator	
	Edit_Date (Int)		



ADMIN	Date_Number(Int)	Optional zero to many	RECORD
	Role (Varchar)		
	Access_Priveleges (Int)	Rationale: An administrator doesn't have to manage a record	
	Office_Number (Int)		

Entity	Attributes	Relationship	Entity
PATIENT	<u>ID (Int)</u>	Optional zero to many	PRESCRIPTION
	Name (Varchar)		
	D.O.B (Int)		
	<u>Patient_Type (Varchar)</u>	Rationale: patient doesn't have to have a prescription	
	Phone (Int)		
	Age (Int)		



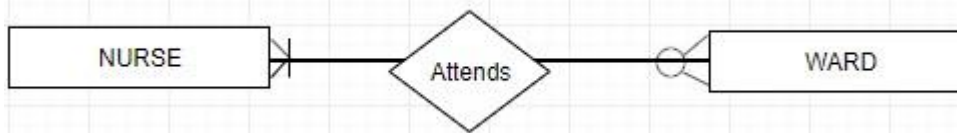
PRESCRIPTION	Prescription_No (Int)	Optional zero to many	PATIENT
	Duration (Int)		
	Quantity (Int)		
	Drug_Type (Varchar)	Rationale: A prescription doesn't have to be given to a patient	
	Price (Int)		

Entity	Attributes	Relationship	Entity
PRESCRIPTION	<u>Prescription_no (Int)</u>	Mandatory one	DOCTOR
	Duration (Int)		
	Quantity(Int)		
	Drug_Type (Varchar)	Rationale: a prescription must be prescribed by a Doctor	
	Price (Int)		



DOCTOR	Speciality (Varchar)	Optional zero to many	PRESCRIPTION
	Access Privileges (Int)		
		Rationale: Some Doctors don't have to prescribe medicine	

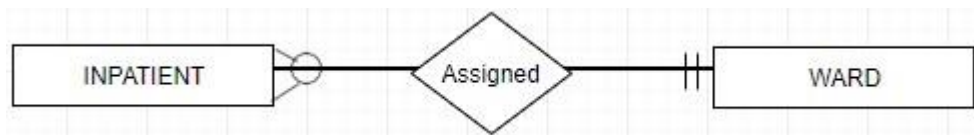
Entity	Attributes	Relationship	Entity
NURSE	Access Key (Int)	Zero to many	WARD
	Role (Varchar)		
	Experience (Varchar)		
	Staff level (Int)	Rationale: a nurse doesn't have to work in a ward	



Ward	Ward_No (Int)	Mandatory one to many	NURSE
	Floor_No (Int)		
	No. Beds <u>(Int)</u>		
	Name (Varchar)		

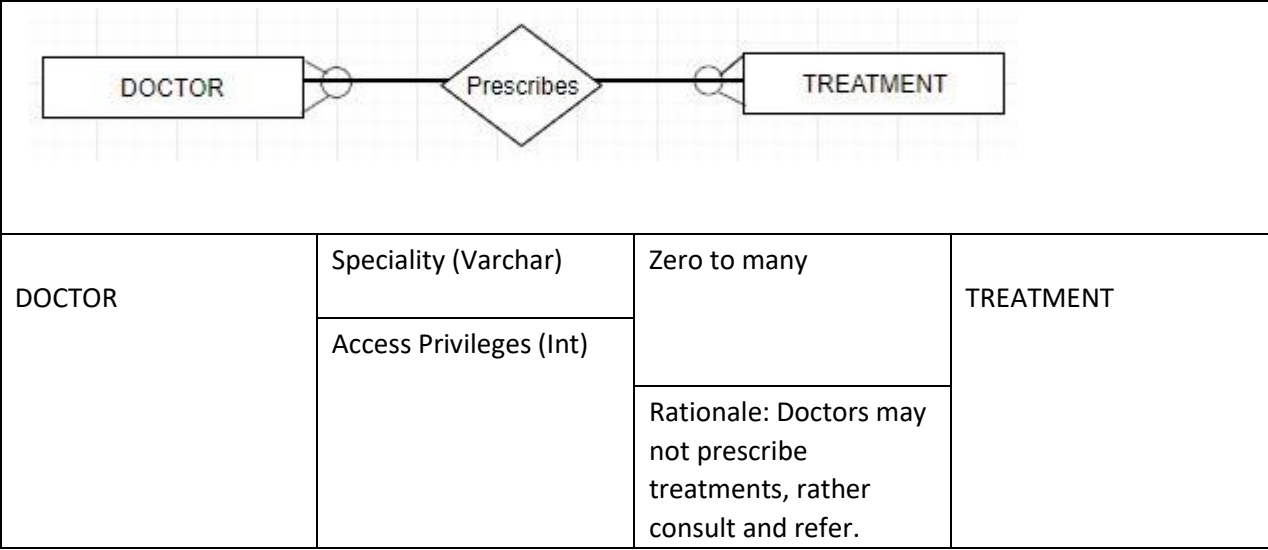
	Specialization (Varchar)	Rationale: A ward is attended by at least one Nurse	
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Entity	Attributes	Relationship	Entity
WARD	<u>Ward_no</u>	Optional zero to many	INPATIENT
	Floor_no (Int)		
	No. Beds (<u>Int</u>)		
	Name (Varchar)	Rationale: a ward can have zero patients or many	
	Specialization (Varchar)		



INPATIENT	Visiting_Hours (Int)	Mandatory one	WARD
	Diet (Var_Char)		
	Bed No. (Int)	Rationale: An inpatient must be assigned to a Ward	
	Ward (Int)		

Entity	Attributes	Relationship	Entity
TREATMENT	<u>Treatment_Type (Varchar)</u>	Zero to many	DOCTOR
	Provider (Varchar)		
	Date_Of_Treatment (Int)		
	Recovery_Time (Int)	Rationale: Treatment may be provided by a non-doctor	
	Severity (Varchar)		



Entity	Attributes	Relationship	Entity
PATIENT	<u>Patient_Id (Int)</u>	Zero to many	TREATMENT
	Dob (Int)		
	Phone (Int)		
	Name (Varchar)	Rationale: a patient may have a consultation or checkup	
	Patient_Type (Varchar)		

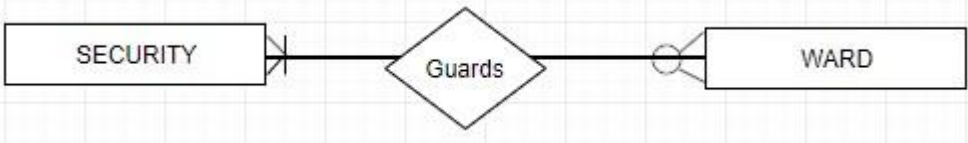
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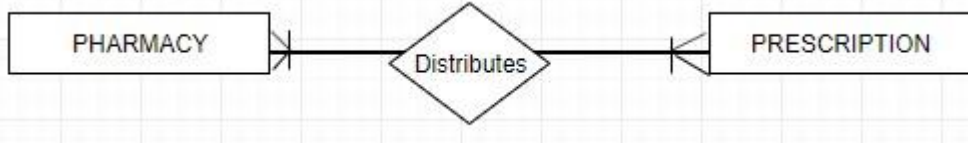
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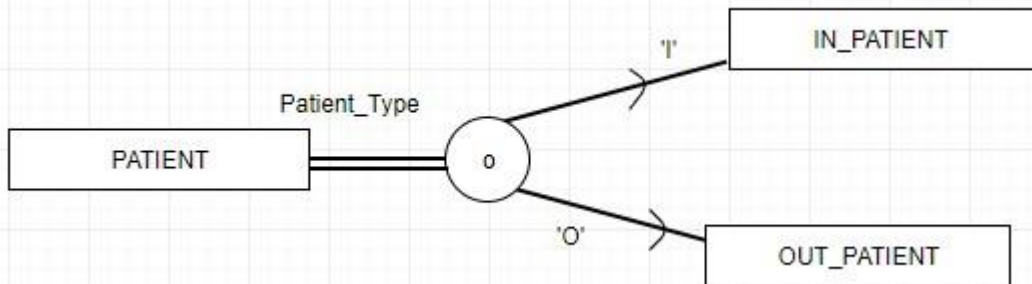
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TREATMENT	<u>Treatment_Type (Varchar)</u>	Zero one to many	PATIENT
	Provider (Varchar)		
	Date_Of_Treatment (Int)	Rationale: A treatment type may not be provided at a given time (refferals)	
	Recovery_Time (Int)		
	Severity (Varchar)		

Entity	Attributes	Relationship	Entity
SECURITY	Jurisdiction (Varchar)	Zero to many	WARD
	Clearance (Varchar)		
	<u>Badge_Number (Int)</u>		

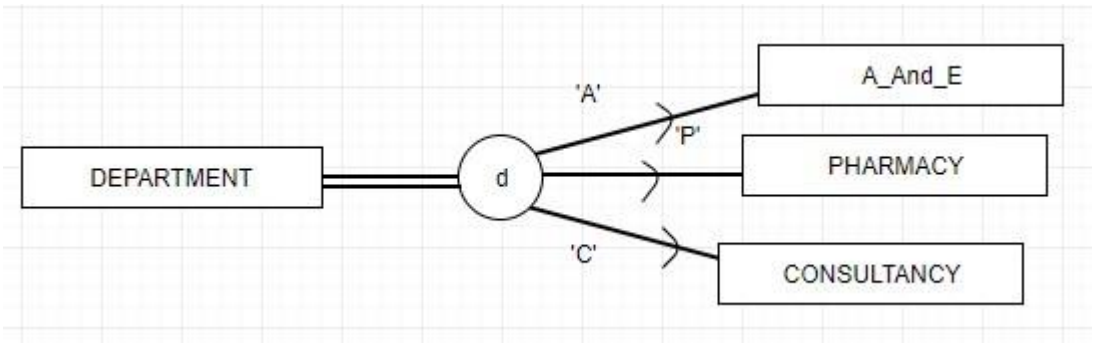
		Rationale: A security guard may work in a morgue or parking lot	
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WARD	<u>Ward_Number (Int)</u> Number_Beds (Int) Name (Varchar) Ward_Number (Int) Specialization (Varchar) Floor_Number (Int)	Mandatory 1 to many Rationale: At least one security guard must work on every ward.	SECURITY

Entity	Attributes	Relationship	Entity
PHARMACY	Scripts (Int) Stock (Varchar)	Mandatory one to Many Rationale: Pharmacy distributes all prescriptions	PRESCRIPTION
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PRESCRIPTION	Prescription no (Int) Duration (Int) Drug_type (Varchar) Price (Float) Quantity (Int)	Mandatory one to many Rationale: A prescription is distributed by at least one Pharmacy	PHARMACY

Parent Entity	Attributes	Relationship	Child Entity
PATIENT	<u>ID (Int)</u>	Overlap:	OUTPATIENT
	Age (Int)		
	Phone (Int)		
	D.O.B (Int)	Rationale: outpatient and inpatient share entities	INPATIENT
	Patient_type (Varchar)		
	Name (Varchar)		
			
OUTPATIENT	Address (Varchar)		
	Release_Date (Int)		
INPATIENT	Visiting_Hours (Int)		
	Bed_No. (Int)		
	Diet (Varchar)		
	Ward (Int)		

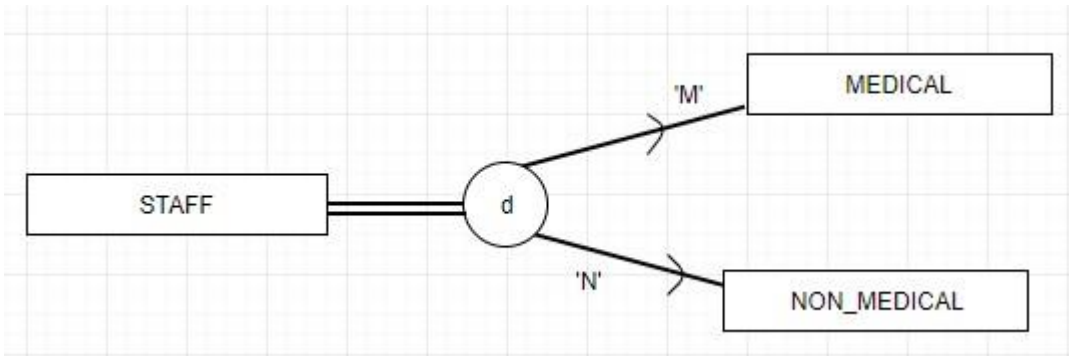
Parent Entity	Attributes	Relationship	Child Entity
	<u>Name</u>	Distinct	

Department	Hours (Int)	Rationale: there is no shared entities between the departments they can only be one of the three types	A&E
	Location (Varchar)		PHARMACY
	Phone_No (Int)		CONSULTANCY



A&E	Wait_Time (Int)		
	Equipment (Varchar)		
	Capacity (Int)		
PHARMACY	Scripts (Int)		
	Stock (Int)		
CONSULTANCY	Suite no. (Int)		
	Specialty (Varchar)		
	Consultation_Rate (Float)		
	Sector (Varchar)		

Parent Entity	Attributes	Relationship	Child Entity
STAFF	<u>ID</u>	Distinct	MEDICAL
	Name (Varchar)		
	Personal_Phone (Int)		
	Address (Varchar)	Rationale: professionals cannot be medical and non-medical	NON-MEDICAL
	Hours (Int)		
	Staff_Type (Varchar)		



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graph LR; STAFF[STAFF] === d((d)); d -- "M" --> MEDICAL[MEDICAL]; d -- "N" --> NON_MEDICAL[NON_MEDICAL];
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MEDICAL	Qualification (Varchar)		
	Scrub colour (Varchar)		
	Medical_type (Varchar)		
NON-MEDICAL	Non-medical-type (Varchar)		

Parent Entity	Attributes	Relationship	Child Entity
MEDICAL	Qualification (Varchar)	Distinct	DOCTOR
	Scrub_Colour (Varchar)		
	Medical_Type (Varchar)		
		Rationale: Doctors cant become nurses and nurses cant be doctors	NURSE
DOCTOR	Specialty (Varchar)		
	Access privileges (Int)		
NURSE	Role (Varchar)		
	Experience (Int)		
	Access key (Int)		
	Staff level (Int)		

Parent Entity	Attributes	Relationship	Child Entity
NON-MEDICAL	<u>Non_medical_type</u> (Varchar)	Distinct	ADMIN
		Rationale: admin and security share no entities	SECURITY

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graph LR; NM[NON_MEDICAL] === d((d)); d -- "Ad" --> A[ADMIN]; d -- "S" --> S[SECURITY];
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ADMIN	Desk_no (Int)		
	Role (varchar)		
	Access_priveleges (Int)		
	Office_no. (Int)		
SECURITY	Jurisdiction (Varchar)		
	Clearence (Int)		
	Badge no. (Int)		

5. Database rationale conceptual model

Databases are a fundamental component of any healthcare system. Database design consists of four key phases:

- Determination of user requirements
- Conceptual design
- Logical design
- Physical design

Data modelling is the method of generating a data model for the data to be stored in the database. This data model is a conceptual illustration of: Data objects, the associations/relationships between different data objects, and the rules.

The conceptual design takes the user requirements for the database and transfers this to a detailed graphical model. An Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD) is the most commonly used modelling technique for relational database design. The ERD characterizes entities, attributes and relationships. The ERD serves as an easy to comprehend focal point for discussing requirements and determining whether the database designer fully comprehends the stakeholder's needs. The conceptual model helps in the graphic representation of data and implements business rules, government procedures on the data and regulatory compliance. The data model ensures uniformity in naming conventions, semantics, default values, security and quality of data. The conceptual model emphasises what data is needed and how it should be organised instead of what the data is used for or what operations need to be performed on the data. It offers organisation wide coverage of the business concepts. It is designed and developed for a business audience. The model is developed independently of hardware specifications such as location, storage capacity or specific DBMS software. Its entire focus is to represent data as a user would see it in real life.

The fundamental component of the ERD is the entity which represents the objects of concern and significance to which the database is to be designed. Attributes then describe the entities and are the specific data types for which data is stored. Entities are connected by links which establish the relationship between two or more entities. Within an ERD there are cardinalities which describe the maximum and minimum of entities that may be related to a second entity. For example, a doctor could be related to a minimum of no patients and a maximum of many patients.

The conceptual data model is a combined view of all data in an organisation and helps to bridge the gap between the data organisation as viewed by the DBMS and individual user applications. The conceptual design is used to effectively validate the design by allowing easier communication between domain experts without having detailed knowledge about databases. This feedback from domain experts is critical when developing the database within the hospital system as the data can be complex and have varying types of data elements (Johnson *et al.* 1992).

Conceptual database modelling is the foundation of constructing a data warehouse application of significant value to the stakeholders. Effective modelling results in transforming data into a business information asset that is current, consistent and comprehensive. The relational model helps to reduce data redundancy and ensures data integrity (Sherman, 2014).

Rational breakdown

- Data objects represented accurately
- Helps stakeholders/businesses to easily communicate within and across an organisation
- Helps recognise accurate sources of data to populate model and database execution
- Produces an enhanced description of data to be stored
- Defines data structure, its elements and relationships between them

The conceptual EERD has been used to create our collection of tables which represent the contents of the database. The primary keys allow the entity type and relationship type to be expressed homogeneously as tables. For each relationship and entity, a unique table is created.

6. Business Rules

- Doctor has to be assigned to a department
- Staff must be either medical or non-medical
- All doctors are available for A+E
- Pharmacy can only dispense medicine/drugs for a registered patient at the hospital
- Each doctor must submit his own record of each patient
- Admin allocates patients to ward and assigns bed
- Nurse must be assigned to a ward
- Nurse must adhere/follow doctors treatment/instruction
- Doctor and Nurse can only access assigned patient records
- Doctor must detail treatment/instruction for each patient
- Assigned doctor or nurse only allowed access test results
- Admin must update ward list/patient list
- Doctors must issue prescription for pharmacy if required
- Admin must process doctors outpatient appointment follow up care
- Admin must book outpatient appointment

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