RProgramming Assignment 3 - Hospital Quality

Part 1 - Nothing to Submit

Part 2 - Best

Write a function that returns the hospital with the lowest death rate for a given cause of death.

Format: best <- function(state, outcome){}

Parameters:

1. **The state must be valid.** If not, the function must return the error message via the stop function “invalid state.”
2. **The outcome must be either “heart attack”, “heart failure”, or “pneumonia”.**  If not, the function must return the error message via the stop function “invalid outcome.”
3. **No Information** - the program should exclude hospitals that have no information on the outcome of the provided condition
4. **Ties:** if a state has two or more hospitals that have the highest outcome, then the hospitals should be sorted alphabetically and the first hospital should be selected. (e.g. if hospitals “b”, “c”, and “f” are tied for best, then hospital “b” should be returned)

Psuedocode for best

best <- function(state, outcome){

##Step 1: read the csv

mydata <- read.csv("outcome-of-care-measures.csv", colClasses = "character", na.strings = c("Not Available"))

##make dataframe look at only the relevant info

allinfo <- mydata[ ,c(2,7,11,17,23)]

##Step 2: Create a character vector of allowed conditions

conditions <- c("heart attack", "heart failure", "pneumonia")

##Step 3 - Create a character vector of all states and provinces in data

loc <- as.vector(unique(mydata$State))

##Step 4 - create 2 big IF loops that covers the entire function. It should be something like IF State and Conditions are valid, then continue with the meat of the function. If not, return STOP

if(outcome %in% conditions){

if(state %in% loc){

###meat of program goes here

#Step 5 - subset dataframe by state

mystate <- subset(allinfo, allinfo$State == state)

## Step 6 - subset dataframe by condition

##Method: create a character vector assigning conditions to the column numbers

##colnum <- c("heart attack" = "mystate[,11]", "heart failure" = "mystate[,17]", "pneumonia" = "mystate[,23]")

} else {

stop("invalid state")

}

} else {

stop("invalid outcome")

}}

}

So Far:

best <- function(state, outcome){

##read in our data frame, states, and conditions

mydata <- read.csv("outcome-of-care-measures.csv", colClasses = "character", na.strings = c("Not Available"))

allinfo <- mydata[ ,c(2,7,11,17,23)]

conditions <- c("heart attack", "heart failure", "pneumonia")

loc <- as.vector(unique(mydata$State))

if(outcome %in% conditions){

##print("valid outcome")

if(state %in% loc){

##print("valid state")

###meat of program goes here

mystate <- subset(allinfo, allinfo$State == state)

##create a character vector that assigns possible outcomes to the correct column entries in mystate

##colnum <- c("heart attack" = "mystate[,11]", "heart failure" = "mystate[,17]", "pneumonia" = "mystate[,23]")

##Now, create another if else loop to see if we can do something with the outcomes

if(outcome = "heart attack"){

##create a dataframe of just the heart attack

info <- mystate[,c(1,2,3)]

good <- complete.cases(info)

goodinf <- info[good,]

##work on this to get the order correct

##a <- goodinf[ order(goodinf[,3],goodinf[,1]),]

}else if(outcome = "heart failure"){

info <- mystate[,c(1,2,4)]

}else if(outcome = "pneumonia"){

info <- mystate[,c(1,2,5)]

}

} else {

stop("invalid state")

}

} else {

stop("invalid outcome")

}

print(str(mystate))

}