

## A) Update Anomalies

### Insertion Problems:

- We can't add a new dentist if they don't have appointments yet because we'd need to put NULL values for patient info and appointment details.
- Same problem with adding a new patient who hasn't made an appointment.

### Deletion Problems:

- If we delete John Walker's appointment, we might lose information about Robin Plevin (if she had only 1 patient yet).
- Also we will lose surgery S13 if we delete John Walker's appointment.

### Update Problems:

- If Helen Pearson changes her name, we have to update it in multiple places (row 3 and 4). Same for patient names.
- If surgery S15 moves to a new location, we'd need to update this in rows 1, 2, and 5.

## B) Functional Dependencies

1. staffNo  $\rightarrow$  dentistName (each staff number has only one dentist name)
2. patNo  $\rightarrow$  patName (each patient number has only one patient name)
3. staffNo, date  $\rightarrow$  surgeryNo (a dentist works at one surgery on a given day)
4. staffNo, date, time  $\rightarrow$  patNo (only one patient can see a dentist at a specific time)
5. patNo, date, time  $\rightarrow$  staffNo (a patient can only see one dentist at a specific time)

### Assumptions:

- Each dentist has their own staff number
- Each patient has their own patient number
- A dentist can't have two appointments at the same time
- A patient can't have two appointments at the same time

## C) Normalization to 3NF

Table is already in first normal form. To fix these problems, we need to split the table into smaller tables:

- **Step 2 (2NF):** We need to remove things that don't depend on the *whole* primary key. Partial dependencies need to be removed.

### Dentist Table

staffNo	dentistName
S1011	Tony Smith
S1024	Helen Pearson
S1032	Robin Plevin

### Patient Table

patNo	patName
P100	Gillian White
P105	Jill Bell
P108	Ian MacKay
P110	John Walker

### Appointment Table

patNo	appointmentDate	time	staffNo
P100	12-Sep-13	10.00	S1011
P105	12-Sep-13	12.00	S1011
P108	13-Sep-13	10.00	S1024
P108	14-Sep-13	14.00	S1024
P105	14-Sep-13	16.30	S1032
P110	15-Sep-13	18.00	S1032

- **Step 3 (3NF):** Now we look for dependencies between non-key things. Transitive dependencies need to be removed.

We can isolate surgery assignments:

**Surgery Assignment Table**

<b>staffNo</b>	<b>appointmentDate</b>	<b>surgeryNo</b>
S1011	12-Sep-13	S15
S1024	13-Sep-13	S10
S1024	14-Sep-13	S10
S1032	14-Sep-13	S15
S1032	15-Sep-13	S13

**Final tables in 3NF:**

**1. Dentist Table**

- a. staffNo, dentistName
- b. Primary key: staffNo

**2. Patient Table**

- a. patNo, patName
- b. Primary key: patNo

**3. SurgeryASsignment Table**

- a. staffNo, date, surgeryNo
- b. Primary key: staffNo, date
- c. Foreign key: staffNo connects to Dentist table

**4. Appointment Table**

- a. staffNo, date, time, patNo
- b. Primary key: staffNo, date, time
- c. Foreign keys:
  - i. staffNo links to Dentist table
  - ii. patNo links to Patient table
  - iii. staffNo, date links to DentistSchedule table