

# Entity Descriptions and Design Assumptions

- **User** (**user\_id**)  
Attributes: name, email, time\_zone, preferred\_reminder\_window  
Assumptions: one account per person; email unique for login; time zone used for scheduling windows.
- **NotificationPrefs** (**user\_id**)  
Attributes: email\_reminders, missed\_dose\_summary  
Assumptions: exactly one preference row per user (true 1:1 with User).
- **Drug** (**drug\_id**)  
Attributes: rxnorm\_code, name  
Assumptions: rxnorm\_code (if it's present) is unique; name is unique in our catalog to prevent duplicates.
- **SideEffect** (**drug\_id**,**effect**)  
Attributes: description (optional)  
Assumptions: multi valued attribute of a drug; one row per (drug, effect).
- **Prescription** (**rx\_id**)  
Attributes: user\_id, drug\_id, frequency, qty\_on\_hand, refills, rx\_text  
Assumptions: a prescription isn't uniquely determined by a user-drug pair; the same user can have multiple prescriptions for the same drug.
- **Reminder** (**reminder\_id**)  
Attributes: user\_id, rx\_id, remind\_time, override\_frequency (nullable)  
Assumptions: reminders are scheduled events that are tied to a single prescription; overrides are exceptions per reminder.
- **EmergencyContact** (**contact\_id**)  
Attributes: user\_id, name, phone, email, trigger  
Assumptions: Each contact is uniquely identified for a user by their email address.
- **Disease** (**disease\_id**)  
Attributes: name, wry\_specialty, description  
Assumptions: we store one primary specialty per disease (enough for referrals).
- **DiseaseSymptom** (**disease\_id**,**symptom**)  
Attributes: description (optional)  
Assumptions: one row per (disease, symptom label).

- **Doctor** (`doctor_id`)  
Attributes: name, specialty, address, phone  
Assumptions: exactly one specialty per doctor.

## Relationships & Cardinalities (and why)

- **User 1 – 1 NotificationPrefs**  
Rationale: one preference set per user; prevents conflicting settings.
- **User 1 – \* Prescription** and **Prescription \* – 1 Drug**  
Rationale: a person can have many prescriptions; each prescription is for one drug.
- **Prescription 1 – \* Reminder** (and **User 1 – \* Reminder** for scoping)  
Rationale: multiple reminders per prescription; reminders are owned by the same user for authentication or scheduling.
- **User 1 – \* EmergencyContact**  
Rationale: multiple contacts per user; each contact belongs to exactly one user.
- **Drug 1 – \* SideEffect**  
Rationale: side effects are stored separately so they can be searched and maintained without duplicating data.
- **Disease 1 – \* DiseaseSymptom**  
Rationale: symptoms are normalized into a separate table to make them searchable and support automated matching.
- **Referrals:** select **Doctor** where `Doctor.specialty = Disease.primary_specialty`.  
Rationale: Match by specialty instead of linking diseases to specific doctors; avoids implying a fixed Disease → Doctor mapping; no physical foreign key is stored

## BCNF Justification (table by table)

- **User:**  $\text{user\_id} \rightarrow (\text{name}, \text{email}, \text{time\_zone}, \text{window})$ ; PK is a superkey.
- **NotificationPrefs:**  $\text{user\_id} \rightarrow (\text{email\_reminders}, \text{missed\_dose\_summary})$ ; PK =  $\text{user\_id}$  (1:1).
- **Drug:**  $\text{drug\_id} \rightarrow (\text{rxnorm\_code}, \text{name})$ ;  $\text{rxnorm\_code}$  and  $\text{name}$  are unique to avoid duplicates; no non-key determinant.
- **SideEffect:** key  $(\text{drug\_id}, \text{effect})$ ; any description depends on the key only.
- **Prescription:** key  $\text{rx\_id}$ ; we do not assume  $(\text{user\_id}, \text{drug\_id})$  determines the row  $\rightarrow$  no BCNF violation.
- **Reminder:** key  $\text{reminder\_id}$ ;  $\text{override\_frequency}$  is independent of  $\text{rx\_id}$  unless set, no duplication of prescription data.
- **EmergencyContact:** key  $\text{contact\_id}$ ;  $\text{UNIQUE}(\text{user\_id}, \text{email})$  prevents representing the same fact twice; no attribute depends on a non-key determinant.
- **Disease:**  $\text{disease\_id} \rightarrow (\text{name}, \text{primary\_specialty}, \text{description})$ ; PK is a superkey.
- **DiseaseSymptom:** key  $(\text{disease\_id}, \text{symptom})$ ; description depends on that key; BCNF.
- **Doctor:**  $\text{doctor\_id} \rightarrow (\text{name}, \text{specialty}, \text{address}, \text{phone})$ ; PK is a superkey.

## Relational Schema (logical design, not SQL)

User(user\_id:UUID [PK], name:VARCHAR(120), email:VARCHAR(254), time\_zone:VARCHAR(64), preferred\_reminder\_window:INT)

NotificationPrefs(user\_id:UUID [PK, FK to User.user\_id], email\_reminders:BOOLEAN, missed\_dose\_summary:BOOLEAN)

Drug(drug\_id:UUID [PK], rxnorm\_code:VARCHAR(40), name:VARCHAR(200))

SideEffect(drug\_id:UUID [FK to Drug.drug\_id], effect:VARCHAR(200), description:TEXT, PK: (drug\_id, effect))

Prescription(rx\_id:UUID [PK], user\_id:UUID [FK to User.user\_id], drug\_id:UUID [FK to Drug.drug\_id], frequency:VARCHAR(64), qty\_on\_hand:INT, refills:INT, rx\_text:TEXT)

Reminder(reminder\_id:UUID [PK], user\_id:UUID [FK to User.user\_id], rx\_id:UUID [FK to Prescription.rx\_id], remind\_time:TIMESTAMP, override\_frequency:VARCHAR(64))

EmergencyContact(contact\_id:UUID [PK], user\_id:UUID [FK to User.user\_id], name:VARCHAR(120), phone:VARCHAR(32), email:VARCHAR(254), trigger:VARCHAR(140))

Disease(disease\_id:UUID [PK], name:VARCHAR(200), primary\_specialty:VARCHAR(120), description:TEXT)

DiseaseSymptom(disease\_id:UUID [FK to Disease.disease\_id], symptom:VARCHAR(200), description:TEXT, PK: (disease\_id, symptom))

Doctor(doctor\_id:UUID [PK], name:VARCHAR(120), specialty:VARCHAR(120), address:VARCHAR(300), phone:VARCHAR(32))

**Domain notes:** UUIDs may be stored as **CHAR(36)**; timestamps may include time-zone information; **VARCHAR** lengths are approximate and can be adjusted as needed.