Unidade Local de Saúde de Castelo Branco

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Data source · Human · Hospital discharge records · Other

Primary care medical records

Administrative details

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PURI

https://redirect.ema.europa.eu/resource/1111235

Data source ID

1111235

Data source acronym

ULSCB

Data holder

Unidade Local de Saúde de Castelo Branco (ULSCB)

Data source type

Hospital discharge records

Other

Primary care medical records

Data source type, other

Electronic health records,EHRs contain the totality of a local health unit, comprising primary care and hospital production, from 1988 until the present, for a well-defined region of Portugal (Beira Baixa, NUTS III region PT-16H) corresponding to a living unselected patient population of nearly 110,000, with complete and near-exclusive healthcare coverage from the public sector and spanning over 20 years, and additional 240,000 patients from other regions that visited Hospital Amato Lusitano or its Primary Healthcare Centers at some point in time. Data contains every visit, namely for appointments, imaging and other exam reports, procedures (including inpatient and outpatient surgical care), prescribed medications, the totality of laboratory measurements (inpatient and outpatient), selected specimen and device data, birth and death date and hospital diagnosis associated with death, allergies and the totality of searchable and categorized clinical notes (primary care and hospital).

Main financial support

Funding by own institution

National, regional, or municipal public funding

Care setting

Hospital inpatient care

Hospital outpatient care

Primary care – GP, community pharmacist level

Primary care – specialist level (e.g. paediatricians)

Secondary care – specialist level (ambulatory)

Data source qualification

If the data source has successfully undergone a formal qualification process (e.g., from the EMA, ISO or other certifications), this should be described.

Yes

Description of the qualification

Partnership with EHDEN's SME MTG (www.mtg.pt) for Data Harmonization according to OHDSI's ETL process to the OMOP-CDM.

Data source website

https://www.ulscb.min-saude.pt

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Data source regions and languages

Data source countries

Portugal

Data source languages

Portuguese

Data source establishment

Data source established

15/06/1998

Data source time span

First collection: 15/06/1998

The date when data started to be collected or extracted.

Data elements collected

The data source contains the following information

Disease information

Does the data source collect information with a focus on a specific disease? This might be a patient registry or other similar initiatives.

Yes

Rare diseases

Are rare diseases captured? In the European Union a rare disease is one that affects no more than 5 people in 10,000.

Yes

Pregnancy and/or neonates

Does the data source collect information on pregnant women and/or neonatal subpopulation (under 28 days of age)?

Yes

Hospital admission and/or discharge

Yes

ICU admission

Is information on intensive care unit admission available?

Yes

Cause of death

Captured

Cause of death vocabulary

SNOMED CT

Prescriptions of medicines

Captured

Prescriptions vocabulary

ATC

RxNorm

Dispensing of medicines

Captured

Dispensing vocabulary

ATC

other

RxNorm

Dispensing vocabulary, other

Only for inpatient prescriptions

Advanced therapy medicinal products (ATMP)

Is information on advanced therapy medicinal products included? A medicinal product for human use that is either a gene therapy medicinal product, a somatic cell therapy product or a tissue engineered products as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1394/2007 [Reg (EC) No 1394/2007 Art 1(1)].

Yes

Contraception

Is information on the use of any type of contraception (oral, injectable, devices etc.) available?

Yes

Indication for use

Does the data source capture information on the therapeutic indication for the use of medicinal products?

Captured

Indication vocabulary

Not coded (Free text)

Medical devices

Is information on medicinal devices (e.g., pens, syringes, inhalers) available?

Yes

Administration of vaccines

Yes

Procedures

Does the data source capture information on procedures (e.g., diagnostic tests, therapeutic, surgical interventions)?

Captured

Procedures vocabulary

SNOMED CT

Healthcare provider

Is information on the person providing healthcare (e.g., physician, pharmacist, specialist) available? The healthcare provider refers to individual health professionals or a health facility organisation licensed to provide health care diagnosis and treatment services including medication, surgery and medical devices.

Yes

Clinical measurements

Is information on clinical measurements (e.g., BMI, blood pressure, height) available?

Yes

Genetic data

Are data related to genotyping, genome sequencing available?

Not Captured

Biomarker data

Does the data source capture biomarker information? The term "biomarker" refers to a broad subcategory of medical signs (objective indications of medical state observed from outside the patient), which can be measured accurately and reproducibly. For example, haematological assays, infectious disease markers or metabolomic biomarkers.

Captured

Patient-reported outcomes

Is information on patient-reported outcomes (e.g., quality of life) available?

Yes

Patient-generated data

Is patient-generated information (e.g., from wearable devices) available?

Yes

Units of healthcare utilisation

Are units of healthcare utilisation (e.g., number of visits to GP per year, number of hospital days) available or can they be derived? Units of healthcare utilisation refer to the quantification of the use of services for the purpose of preventing or curing health problems.

Yes

Unique identifier for persons

Are patients uniquely identified in the data source?

Yes

Diagnostic codes

Captured

Diagnosis / medical event vocabulary

ICD-10-CM

ICD-9-CM

SNOMED CT

Medicinal product information

Captured

Medicinal product information collected

Active ingredient(s)

Dose

Formulation

Route of administration

Medicinal product vocabulary

ATC

RxNorm

Quality of life measurements

Captured

Quality of life measurements vocabulary

Not coded (Free text)

Lifestyle factors

Captured

Lifestyle factors

Alcohol use

Diet

Frequency of exercise

Other

Tobacco use

Sociodemographic information

Captured

Sociodemographic information collected

Age

Country of origin

Education level

Gender

Health area

Living in rural area

Socioeconomic status

Quantitative descriptors

Population Qualitative Data

Population age groups

Paediatric Population (< 18 years)

Preterm newborn infants (0 – 27 days)

Term newborn infants (0 – 27 days)

Infants and toddlers (28 days – 23 months)

Children (2 to < 12 years)

Adolescents (12 to < 18 years)

Adults (18 to < 46 years)

Adults (46 to < 65 years)

Elderly (≥ 65 years)

Adults (65 to < 75 years)

Adults (75 to < 85 years)

Adults (85 years and over)

Estimated percentage of the population covered by the data source in the catchment area

100%

Description of the population covered by the data source in the catchment area whose data are not collected (e.g., people who are registered only for private care)

The data source contains a large, unselected, and comprehensive health record dataset from patients in the regional Hospital Amato Lusitano and 11 Primary Healthcare Centers, that together form Castelo Branco Local Health Unit (ULSCB). ULSCB is a large healthcare institution, part of the National Health System (NHS) network, whose mission is to provide universal healthcare coverage to the Portuguese population. ULSCB is therefore responsible for public healthcare coverage for the region of Beira Baixa, in a mixed urban and rural catchment area spanning over 5,000 km2. ULSCB's area of influence comprises an aging population (2 elderly for every young) with a high level of

illiteracy (some rural contexts nearing 40%), low socio-economic status (85% of the national average), and one of the highest prevalences of chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, and CKD in continental Portugal. Private-sector activity is nonrelevant, and its records are not directly included in our database.

Family linkage

Family linkage available in the data source permanently or can be created on an ad hoc basis

Permanently

Family linkage available between the following persons

Father-child

Household

Mother-child

Sibling

Population

Population size

354301

Active population size

136024

Population by age group

Age group	Population size	Active population size
Paediatric Population (< 18 years)	54708	19330
Term newborn infants (0 – 27 days)	19101	2937
Infants and toddlers (28 days – 23 months)	17431	4413
Children (2 to < 12 years)	33842	11622
Adolescents (12 to < 18 years)	27502	7224
Adults (18 to < 46 years)	170309	44523
Adults (46 to < 65 years)	101003	34773
Elderly (≥ 65 years)	140919	28283
Adults (65 to < 75 years)	62974	17506
Adults (75 to < 85 years)	41929	11450
Adults (85 years and over)	18551	4534

Median observation time

Median time (years) between first and last available records for unique individuals captured in the data source

22.00

Median time (years) between first and last available records for unique active individuals (alive and currently registered) capt

18.00

Data flows and management

Access and validation

Biospecimen access

Are biospecimens available in the data source (e.g., tissue samples)?

Yes

Biospecimen access conditions

Upon informed consent request and approval by the ULSCB Ethics Committee

Access to subject details

Can individual patients/practitioners/practices included in the data source be contacted?

Yes

Description of data collection

This is EHR data that is created by all healthcare professionals at ULSCB during regular care and for healthcare purpose. Data is created by doctors, nurses and other professionals. Most EHR systems are oficial public national software (SONHO, SINUS) with additional EHR systems coming from third party vendors. The totality of data recorded within ULSCB EHR systems is available for research purposes.

Event triggering registration

Event triggering registration of a person in the data source

Birth

Immigration

Practice registration

Event triggering de-registration of a person in the data source

Death

Event triggering creation of a record in the data source

Provision of care, for the first time, inside the hospital or primary care center. The record is created by the administrative support staff when the patient does the check-in.

Data source linkage

Linkage

Is the data source described created by the linkage of other data sources (prelinked data source) and/or can the data source be linked to other data source on an ad-hoc basis?

Yes

Linkage description, pre-linked

Patient code is unique and created on birth, practice registration or immigration. Codes are non overlapping and there guaranteed to be unique.

Linkage description, possible linkage

Patient code is unique and created on birth, practice registration or immigration. Codes are non overlapping and there guaranteed to be unique.

Linked data sources

Pre linked

Is the data source described created by the linkage of other data sources?

No

Data source, other

National Death Registry

Linkage variable

COD_UTENTE

Linkage completeness

100%

Pre linked

Is the data source described created by the linkage of other data sources?

No

Data source, other

National Drug Prescription and Dispensation Registry

Linkage variable

COD_UTENTE

Linkage completeness

100%

Pre linked

Is the data source described created by the linkage of other data sources?

No

Data source, other

National Vaccination Registry

Linkage variable

COD_UTENTE

Linkage completeness

100%

Pre linked

Is the data source described created by the linkage of other data sources?

No

Data source, other

Other quality registries

Linkage variable

COD_UTENTE

Linkage completeness

100%

Pre linked

Is the data source described created by the linkage of other data sources?

Yes

Data source, other

The totality of data is automatically linked by default because all EHR systems use the same national patient code to register patient data.

Linkage variable

COD_UTENTE

Linkage completeness

100% in ULSCB, and can be used to cross agains the totality of national healthcare information available

Data management specifications that apply for the data source

Data source refresh

Monthly

Informed consent for use of data for research

Required for intervention studies

Possibility of data validation

Can validity of the data in the data source be verified (e.g., access to original medical charts)?

Yes

Data source preservation

Are records preserved in the data source indefinitely?

No

Data source preservation length (years)

50 years

Approval for publication

Is an approval needed for publishing the results of a study using the data source?

Yes

Data source last refresh

01/10/2023

Common Data Model (CDM) mapping

CDM mapping

Has the data source been converted (ETL-ed) to a common data model?

Yes

CDM Mappings

CDM name

OMOP

CDM website

https://www.ohdsi.org/Data-standardization/

Data source ETL CDM version

5.4

Data source ETL frequency

1,00 month

Data source ETL status

Planned