### PCDP Public Use Datasets: 2003

**Introduction:** The PECARN Core Data Project (PCDP) database is a collection of basic epidemiological information about ED patient visits from participating hospitals within the Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network (PECARN). Data were submitted electronically by each participating ED annually, and processed and stored by the Data Coordinating Center. It is important to note that these datasets are electronically available administrative data. Also, not all sites were able to provide all data elements. Site and patient-level identifiers have been removed from or masked in the public use dataset.

**Inclusion/Exclusion:** All patients 18 years of age and younger presenting to a participating PECARN Emergency Department (ED) during the study period are included.

**Sites:** 26 PECARN Emergency Departments

**Identifiers:** Identifiers include VisitID and PatientID. VisitID is unique across all datasets and identifies a single ED visit. PatientID identifies all visits with the same patient identifier provided by the site, or visits for the same patient identified in a probabilistic linkage analysis.

**Datasets:** PCDP_PUD_2003.TXT includes comma-separated PCDP data from year 2003. The SAS program PCDP PUD readin.sas along with the accompanying sas format library may be used to import the data and create a sas dataset with labels and formats.

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<td>VisitID</td>
<td>Visit identifier</td>
<td>Numeric (integer)</td>
<td>A randomly generated number that uniquely identifies each visit.</td>
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<tr>
<td>PatientID</td>
<td>Patient identifier</td>
<td>Numeric (integer)</td>
<td>Unique (masked) patient identifier according to probabilistic linkage and the patient identifier provided by the site. This identifier may be used to track multiple visits for a given patient.</td>
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| Sex           | Sex                        | $SEX                  | 'M' = Male  
'F' = Female                                                                                                                          |
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| Race           | Race                      | RACE                                                                                   | 1 American Indian/Alaskan Native  
2 Asian/Pacific Islander  
3 Black  
4 White  
5 Other  . Missing                                                                                                  |
| Ethnicity      | Ethnicity                 | ETHNICITY                                                                               | 1 Hispanic  
2 Non-Hispanic  . Missing                                                                                                         |
| RaceEthnicity  | Combined race and ethnicity| RACEETHNICITY                                                                           | 1 Hispanic  
2 American Indian/Alaskan Native, Non-Hispanic  
3 Asian/Pacific Islander, Non-Hispanic  
4 Black, Non-Hispanic  
5 White, Non-Hispanic  
6 Other, Non-Hispanic  . Missing                                                                                                     | Many sites reported a combined race/ethnicity variable so this variable is the most complete capture of race and ethnicity. For sites reporting race and ethnicity separately, the RaceEthnicity variable is assigned a value of Hispanic if indicated, or the value of the reported Race (non-Hispanic), if Hispanic is not indicated. |
| AgeInYears     | Age in years              | Numeric (integer)                                                                      | 0 - 18                                                                                                                               | Calculated based on date of birth and arrival/triage date. |
| AgeInMonths    | Age in months             | Numeric (integer)                                                                      | 0-227                                                                                                                              | Calculated based on date of birth and arrival/triage date. |
| PayerType      | Payer category            | PAYER                                                                                   | 1 Commercial  
2 Medicaid  
3 Medicare  
4 Other  
5 Other Governmental  
6 Self Pay  
7 Workers Compensation  . Missing                                                                                             |
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| EDDisposition            | ED Disposition                | DISPOSITION  
1 23 Hour Observation Unit/RTU  
2 Admitted  
3 Left Against Medical Advice  
4 Died  
5 Discharged  
6 Left Without Treatment  
7 Other  
8 Transferred  
. Missing |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| EDDisposition_validity   | Validity of ED Disposition    | EDDISPVALID  
1 Valid  
0 Invalid: Disposition is a mixture of ED and Inpatient Disposition | Some sites provided a mixture of ED and hospital dispositions instead of the ED disposition. This particularly affected patients admitted from the ED. |
| ArrivalMode              | Mode of arrival               | ARRIVMOD  
1 EMS Air  
2 EMS Ground  
3 Non-EMS/Walk-in  
4 Other  
. Missing |                                                                                                                        |
| ArrivalDayofWeek         | Weekday of arrival            | ARRIVALDAY  
1 Sunday  
2 Monday  
3 Tuesday  
4 Wednesday  
5 Thursday  
6 Friday  
7 Saturday  
. Missing | Calculated based on arrival/triage date.                                                                                                                                    |
<p>| Year                     | Year of arrival               | Numeric (integer)                                                                           | All visits arriving to a PECARN ED within the 2003 calendar year were submitted together in a batch and are assigned Year = 2003. |
| ArrivalHour              | Hour of arrival               | Numeric (integer)                                                                           | Calculated based on arrival/triage time.                                                                                             |
| ArrivalToDischargeMinutes| Minutes from arrival to discharge | Numeric (integer)                                                                           | Calculated based on arrival/triage date and time and discharge date and time. Values &lt; 0 were considered invalid and removed.         |</p>
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<td>Ecode1-5</td>
<td>E-Code 1-5</td>
<td>Character</td>
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<td>CPT1-15</td>
<td>CPT Procedure Code 1-15</td>
<td>Character</td>
<td>15 columns in the dataset. The general format for CPT codes is XXXXX</td>
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<tr>
<td>Proc1-15</td>
<td>ICD-9 Procedure Code 1-15</td>
<td>Character</td>
<td>15 columns in the dataset. The general format for Procedure codes is XX.XX</td>
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<td>Code_validity</td>
<td>Validity of Diagnosis, Procedure, and E-Codes</td>
<td>CODEVALID</td>
<td>Some sites were only able to supply the diagnosis, procedure (ICD-9 or CPT), and E-codes from the combined ED visit and hospital stay.</td>
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