Death

The death data structure is composed of two tables, Death and Cause of Death, which can be linked by MRN. The Death table has one record per person. When legacy data have conflicting reports, please make a local determination as to which to use. The Cause of Death table has one record per person per cause of death and should be unique on this combination.

Death Data Structures

Variable Name	Variable Type/Length	Values/Definition	Comments
MRN	Char	Unique to each HMO	Used to link across files
DeathDt	Numeric (4)	Date of death	
DtImpute	Char (1)	How DeathDt was imputed: M = Month of date imputed D = Date of date imputed B = Both month and day imputed N = Not imputed	
UnderCOD	Char (6)	Underlying cause of death	Please include the decimal point in your ICD codes
Codetype	Char (1)	A = ICD-10 B = ICD-9	Coding type for UnderCOD
Source	Char (1)	S = State Death files N = National Death Index T = Tumor data Others are locally defined	
Confidence	Char (1)	E = Excellent F = Fair P = Poor	How you rate the accuracy of the observation based on source, match, # of reporting sources, discrepancies, etc.

Cause of Death Data Structures

Variable Name	Variable Type/Length	Values/Definition	Comments
MRN	Char	Unique to each HMO	Used to link across files
COD	Char (6)	Cause of Death	Please include the decimal point in your ICD codes
Codetype	Char (1)	A = ICD-10 B = ICD-9	
CauseType	Char (1)	I = Immediate/Primary U = Underlying C = Contributory O = Other	
Source	Char (1)	S = State Death files N = National Death Index T = Tumor data Others are locally defined	
Confidence	Char (1)	E = Excellent F = Fair P = Poor	How you rate the accuracy of the observation based on source, match, # of reporting sources, discrepancies, etc.