

Intro to Allscripts PM Database

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Agenda

- Database basics
- PM Databases
- Common Architecture Paradigms
- File Maintenance
- Patients
- Demo
- vwGen Views
- Demo



Why query the database

- Summarize Data that you see in PM
- Export information to be used by other tools, e.g. use Excel to build Graphs and Pivot Tables
- Verify information that you see in PM, or in the interfaces



Be Careful

- The Allscripts PM database is Complex
- You can do harm
- Confirm access and permissions



What To Do

Keep it simple

Create complex queries by combining simple queries together

Use TEST

- Or, your organization's Data Warehouse, if you have one
- If you run anything in production, make sure:
 - You have the permission of the IT/DBA group
 - You follow your organization's change management process
 - It is run off-hours
 - It runs quickly
 - Even complex gueries should be less than a minute
 - Use (NOLOCK) table hints



What To Do

- Avoid performance problems by running queries off hours
 - Queries are one common cause of performance issues reported to Allscripts
- Verify the accuracy of the output
- Get proper approval to access the database



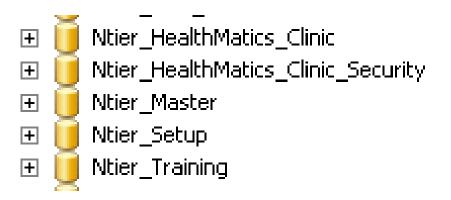
What NOT To Do

- Delete data. Ever.
- Share passwords with others, even "defaults" like CSI
- Save patient data on your PC or in email
 - HIPAA concerns
 - Your company's policies



Allscripts PM Databases

- Prefixed with 'Ntier'
- Practice database(s)
 - Ntier_ClientID/PracticeName
 - Houses all practice data
- Security database
 - Houses all security setup
- Setup database
 - Used as a template for creating new database
- Master database
 - Single point of management for certain dictionaries if configured





Common Architecture Paradigms

- Primary Foreign Key Relationships
 - Key name is consistent in both tables
- Profiles
 - Used across several File Maintenance tables to facilitate additional layers of configuration about the record in the File Maintenance table
- Schema usage
 - PM
 - HIE_PM
- Operator Tables



File Maintenance

PM Dictionaries

- Nothing in the database identifies a table as a File Maintenance table
- System Administration>>File Maintenance in the application

Providers

- Providers
- Referring Providers
- Carriers
- Procedure Codes
- Diagnosis Codes
- Locations
 - Locations
 - Scheduling Locations

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Providers

- Practitioners
 - Primary table for all providers, both internal and external
- Provider_Info
 - Link to ancillary info for internal providers
- Referring_Doctor_Info
 - Link to ancillary info for external providers
- Provider_Billing_Numbers
 - Stores all billing number info for internal providers
- Ref_Doctor_Billing_Numbers
 - Stores all billing number info for external providers
- Resources
 - Links provider to appointment

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Patients

- Patients
 - Patient_Number, Date_Registered, and links to Contacts and Practitioners
- Contacts
 - Name, DOB, SSN, Guarantor flag and Subscriber flag
- Addresses
 - Address Information.
- Patient_Info_Fields
 - Race and Ethnicity, along with other extended patient info
- Patient_Changes
 - Tracks history of changes to patients

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Patient Insurance

- Patient_Policies
 - Link to insurance information, coverage, and policy relationship
- Policies
 - Stores insurance policy information and links to insurance carrier

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vwGen Views

- Delivered by Allscripts to give clients an easy avenue to report on patient and financial data
- These views can still provide a great foundation to start reporting against the PM database
- Often times you will find that these views are pulling back far more data than is necessary
- Allscripts PM Help Menu provides detail about the fields available in these views as well as some very helpful definitions of status fields
- Do not use vwGen views that do not have PM schema as those will be phased out in future versions



vwGen Views

- vwGenAcctBalInfo
- vwGenPatAdditInfo
- vwGenPatApptInfo
- vwGenPatChangeInfo
- vwGenPatChartNumbers
- vwGenPatInfo
- vwGenPatSlidingFeeInfo
- vwGenSvcDiagInfo
- vwGenSvcInfo
- vwGenSvcPmtInfo
- vwGenVouchInfo



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