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RE: HCHS/SOL Classified Incident Events 2008-2015 Investigator Use Files

The HCHS/SOL Coordinating Center has prepared the first closed event years data release for adjudicated MI, Heart Failure, and Pulmonary events. The codebook for this distribution reflects the classification of incident events in the period 2008-2015. Classified fatal events for CVD or pulmonary causes will be released once that classification committee adjudicates events. In the meantime, derived variables for death due to all causes and withdrawals are included so that preliminary analyses can be performed. Because stroke events for 2008-2016 have only 75% of the 316 cases adjudicated datasets for that outcome will be released later this year when MI and HF classifications are extended by another closed year. Classified events for the pregnancy complications of GDM or pre-eclampsia/eclampsia will be in that same data release.

The contents for this release include SAS datasets 2008-2015 INV1 series and documentation:

1. **HCHS Codebook-Incident Events 2008-2015 INV1- Version 1**
2. **HCHS Derived Variable Dictionary Incident Events 2008-2015 INV1- Version 1**
3. **HCHS Overview Incident Events 2008-2015 INV1- Version 1**
4. **HCHS Manual 15 Endpoint Ascertainment Procedures**
5. **HCHS Event Eligibility and Abstraction forms (EEF, HTF, MIF, PUL)**
6. **SAS datasets: “Form name_2008_2015_INV1.sas7bdat”**

As a reminder, investigator use data contain potentially identifying information and should be handled in a manner that ensures data security and confidentiality. These datasets must be stored on a secure server, so that authorized study team members access the data directly from either a local area network or remotely via a virtual private network in a secure fashion. At no time should investigator use datasets or subsets of the data be stored on laptop computers or portable data storage devices (e.g., memory sticks), nor should copies be distributed via email attachments. Making multiple copies for storage on stand-alone workstations is also prohibited, as the likelihood of data being hacked into is increased as a result. Each study PI is responsible for recording and tracking where the data are stored and who has access to the data at all times. Access to investigator use data should be granted to co-investigators or other study personnel at a PI's institution only for approved HCHS/SOL activities.

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