

**INTRODUCTION TO FOLLOWUP DATABASE – DATASET FOLLOWUP**

The FOLLOWUP data set includes information for each patient on the number of days of follow-up for survival and for clinical events. It includes the following three variables.

ID                    patient ID  
SDAYS                number of days of follow-up for survival  
EDAYS                number of days of follow-up for clinical events

Certain dates on certain forms were considered to “prove” that the patient was alive on that day (e.g. having a blood draw or transfusion, filling out a quality of life form, asking to be withdrawn from the study). The maximum of all such dates was the “last date known alive”. If the patient died while on study, SDAYS is the number of days between enrollment and death. Otherwise, SDAYS is the number of days between enrollment and the “last date known alive”. For patients who died on study, EDAYS is the number of days between enrollment and death, because all clinical events would have been captured either on visit forms or on Form 48. If the patient did not die while on study, EDAYS is usually the number of days between enrollment and the latest date that a Form 4, 21 or 22 was filled out. However, if this would make EDAYS > SDAYS, EDAYS is truncated at SDAYS. It is common for EDAYS to be less than SDAYS. For example, if a patient left the study by patient request 600 days after enrollment, we know s/he lived at least 600 days, and SDAYS=600. But if that patient’s last Form 21 or 22 was 540 days after enrollment, then EDAYS=540. (The patient could have had clinical events between days 540 and 600 that would never be captured on any VATS form.)

**FOLLOWUP DATASET – FOLLOWUP CODEBOOK**

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PUB_ID ----- SUBJECT ID
           type:  numeric (float)
           range:  [1,531]                units:  1
           unique values:  531            coded missing:  0 / 531
           mean:      266
           std. dev:  153.431
           percentiles:  10%    25%    50%    75%    90%
                        54     133   266   399   478
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SDAYS ----- FOLLOW-UP DAYS FOR SURVIVAL
           type:  numeric (float)
           range:  [1,1380]              units:  1
           unique values:  413            coded missing:  0 / 531
           mean:      459.164
           std. dev:  394.616
           percentiles:  10%    25%    50%    75%    90%
                        39     103   353   783   1087
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EDAYS ----- FOLLOW-UP DAYS FOR CLINICAL EVENTS
      type: numeric (float)
      range: [0,1380]           units: 1
unique values: 397             coded missing: 0 / 531
      mean: 436.26
      std. dev: 394.754
percentiles:    10%    25%    50%    75%    90%
                21     91    304    734   1079
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