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Bridging Hearts and Minds

# **%FastCase**

**A case definition macro for  
administrative health data**

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# Administrative Health Data

- Some examples....
  - Hospital Discharge Abstract
  - Emergency Department visits
  - Physical Claims
  - Pharmacy Dispense events
  - Laboratory tests



# Case Definitions

- Code *meaning* varies between the databases
  - Hospitalization records follow national standards, multiple levels of expertise and QA
  - Physician claims are not diagnoses



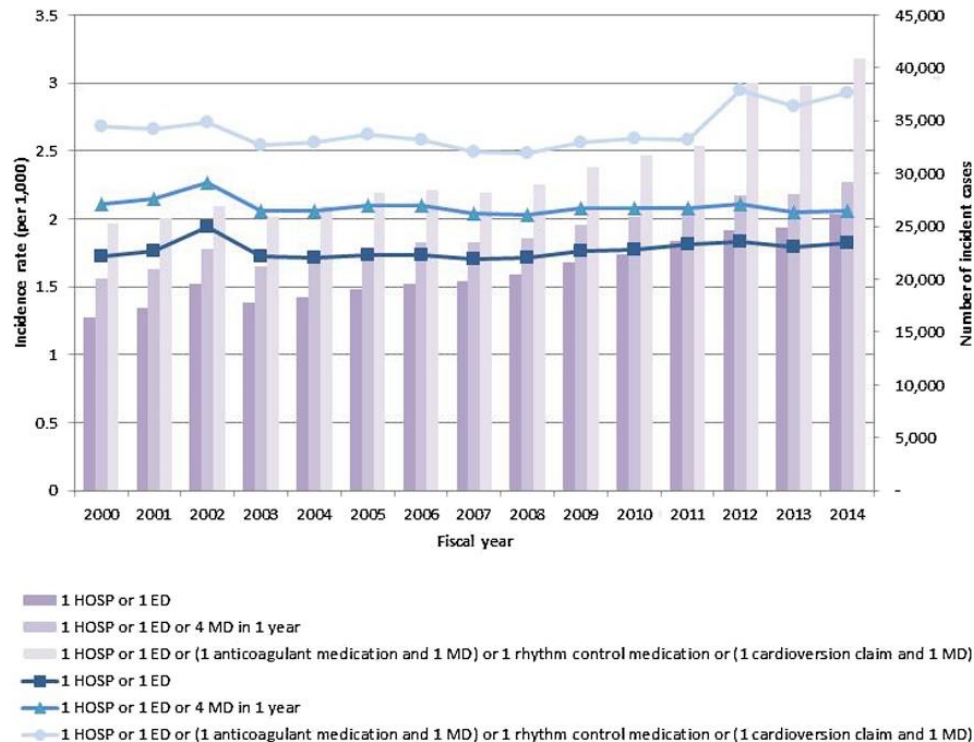
# Case Definitions

- Case definition: algorithm using admin data that is used to identify a health state
  - usually identify the number of records, within a time frame, with certain qualities (codes), from a certain database



# Atrial Fibrillation

- Tu K, Nieuwlaat R, Cheng SY, Wing L, Ivers N, Atzema CL, Healey JS, Dorian P. Identifying patients with atrial fibrillation in administrative data. Canadian Journal of Cardiology. 2016 Dec 1;32(12):1561-5.



HOSP=hospital claim, ED=emergency room visit, MD=physician billing claim



# Atrial Fibrillation

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  - 2) 1 Hosp or 1 ED or 4 MD in 1 year
  - 3) 1 Hosp or 1 ED or (1 MD and 1 anticoagulant) or 1 rhythm control drug or (1 MD and 1 cardioversion procedure)





# How to implement this??

- 4 Claims in 1 year, at least 30 days apart

Array?

Data step  
looping?



# FastCase macro

- Structure:
  - X events with T time, at least Y apart
  - Codes exactly matching or starting with
  - Any number of code variables



# FastCase macro

- Data:
  - Required: event level data
  - Optional: cohort dataset



# FastCase macro

- Time:
  - cohort start date and relative time block
    - [-1825, -1]
    - [-365, -7]
    - [0, 30]



# FastCase macro

- Time:
  - Custom specified date range



# FastCase

```
□ %macro fastcase(  
  IDvar=,  
  cohortdata=,  
  data=, dxdate=, ICDvarlist=,  
  nvisits=, apart=0, within=99999,  
  cohortdxdate=, lookback=, lookforward=,  
  lookstartdate=, lookenddate=,  
  presorted=YES, dtfmt=%str(date9.),  
  out=_temp_,  
  mergeto=,  
  
  anyrecord=,  
  indicator1=,  
  ICDstartswith1=, ICDequals1=,  
  indicator2=,  
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Unique person identifier



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Cohort Data (optional)





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  cohortdate=,  
  data=, ← Event Data  
  nvisits=, date9, watch=,  
  cohortdxdate=, lookback=, lookforward=,  
  lookstartdate=, lookenddate=,  
  presorted=YES, dtfmt=%str(date9.),  
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Event Date



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Variables containing codes



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&nvisits within &within days at least  
&apart days apart



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Cohort start date with time  
period



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Custom event date range



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```
  out=_temp_,
```

```
  mergeto=,
```

Output dataset options

```
  indicator1=,
```

```
  ICDstartswith1=, ICDequals1=,
```

```
  indicator2=,
```

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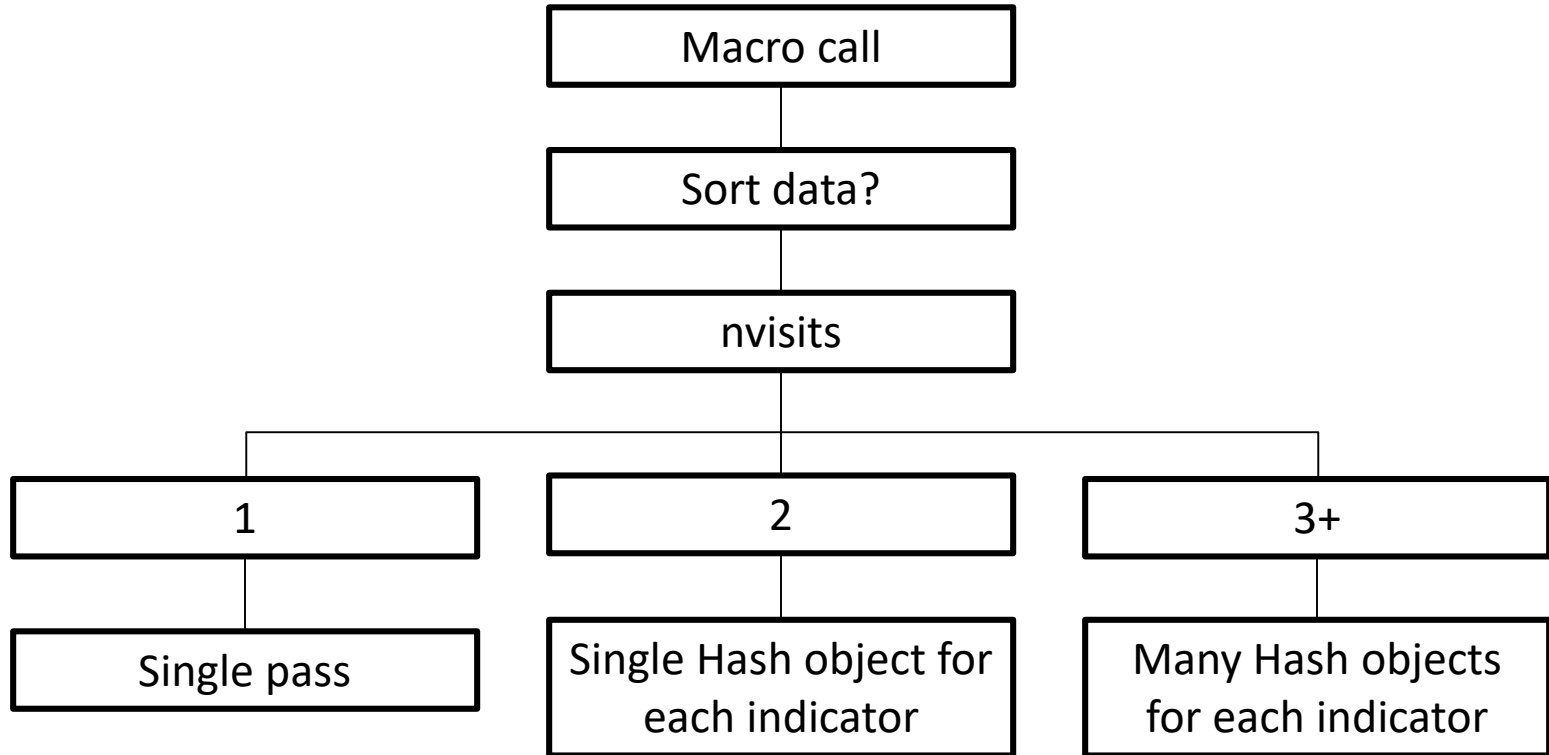
Indicator name

Codes to look for





# How does it work?

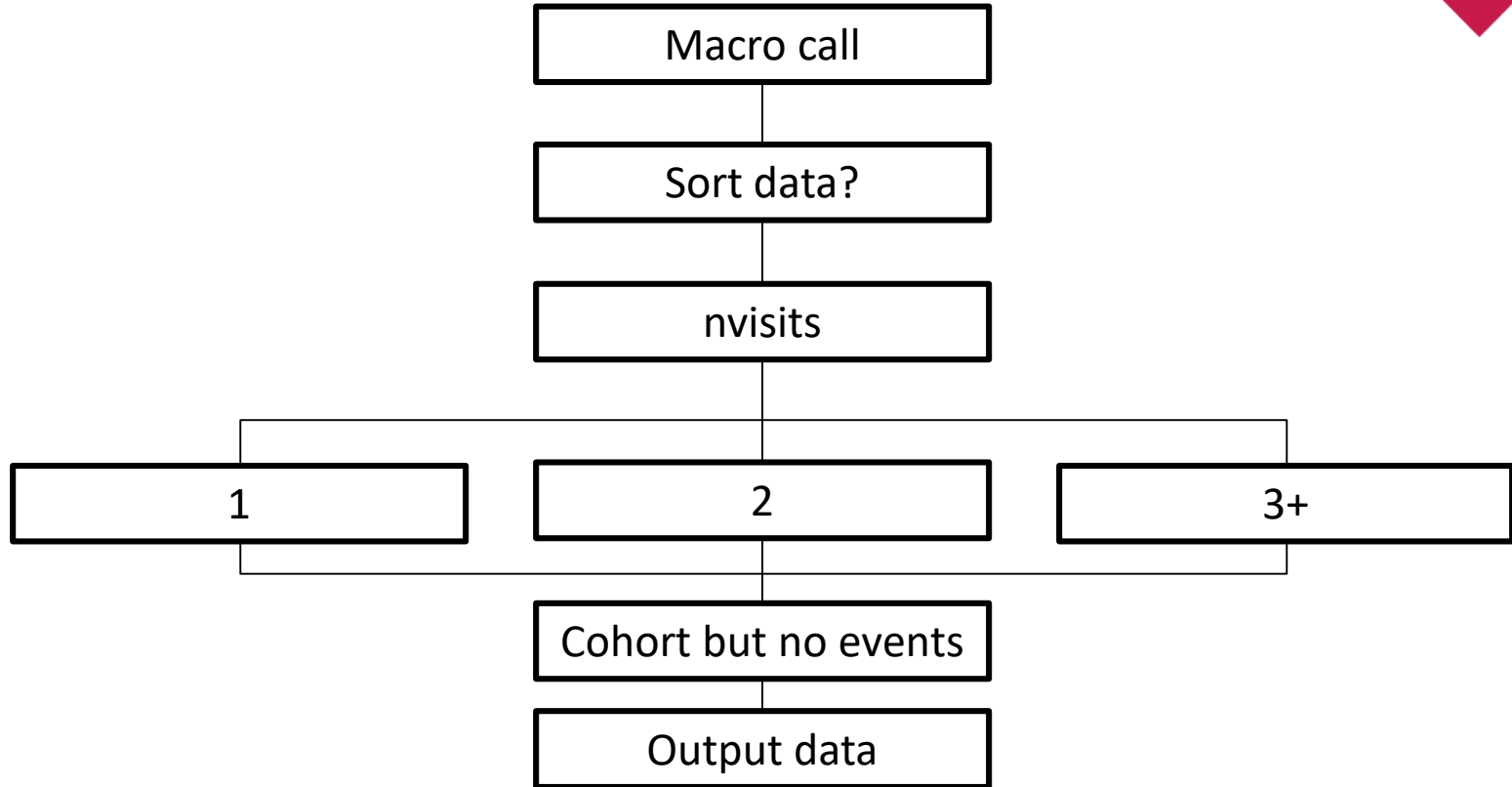


# Hash object

- Like a dynamic mini dataset within your data step
- So what?
  - Easy to iterate over
  - Only one person's data at a time
  - Can be any length
  - Can dynamically shrink as we go



# How does it work?



# How does it work?

- Early stopping everywhere
  - only process records if
    - in the cohort
    - in the date range
    - not already met the case definition



# Examples

```
%fastcase(  
IDvar=PHN,  
data=Hospital, dxdate=Episode_Start_Date, ICDvarlist=DxCode1-DxCode25,  
nvisits=1,  
out=AtrialFib,  
indicator1=AFhosp,  
ICDstartswith1=I48  
);
```



# Examples

<b>PHN</b>	<b>AFhosp</b>	<b>AFhosp_date</b>
12345	1	20-Oct-2020
45678	0	.
78990	1	9-Feb-2005



# Examples

```
□ %macro (  
  IDvar=PHN,  
  data=Claims, dxdate=BillingDate, ICDvarlist=DxCode1-DxCode3,  
  nvisits=2, apart=30, within=365,  
  mergeto=AtrialFib, |  
                                indicator1=AFclaims,  
                                ICDstartswith1=I48  
  );
```



# Examples

PHN	AFhosp	AFhosp_date	AFclaims	AFclaims_date
12345	1	20-Oct-2020	1	19-Oct-2020
45678	0	.	1	12-Aug-2011
78990	1	9-Feb-2005	0	.





# Examples

```
*create my AF cohort*;
Data AtrialFib;
  Set AtrialFib;
  AF = max(AFhosp, AFclaims);
  if AF then AF_date = min(AFhosp_date, AFclaims_date);
  if AF;
run;
```



# Examples

```
*comorbidities*;  
  
%fastcase(  
  IDvar=PHN,  
  cohortdata=AtrialFib,  
  data=Ambulatory(where=(ED=1)), dxdate=Episode_Start_Date, ICDvarlist=DxCode1-DxCode10,  
  nvisits=1,  
  cohortdxdate=AF_date, lookback=-1825, lookforward=0,  
  out=comorbid,  
  
      indicator1=HeartFailure,  
      ICDstartswith1=I50,  
  
      indicator2=Diabetes,  
      ICDstartswith2=E11 E12 E13 E14,  
  
      indicator3=MIunknown,  
      ICDequals3=I21.9,  
  
      indicator4=Bleeding,  
      ICDstartswith4=R58, ICDequals4=R04.0  
);  
  
**you can have up to 30 indicators**;
```



# Examples

```
*outcomes*;  
  
%fastcase(  
  IDvar=PHN,  
  cohortdata=AtrialFib,  
  data=PIN, dxdate=Dispense_Date, ICDvarlist=ATCcode,  
  nvisits=1,  
  cohortdxdate=AF_date, lookback=1, lookforward=90,  
  out=drugs,  
                                     indicator1=Edoxaban,  
                                     ICDequals1=B01AF03  
);
```



Thank you.

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