

Figure 1

Recommended Primary and Secondary Data Attributes to Facilitate Patient Matching

Data Attribute	Requirement Level
Legal Name	
First	Primary
Middle	Primary
Last	Primary
Prefix	Secondary
Suffix	Primary
Date of Birth	Primary
Date and Time of Death	Secondary
Birth Place	Secondary
Multiple Birth	Secondary
Birth Order	Secondary
Sex/Gender	Primary
Race	Primary
Ethnicity	Primary
Marital Status	Secondary
Phone Numbers	
Primary	Primary
Secondary	Secondary
Tertiary	Secondary
Historical	Secondary
All Previous Last Names	Primary
All Previous First Names	Primary
All Previous Nicknames	Secondary
Mother's Maiden Name	Primary
Social Security Number	Secondary
Driver's License Number	Secondary
Passport Number	Secondary
Current Address	
Current Street Address	Primary
Current City	Primary
Current State	Primary
Current Country	Primary
Historical Addresses	Secondary
E-mail Address	Secondary
Biometrics	Secondary