

Appendix B: Population Relatedness

Appendix B Table 2. Aortic Disease Rubric and Guide.

Aortic Disease	
Domain	Guide
Split sample Check	Split sample = Closely Related
Index Condition Match	No = Mismatch → Remove from sample
Recruitment Indication	
Inclusion Criteria	Partial match if no major clinical difference = Related
Exclusion Criteria	
Recruitment Setting	If only major difference, ED vs. inpatient = Related
Aneurysm Site	Partial match = Related
Status	Elective vs. Non-elective = Distantly Related
Intervention	
Intervention	Partial match = Related
Study Characteristics	
Enrollment Period	Partial match (<20 difference) = Related
Follow-up time	If only difference, 1) Cox model = Related 2) Derivation time short enough to be logistic regression vs. validation is longer = Distantly Related
Outcome	No match = not validation → Remove from sample