

Appendix B: Population Relatedness

Appendix B Table 4. Heart Failure Rubric and Guide.

Heart Failure (HF)	
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
LVEF Subtype	
Reduced LVEF (%)	Partial match (+/- 30%) = Related
Preserved LVEF (%)	
Population Cohort Disease Status	
ADHF (%)	Partial match (+/- 30%) = Related
Mean NYHA Class	
HF: NYHA Class III/IV)	
HF: NYHA Class I/II)	
Medication	
1. Beta Blockers (%)	Partial match (+/- 30%) = Related
2. ACE inhibitors (%)	
3. ARB (%)	