

## Appendix B: Population Relatedness

Appendix B Table 9. Venous Thromboembolism Rubric and Guide.

Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)	
Domain	Guide
Split sample Check	Split sample = Closely Related
Index Condition Match	No = Mismatch → Remove from sample
<b>Recruitment Indication</b>	
Inclusion Criteria	Partial match if no major clinical difference = Related
Exclusion Criteria	
Recruitment Setting	If only major difference, ED vs. inpatient = Related
<b>Risk Factors</b>	
1. Cancer (%)	Partial match (+/- 10%) = <u>Related</u> BUT if Risk Factor part of inclusion criteria (i.e., 100% vs. other %) then >50% different = Distantly Related
2. Recent Surgery and/or Immobilization (%)	
3. Obstetrics (%)	
<b>Study Characteristics</b>	
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 → Removed from sample

ED indicated emergency department.