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\* Code for "Algorithm linking patients and general practices \*  
\* in Denmark using the Danish National Health Service Register" \*  
\* by Kjaersgaard et al. (2016). \*  
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\* This code takes the data from the NHSR and applies the \*  
\* algorithm in Kjaersgaard et al. (2016). The algorithm consists \*  
\* of nine steps. The input dataset is named Sysi.dta and has \*  
\* input variables: \*

\* PNR (personal id) \*  
\* YNR (provider id) \*  
\* C\_SPECIALE (provider speciality) 2 char string \*  
\* C\_YDELSESNR (service provided) 4 char string \*  
\* V\_HONAAR (year service was provided) 4 digit int \*  
\* V\_HONUGE (week service was provided) int in [1,53] \*  
\* V\_AFRAAR (year service was invoiced) 4 digit int \*  
\* V\_AFRMDR (month service was invoiced) int in [1,12] \*  
\* C\_TIDSKODE (time of service during week) 1 char string \*  
\* C\_PATGRP (type of patient) 1 or 2 char string \*  
\* C\_SIKGRP (health insurance group) 1 char string \*  
\* C\_SIKKON (service in children indicator) 1 char string \*

\* Furthermore, the code takes datasets with information on \*  
\* (1) patient's date of death (Deathdates.dta) with variables \*

\* PNR (personal id) \*  
\* ddate (date of death) \*  
\* created from C\_STATUS and D\_STATUS\_HEN\_START \*

\* (2) patient's migrating between Denmark and other countries \*  
\* including Greenland (Migration.dta) with variables \*

\* PNR (personal id) \*  
\* emi\_from (date of emigration) \*  
\* emi\_until (date of immigration) \*  
\* created from D\_UDREJSE\_DATO and D\_INDREJSE\_DATO or similar \*  
\* information in other variables \*

\* (3) patient's moving between Danish municipalities (codes 101- \*  
\* 861) (Moving.dta) with variables \*

\* PNR (personal id) \*  
\* live\_from (date patient moved to the municipality) \*  
\* live\_until (date patient moved away) \*  
\* created from D\_TILFLYTDATO, D\_FRAFLYTDATO, C\_ANNKOR \*  
\* and C\_KOM or similar information in other variables \*

\* (4) practice closure identified as date of last service \*  
\* according to the NHSR (Practiceclosing.dta) with variables \*

\* YNR (provider id) \*  
\* lastservice (date of last service) \*

\* Variables with lowercase variable names need to be generated. \*

\* Datasets are in long format with possible multiple records per \*  
\* person in datasets Migration.dta and Moving.dta. \*

\* Please note that before December 31, 2006, Denmark was divided \*  
\* into 275 municipalities. The number was reduced to the current \*  
\* 98 on January 1, 2007. We used the codes of the former 275 \*

\* municipalities. \*  
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\* Specify end of follow-up.  
local enddate=mdy(12,31,2007)

\* Specify list of basic fee services to be included (Table 2).

tempfile Table2

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clear; input str4 C\_YDELSESNR;

0101;0102;0103;0104;0105;0106;0107;0108;0109;0110;0120;0121;0122;0201;0202;0203;  
0411;0421;0431;0441;0451;0561;0491;4003;4021;4022;4023;4024;4025;4026;4027;4050;  
4063;4106;4247;4248;4249;6101;8110;8120;8130;8140;8142;8143;8144;8145;8146;8147;  
8148;8150;8160;8201;8202;8203;8204;8205;8206;8207;8208;8210;8211;8212;8213;8214;  
8215;8216;8217;8310;8317;8318;8319;8320;8326;8327;8328;8229;8330;8334;8335;8336;  
8701;8702;8703;8704;8705;8706;8707;8708;8901;8920;8921;8922;8923;8924;8925;8935;  
8936;8937;8938;

end;

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save `Table2'

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* Step 1: Restrict services and recode time of services *
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* General practice services in Group 1 insured own patients
* during regular work days and hours. Exclude services in
* children reported with the personal identification number
* of an adult.
use Sysi.dta, clear
keep if C_SPECIALE=="80" & C_TIDSKODE=="1" & C_SIKGRP=="1"
keep if C_PATGRP=="1" | C_PATGRP=="01"
drop if C_SIKKON=="B"
* Restrict services to basic fee services (Table 2).
merge m:1 C_YDELSESNR using `Table2', keep(match) nogen
* Recode time of services.
replace V_HONAAR=V_HONAAR-1 ///
    if V_HONAAR==V_AFRAAR & inrange(V_HONUGE,51,53) & V_AFRMDR<=2
drop if V_HONUGE==53 & !inlist(V_HONAAR,1992,1998,2004,2009,2015)
* Code date of treatment as Wednesday of week service
* was provided.
gen wednesday_week1=3-dow(mdy(01,01,V_HONAAR))
gen treatdate=mdy(01,01,V_HONAAR)+wednesday_week1+7*(V_HONUGE-1)
replace treatdate=treatdate+7 ///
    if inlist(V_HONAAR,1993,1994,1999,2000,2005,2010,2011,2016)
format treatdate %td
* Clean up.
keep PNR V_HONAAR V_HONUGE treatdate YNR
order PNR V_HONAAR V_HONUGE treatdate YNR
label var PNR "Patient identification number"
label var V_HONAAR "Year of GP service"
label var V_HONUGE "Week of GP service"
label var treatdate "Wednesday of week of GP service"
label var YNR "Practice identification number"
* Drop duplicates.
duplicates drop

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* Step 2: Exclude services coded during *
* emigration and after death *
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* Merge data with information on death.
merge m:1 PNR using Deathdates.dta, keep(master match) nogen
* Exclude services coded after death.
drop if treatdate>=ddate

* Generate observation id.
gen long id=_n
* Merge data with information on emigration.
joinby PNR using Migration.dta, unmatched(master)
* Identify services coded during emigration.
gen ind=(emi_from<=treatdate & treatdate<emi_until)
bysort id: egen ind2=max(ind)
* Exclude services coded during emigration.
drop if ind2==1
* Clean up.
by id: keep if _n==1
drop id _merge emi* ind*

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* Step 3: Exclude service weeks with multiple practices *
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* Identify service weeks with multiple practices.
bysort PNR V_HONAAR V_HONUGE (YNR): gen ind=(YNR[_n]!=YNR[1])
by PNR V_HONAAR V_HONUGE: egen ind2=max(ind)
* Exclude service weeks with multiple practices.
drop if ind2==1
* Clean up.
drop ind*

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* Step 4: Code preliminary practice time intervals *
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* Code start date as the first contact with the practice.
bysort PNR (V_HONAAR V_HONUGE): gen GP_from=treatdate ///
    if _n==1 | (YNR[_n]!=YNR[_n-1] & _n>1)
* Clean up.
drop if GP_from==.
keep PNR YNR ddate GP_from
* Code end date as the minimum of day before contact at
* another practice and end of follow-up.
by PNR: gen GP_until=min(GP_from[_n+1]-1,`enddate')
format GP_from GP_until %td

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* Step 5: Recode practice time intervals *
* taking into account emigration and death *
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* Generate observation id.
gen long id=_n
* Merge data with information on emigration.
joinby PNR using Migration.dta, unmatched(master)
* Identify practice time intervals with emigration.
gen temp=emi_from if GP_from<=emi_from & emi_from<=GP_until
bysort id: egen temp2=min(temp)
* Recode end date as the minimum of day before contact at
* another practice, end of follow-up, date of emigration or death.
replace GP_until=min(GP_until,temp2,ddate)
* Clean up.
by id: keep if _n==1
drop id _merge emi* temp*

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* Step 6: Recode practice time intervals *
* taking into account practice closure *
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* Merge data with information on practice closure.
merge m:1 YNR using Practiceclosing.dta, keep(match master) nogen
* Identify practice time intervals with practice closure.
gen ind=(GP_from<=lastservice & lastservice<=GP_until)
bysort PNR (GP_from):
    gen ind2=(GP_from[_n-1]<=lastservice[_n-1] ///
        & lastservice[_n-1]<=GP_until[_n-1] ///
        & GP_from[_n]==GP_until[_n-1]+1 & _n>1)
* Recode end date to the date of closure and recode start date
* for the subsequent interval to the next day.
replace GP_until=lastservice if ind==1
replace GP_from=lastservice[_n-1]+1 if ind2==1
* Clean up.
drop last* ind*

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* Step 7: Recode practice time intervals *
* taking into account patients moving *
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* Generate observation id.
gen long id=_n
* Merge data with information on patients moving.
joinby PNR using Moving.dta, unmatched(master)
* Identify GP intervals with patient moving.
gen temp=live_from if GP_from<=live_from & live_from<=GP_until
bysort id: egen temp2=max(temp)
gen temp3=temp2[_n-1]+1 if GP_from[_n]==GP_until[_n-1]+1 & _n>1
by id: replace temp3=temp3[_n-1] if _n>1
* Recode end date to the date of moving and recode start date
* for the subsequent interval to the next day.
replace GP_until=temp2 if temp2<.
replace GP_from=temp3 if temp3<.
* Clean up.
by id: keep if _n==1
drop id _merge live* temp*

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* Step 8: Drop small (<31 days) practice time intervals *
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* Identify last date for several consecutive practice intervals.
bysort PNR (GP_from): gen temp_until=GP_until ///
    if _n==_N | (GP_until[_n]<GP_from[_n+1]-1 & _n<=_N)
gsort +PNR -GP_until
by PNR: replace temp_until=temp_until[_n-1] ///
    if temp_until==. & _n>1
sort PNR GP_from
* Drop practice time intervals < 31 days.
drop if GP_until-GP_from<31
by PNR: replace GP_until=GP_from[_n+1]-1 ///
    if temp_until[_n]==temp_until[_n+1] & _n<_N
by PNR: replace GP_until=temp_until[_n] ///
    if _n==_N | (temp_until[_n]!=temp_until[_n+1] & _n<_N)
drop temp_until

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* Step 9: Recode practice time intervals to monthly intervals *
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* Recode start date to the first day of month.
gen GP_from_month=mdy(month(GP_from),01,year(GP_from))
* Unless the interval ends on the date of death or emigration
* or on the last day in month, recode end date to the last day
* of the preceding month.
gen GP_until_month=ddate if ddate==GP_until
bysort PNR (GP_from): replace GP_until_month=GP_until ///
    if GP_until[_n]<GP_from[_n+1]-1 & _n<_N
replace GP_until_month=GP_until ///
    if month(GP_until)!=month(GP_until+1)
replace GP_until_month=mdy(month(GP_until),01,year(GP_until))-1 ///
    if GP_until_month==.
format GP_from_month GP_until_month %td
drop ddate

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* Save patient list (Patientlist.dta). The saved dataset will *
* contain the following variables: *
* PNR (personal id) *
* YNR (provider id) *
* GP_from (starting date before Step 9) *
* GP_from_month (starting date after Step 9) *
* GP_until (end date before Step 9) *
* GP_until_month (end date after Step 9) *
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save Patientlist.dta

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