**Data Dictionary Explorer Guide**

1. **Search** – The Data Dictionary is searchable at the domain and subdomain level. (It will not however search codes) To start a new search or to go back to the full list of domains, hit the **Reset** button.

2. **Filter** – Use this to narrow your search for domains, subdomains or variables by Form 1, Form 2 or both.

3. **Domain Title** – Domain names are displayed in alphabetical order, followed by a list of subdomains, (or “None” if there are no subdomains under that domain), and a “Count of Variables in Domain”. If no variables in that domain, the count will not be shown.

4. **Subdomains** – Subdomains will display with the title of the main domain followed by the subdomain name, separated by a “/”.

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**Data Dictionary Explorer**

- **Text to Search**: Enter the search terms here.
- **Search** button to initiate the search.
- **Reset** button to clear the search and go back to the full list.
- **Filter by Module**: Filter results by Form 1, Form 2, or both.

### DEMOGRAPHICS

- **Sub Domains**: ADDRESS, BIRTHDATE, CULTURAL, HOUSEHOLD, MARITAL, PHYSICAL MEASUREMENTS, RACE, RESIDENCE, SEX

### DEMOGRAPHICS / ADDRESS

- **Sub Domains**: None
- **Count of Variables in Domain**: 11

### DEMOGRAPHICS / BIRTHDATE

- **Sub Domains**: None
- **Count of Variables in Domain**: 1

### DEMOGRAPHICS / CULTURAL

- **Sub Domains**: None
- **Count of Variables in Domain**: 12

### DEMOGRAPHICS / HOUSEHOLD

- **Sub Domains**: None
- **Count of Variables in Domain**: 3
**Definition** – provides the description and/or purpose of what is collected in each domain/subdomain.

**Notes** – found under domains and/or subdomains by clicking on the expansion button ( ). The Notes section contains the following items when applicable:

- **Form** – indicates whether collected at Form 1, Form 2, or both
- **Source** – indicates acceptable sources (participant, proxy) and methods (abstraction, interview, etc.)
- **Details** – provides additional information specific to this domain/subdomain
- **Links** – links to additional details/resources from outside sources
- **Reference** – details regarding the creation of domains/subdomains or variables
- **Characteristics** – details regarding any systematic coding or data collection changes made to the domain/subdomain/variable
- **Training** – details and links to training provided from outside sources
Links
- IRF-PAI instructions for FIM data collection
- Introduction (COMBI)
- Background (COMBI)
- Properties of the FIM instrument (COMBI)
- Summary of the differences between the 4/2004 instructions and the 1/2002 instructions
- References for FIM (COMBI) FIM Decision Rule

Reference
Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation 232 Parker Hall SUNY South Campus 3435 Main Street Buffalo, New York 14214 3007 (716) 829 2076; FAX (716) 829 2080

The IRF-PAI instructions for the FIM instrument are disseminated through the website of The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. For information about the CMMS, go to: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/researchers/projects/APR/2003/facts.pdf.

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Characteristics
12 additional FAM items were collected from 10/01/1989 to 4/01/1998 when the collection of the FAM items became optional. FAM items were removed 7/01/1999.

On 4/1/02 new fields were created to accept data collected with the new (1/1/02) IRF-PAI instructions. The old fields are still in the database. At present there are no calculated variables that merge old data with new data. Calculated variables based on either old or new scoring are available.

On 10/1/2019, centers began collecting the CARE Item Set at Form 1, and the collection of FIM Motor variables at Form 1 was no longer required. FIM Cognitive variables continue to be collected.

On 7/1/2020, the collection of FIM Motor variables at Form 1 was discontinued.

Training
Testing and certification of data collectors of this variable is required. Check with your center for their requirements for FIM certification. See external links for training and testing materials.
**Variables** – Displays the following for each variable in domain/subdomain:

- **Variable Name**
- **Interview Question** – Official wording that prompts a response from either collection method
- **Valid Answers** – codes options
- **Description** – general description of variable. In many cases this will be the same as the variable **Interview Question**.
- **Variable History** – displays when the variable was added, deleted, or changed.
- **Form** – shows whether this is a Form 1 or Form 2 variable.

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**Mar**

**Interview Question:** What is your marital status?

**Valid Answers:**
1. Single (Never Married);
2. Married;
3. Divorced;
4. Separated;
5. Widowed;
6. Other;
7. Unknown;

**Description:** Marital Status

**Variable History**

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**MarChange**

**Interview Question:** Has your marital status changed?

**Valid Answers:**
0. No Change;
1. Separation;
2. Divorce;
3. Marriage;
4. Widowed;
5. Divorce and Marriage;
6. Widowed and Marriage;
7. Divorce, Marriage and Widowed;
8. Other;
9. Unknown;
86. Variable Did Not Exist;

**Description:** Change in Marital Status

**Variable History**

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### Domain History – detailed history of changes to domain/subdomain

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### Reload Dictionary – to refresh the report display if difficulties loading.

### Data Dictionary Table Statistics

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