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# MedSAS vs CDW Example: 90-day Readmission for Patients with Colorectal Resection

## In MedSAS...

- Link your colorectal resection patient cohort to the **PM** table
- Keep those with admit date within 90 days of the colorectal resection discharge.
- In case of multiples, keep the earliest readmit.

# MedSAS vs CDW Example: 90-day Readmission for Patients with Colorectal Resection

In CDW...

- Link your colorectal resection patient cohort to the **Inpatient** table (with admit and discharge information but not diagnoses and procedures), restricted to those with admit date within 90 days of the colorectal resection discharge.
- In case of multiples, keep the earliest readmit.

# MedSAS vs CDW Example: 90-day Readmission for Patients with Colorectal Resection

- Which one is easier?
- Which one takes fewer steps?