

C_METADATAXML

The `_C_METADATAXML` is an optional field to store extra information about the concept in xml format. It is currently used to describe value metadata associated with a lab finding.

The next several fields, `_C_FACTTABLECOLUMN`, `_C_TABLENAME`, `_C_COLUMNNAME`, `_C_OPERATOR`, and `C_DIMCODE` are used to help construct a metadata SELECT SQL query that runs behind the scenes. The intent of this query is to link the dimension tables to the fact table for a given term. As a result every metadata SELECT SQL statement should return a fact table key.

In general the metadata SELECT SQL that is composed looks like the following:

```
SELECT C_FACTTABLECOLUMN
FROM C_TABLENAME
WHERE C_COLUMNNAME C_OPERATOR C_DIMCODE
```

For most `CONCEPT_DIMENSION` based queries this will appear as:

```
SELECT CONCEPT_CD
FROM CONCEPT_DIMENSION
WHERE CONCEPT_PATH LIKE 'Diagnoses\Circulatory system{color:#808080}%'
```

For a `PATIENT_DIMENSION` based query this may appear as:

```
SELECT PATIENT_NUM
FROM PATIENT_DIMENSION
WHERE BIRTH_DATE BETWEEN 'getdate()' AND GETDATE() - 365.25(10) '
```

For a `VISIT_DIMENSION` based query this may appear as:

```
SELECT ENCOUNTER_NUM
FROM VISIT_DIMENSION
WHERE INOUT_CD = 'I'
```

For a `PROVIDER_DIMENSION` based query this may appear as:

```
SELECT PROVIDER_ID
FROM PROVIDER_DIMENSION
WHERE PROVIDER_PATH LIKE 'Providers{color:#0000ff}Emergency{color:#808080}%'
```