

# OBSERVATION\_FACT Table

The **OBSERVATION\_FACT** table is the fact table of the i2b2 star schema and represents the intersection of the dimension tables. Each row describes one observation about a patient made during a visit. Most queries in the i2b2 database require joining together the OBSERVATION\_FACT table with one or more dimension tables.

<b>OBSERVATION_FACT</b>		
<b>PK</b>	<b>ENCOUNTER_NUM</b>	<b>int</b>
<b>PK</b>	<b>CONCEPT_CD</b>	<b>varchar(50)</b>
<b>PK</b>	<b>PROVIDER_ID</b>	<b>varchar(50)</b>
<b>PK</b>	<b>START_DATE</b>	<b>datetime</b>
<b>PK</b>	<b>PATIENT_NUM</b>	<b>int</b>
<b>PK</b>	<b>MODIFIER_CD</b>	<b>varchar(50)</b>
<b>PK</b>	<b>INSTANCE_NUM</b>	<b>int</b>
	VALTYPE_CD	varchar(50)
	TVAL_CHAR	varchar(255)
	NVAL_NUM	decimal(18,5)
	VALUEFLAG_CD	varchar(50)
	QUANTITY_NUM	decimal(18,5)
	UNITS_CD	varchar(50)
	END_DATE	datetime
	LOCATION_CD	varchar(50)
	OBSERVATION_BLOB	text
	CONFIDENCE_NUM	decimal(18,5)
	UPDATE_DATE	datetime
	DOWNLOAD_DATE	datetime
	IMPORT_DATE	datetime
	SOURCESYSTEM_CD	varchar(50)
	UPLOAD_ID	int

<b>OBSERVATION_FACT</b>			
<b>Key</b>	<b>Column Name</b>	<b>Column Definition</b>	<b>Nullable? (Default = YES)</b>
<b>PK</b>	<b>ENCOUNTER_NUM</b>	Encoded i2b2 patient visit number	NO
	<b>PATIENT_NUM</b>	Encoded i2b2 patient number	NO
<b>PK</b>	<b>CONCEPT_CD</b>	Code for the observation of interest (i.e. diagnoses, procedures, medications, lab tests)	NO
<b>PK</b>	<b>PROVIDER_ID</b>	Practitioner or provider id	NO
<b>PK</b>	<b>START_DATE</b>	Starting date-time of the observation ( <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> )	NO
<b>PK</b>	<b>MODIFIER_CD</b>	Code for modifier of interest (i.e. "ROUTE", "DOSE"). Note that the value columns are often used to hold the amounts such as "100" (mg) for the modifier of DOSE or "PO" for the modifier of ROUTE.	YES
<b>PK</b>	<b>INSTANCE_NUM</b>	Encoded instance number that allows more than one modifier to be provided for each CONCEPT_CD. Each row will have a different MODIFIER_CD but a similar INSTANCE_NUM.	YES

VALTYPE_CD	Format of the concept <i>N = Numeric</i> <i>T = Text (enums / short messages)</i> <i>B = Raw Text (notes / reports)</i>	
TVAL_CHAR	Used in conjunction with VALTYPE_CD = "T" or "N" When the VALTYPE_CD = "T" <i>Stores the text value</i>  When VALTYPE_CD = "N" <i>E = Equals</i> <i>NE = Not equal</i> <i>L = Less than</i> <i>LE = Less than and Equal to</i> <i>G = Greater than</i> <i>GE = Greater than and Equal to</i>	
NVAL_NUM	Used in conjunction with VALTYPE_CD = "N" to store a numerical value	
VALUEFLAG_CD	Used in conjunction with VALTYPE_CD = "B", "NLP", "N", or "T"  When the VALTYPE_CD = "N" or "T" it is used to flag certain outlying or abnormal values <i>H = High</i> <i>L = Low</i> <i>A = Abnormal</i>	
QUANTITY_NUM	Quantity of the value in the NVAL_NUM column	
UNITS_CD	Units of measurement for the value in the NVAL_NUM column	
END_DATE	The end date-time for the observation	
LOCATION_CD	A location code, such as for a clinic	
CONFIDENCE_NUM	Assessment of accuracy of data	
OBSERVATION_BLOB	Holds any raw or miscellaneous data that exists, often encrypted PHI	
UPDATE_DATE	As defined in the above section (" <i>General Information</i> ")	
DOWNLOAD_DATE	As defined in the above section (" <i>General Information</i> ")	
IMPORT_DATE	As defined in the above section (" <i>General Information</i> ")	
SOURCESYSTEM_CD	As defined in the above section (" <i>General Information</i> ")	
UPLOAD_ID	As defined in the above section (" <i>General Information</i> ")	