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<Abstract>

With any facility survey, the ability to identify a facility uniquely is vital to being able to use and analyze the data properly. This is especially true when making comparisons across surveys or years. This document proposes the creation of a “signature domain” to ensure each facility can be uniquely identified. The elements in the signature domain include: date of the survey, health facility country registry code, health facility survey identification, health facility name, health facility contact information, facility’s geographic administrative unit, and Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates. The document provides an overview of the elements of the signature domain so that those elements can be included in health facility survey instruments. It also provides a standardized approach for GPS coordinates data collection.