

SEER*DMS FILTERS

Using the filters in the Worklist and other Managers

In this tutorial you will learn how to use filters to search for worklist tasks and other types of data in SEER*DMS.

Manager Pages & Filters



- Manager Page - any screen that allows you to view, sort, and search for data:
 - Worklist
 - Facility List
 - Contact List
 - AFL Manager
 - Death Clearance Manager
 - etc
- Filters – field specific search tools.
 - Use a filter to reduce the list based on the value of a field.
 - The worklist filters are shown in the screen shot on the left.

In SEER*DMS, there are several “Manager Pages”. These are screens that allow you to view, sort, and search for a specific type of data. For example, the Worklist is a manager for tasks. Other managers in SEER*DMS include the Contact List, Facility List, AFL Manager, and Death Clearance Manager.

Each manager has a set of filters shown on the left side of the screen. The filters for the worklist are shown here as an example.

Using Filters



- A filter removes (“filters out”) items
- Only set a filter if you want to reduce the list based on the value of that field
- Want to see all tasks?
 - Do not set any filters (clear each filter)



A filter removes or “filters out” items. You only need to set a filter if you want to remove items based on that field.

For example, you could set Task Type to “Match-Consolidate” to remove other types of tasks from your list. But if you want to see all tasks – then don’t set any filters.

Quick Filters

Abstract Facility Lead Manager

The screenshot displays the 'Abstract Facility Lead Manager' interface. At the top, there is an 'Actions' menu with a dropdown arrow and three buttons: 'Apply', 'Reset', and 'Save'. Below this is a search box labeled 'Enter Search Terms'. To the left of the search box is a vertical list of filter categories: 'AFL ID', 'Pat/Rec ID', 'Data Type', 'Linked Patient Set', 'Record Linked to CTC', 'SSN', 'Last Name' (with a sub-option 'Contains Any smith'), 'First Name' (with a sub-option 'Contains Any john'), 'Birth Date', 'Event Date', 'Site', 'Facility', 'Facility Status', 'Doctor 1', and 'Contact Method'.

- Type text into the search box
- Press Enter
- SEER*DMS will auto-set the appropriate filters and return results.
- Examples:
 - Type Smith, John to search by last name, first
 - Or REC-12345678 to search by Record ID
 - Or 123-45-6789 to search by SSN
- You can enter a single ID or a list of IDs
- You can enter more than one type of search term

When you need to find something quickly, use the search box above the filters. Your cursor will be in that box each time you go to a manager page. Simply enter text and press Enter.

SEER*DMS will auto-set the appropriate filters based on the format of your search text. For example, to search for AFLs by patient name: enter Smith, John into the search box and press Enter to apply the filters. The last and first name filters will be set.

If you enter a Record ID with the REC prefix, the ID filter will be automatically set. Or enter a full Social Security Number, including the hyphens, to quickly search by SSN.

Quick Filters (cont)

Worklist

Actions

Apply Reset Save

Enter Search Terms

Task ID
Task Type
User
Date
Flag
Status

ID

Data Type
Is NA

Information

Last Name

Reportability

Site

Year
Is 2009

Facility
Import
Open AFL

- You may use more than one field in the same search.
- In this example, “NA 2009” was entered into the search box.
 - Data Type was auto-set to NA
 - Year was set to 2009.
 - Results: tasks for NAACCR Abstracts with year dx = 2009

You may search on different fields in the same search. In this example, “NA 2009” was entered into the search box. The Data Type was automatically set to NA which is the abbreviation for NAACCR Abstracts. The year was set to 2009. This search returned tasks for NAACCR Abstracts with a 2009 year of diagnosis.

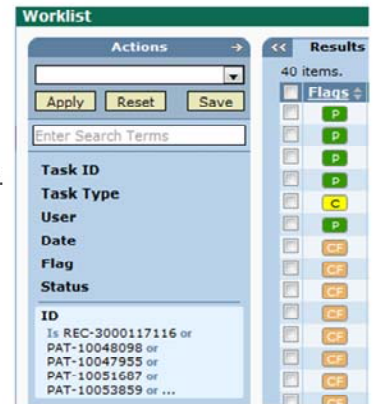
Quick Filters (cont)



- You can type or paste a long list of terms into the search box.
- For example, you could paste a list of IDs that you copied from a Data Search, the AFL Manager, or a report.

□ Example:

- 40 IDs were pasted into the search box.
- The screen shot on the right shows the results:
 - ID filter was automatically set.
 - Tasks for 40 patient sets and records returned.



You can paste a long list of terms into the search box. For example, you could paste a list of IDs that you copied from a Data Search, the AFL Manager, or a report. Record and Patient Set IDs can be included in the same list.

In this example, 40 IDs were pasted into the search box. The screen shot on the right shows that the ID filter was automatically set and the tasks for 40 patient sets and records were returned.

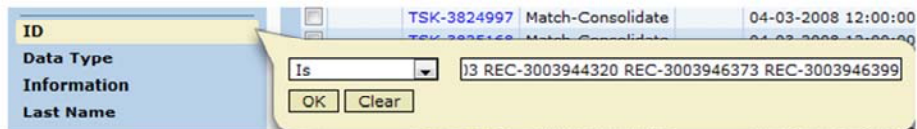
SEER*DMS Filters

- There are different filters for different types of data:
 - ▣ ID
 - ▣ List
 - ▣ List with Search Interface
 - ▣ Text
 - ▣ Text with Support for Ranges
 - ▣ True Date
 - ▣ 3-part Date

Each manager page has a long list of filters. You can use the search box to filter quickly, but sometimes you will need to build a more powerful search using the individual filters. There are different filters for different types of data; we will review each of them today.

ID Filter

- Search for one or many IDs
 - You can enter one ID or paste a long list



A screenshot of a software interface showing a filter dialog box. The dialog box has a dropdown menu set to 'Is' and a text input field containing the text '13 REC-3003944320 REC-3003946373 REC-3003946399'. Below the input field are 'OK' and 'Clear' buttons. In the background, a table is partially visible with columns for 'ID', 'Data Type', 'Information', and 'Last Name'. The first row shows 'TSK-3824997 Match-Consolidate' and '04-03-2008 12:00:00'.

- Use “is not” to exclude certain data based on ID



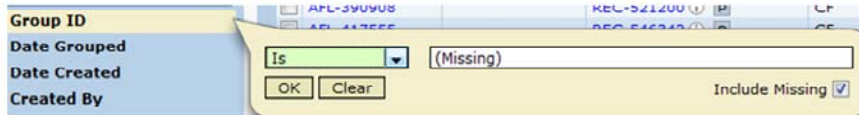
A screenshot of a software interface showing a filter dialog box. The dialog box has a dropdown menu set to 'Is Not' and a text input field containing the text '5 REC-3004333778 REC-3004333787 REC-3004333794'. Below the input field are 'OK' and 'Clear' buttons. In the background, a table is partially visible with columns for 'ID', 'Data Type', 'Information', and 'Last Name'.

Use an ID filter to search for items based on a SEER*DMS ID.

You can paste a long list of IDs into a filter. In this example – about 50 IDs were pasted into the box. You do not see the full list, but the filter will accept any number of IDs.

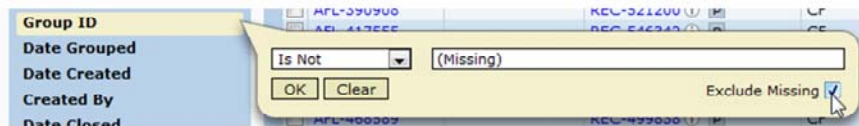
ID Filter – Include Missing

- Include Missing
 - ▣ Check “Include Missing” to auto-enter (Missing) in the search list
 - ▣ In this example – AFLs that do not have a Group ID will be *included*.



The screenshot shows a dialog box for filtering by Group ID. The search criteria are set to 'Is (Missing)'. The 'Include Missing' checkbox is checked. The background shows a list of AFLs with their respective Group IDs.

- Exclude Missing
 - ▣ The missing option becomes “Exclude Missing” when “is not” is selected
 - ▣ In this example – AFLs without a Group ID will be *excluded*



The screenshot shows the same dialog box, but the operator is changed to 'Is Not' and the 'Exclude Missing' checkbox is checked. The background shows the same list of AFLs.

Some ID filters will include an option to handle blank or missing values. For example, Group IDs are assigned when you add an AFL or Follow-back Need to a group. If the ID is missing then it is not in a group.

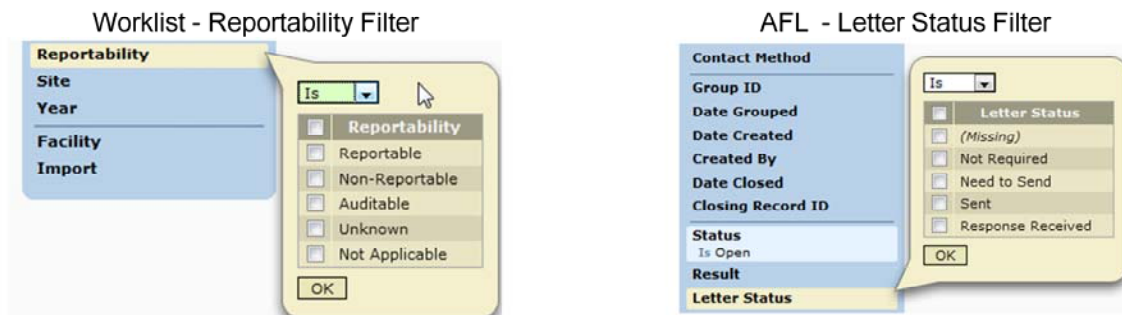
You must enter the word Missing in parentheses to search for items that do not have a Group ID. Click the “Include Missing” checkbox to automatically add missing to the search text.

In the first example, AFLs that do not have a Group ID will be included in the results.

If you change the operator to “Is Not” then you can exclude missing. “Is not missing” would return items that have a Group ID.

List Filter

- Fields with lookups use a List Filter
- Check one or more values in the list
- You can use the “is” or “is not” operator
- Missing will be included in the list if it is a valid value for the field

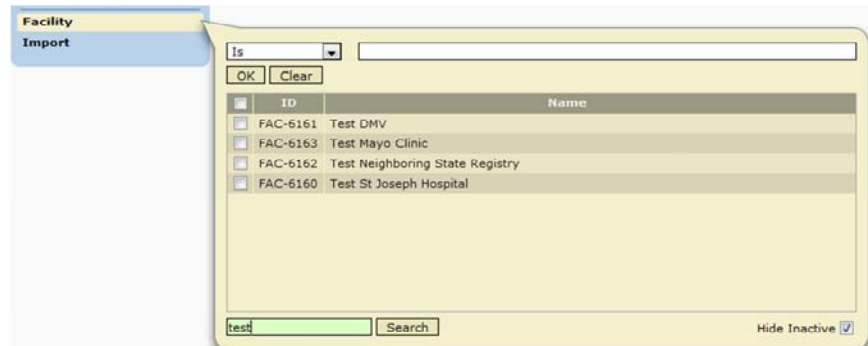


List filters are used for fields that have lookup values. You can select one or more values in the list; and you can either use the “is” or “is not” operator.

Missing will be included in the list of options for some fields. For example, missing is not an option for the reportability filter because the reportability field on a record cannot be missing. But the option is available for Letter Status because that field can have a missing value.

List with Search Interface

- Long lists have a search box at the bottom
- This type of filter is used for:
 - ▣ Facility
 - ▣ Contacts
 - ▣ Users
 - ▣ Imports



Some lists are too long to show. This example shows the filter for Facility ID. In this filter, you need to specify a list of IDs after the word “Is”. You can type the IDs directly into the box and, in most ID filters, the prefix is optional. You could type “FAC-6163” or just 6163 for the Test Mayo Clinic.

But if you don’t know a facility’s ID then you can use the search box.

In this example, the user searched for facilities with the word “test” in the name. This search is an open search against several fields. In a facility lookup you can search by ID, name, license, or NPI.

List with Search Interface

- ❑ You can type IDs
- ❑ Or use the search box to find the items
- ❑ As you check a box, the ID will be auto-entered into the filter list

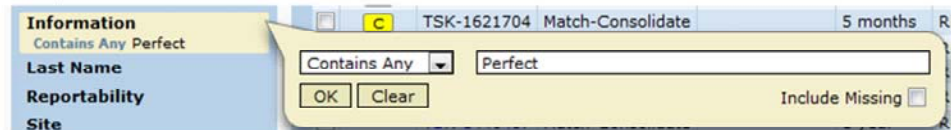
The screenshot shows a software interface with a 'Facility Import' section. A search dialog is open, displaying a search box with the text 'FAC-6163 FAC-6162'. Below the search box are 'OK' and 'Clear' buttons. The dialog contains a table with two columns: 'ID' and 'Name'. The table lists four facilities, each with a checkbox in the 'ID' column. The first two facilities, 'FAC-6163 Test Mayo Clinic' and 'FAC-6162 Test Neighboring State Registry', have their checkboxes checked. The other two, 'FAC-6161 Test DMV' and 'FAC-6160 Test St Joseph Hospital', have their checkboxes unchecked. At the bottom of the dialog, there is a search input field containing the text 'test' and a 'Search' button. A 'Hide Inactive' checkbox is also present at the bottom right of the dialog.

ID	Name
<input type="checkbox"/> FAC-6161	Test DMV
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAC-6163	Test Mayo Clinic
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAC-6162	Test Neighboring State Registry
<input type="checkbox"/> FAC-6160	Test St Joseph Hospital

In this example, the filter will be set to "Is FAC-6163 or FAC-6162" . You can manually enter the IDs; or you can check the boxes in the list. The ID will be added to the list at the top when it is checked.

Text Filter

- String comparison operators can be used to filter text fields
 - ▣ Is – exact match
 - ▣ Is Not – does not match exactly
 - ▣ Starts With – the first characters in the field
 - ▣ Ends With – the last characters in the field
 - ▣ Contains All – the field contains all words that you enter in the box
 - ▣ Contains Any – the field contains at least one of the words that you enter
 - ▣ Contains None – the field doesn't contain any of the words that you enter
 - ▣ Regex – regular expressions



You can search for a specific word or phrase in a text field like the worklist Information field.

“Contains Any” is the default operator. In this example, worklist tasks will be returned if the Information column contains the word “Perfect”.

Text Filter

- Quotes are required if your search string contains blanks
 - In the example below, tasks will be included in the results if the Information column contains the phrase “perfect pat set”.
 - This can be used to find Match-Consolidate tasks for records that are perfect matches to Patient Sets.

The screenshot shows a filter dialog box for the 'Information' column. The filter is set to 'Contains Any' with the search string '"perfect pat set"'. The dialog includes 'OK' and 'Clear' buttons, and an 'Include Missing' checkbox.

Quotes are required if your search string contains blanks.

This example can be used to find worklist tasks for records that are perfect matches to Patient Sets.


Text Filter with Ranges

- Site and year are stored as text
- Special filters were added to support ranges for these fields
- If “Ranges supported” is under the box, you may enter a single value and/or ranges



The screenshot shows a search filter dialog for the 'Site' field. The operator is set to 'Is'. The input box contains the text 'C500-C509 C340-C349 C619'. Below the input box, the text 'Ranges supported' is visible. There are 'OK' and 'Clear' buttons, and an 'Include Missing' checkbox.

- Or you can use the “Starts With” operator for ranges like C500-C509



The screenshot shows a search filter dialog for the 'Site' field. The operator is set to 'Starts With'. The input box contains the text 'C50'. Below the input box, the text 'Include Missing' is visible. There are 'OK' and 'Clear' buttons.

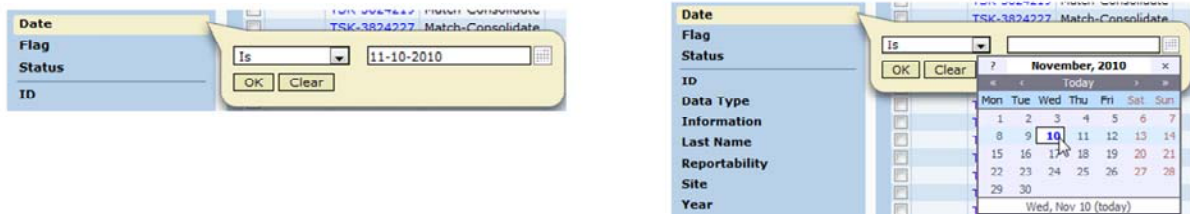
Site and year are two of the most commonly used filters. These data are stored as text in the database, but you will often want to specify a range in your search. Special filters were added to support ranges for these fields.

You may enter a single value or ranges in the box. Separate the entries with a space.

If you are entering a single range then you could use the “Starts With” operator. Starts with C50 is equivalent to C500-C509.

Filter for True Dates

- Dates set by the system are stored as “true” dates.
 - Always a valid date or missing
 - Never has a 9-filled, 0-filled, or 8-filled value
 - You can search by specifying the day (mm-dd-yyyy) or the exact time:
 - 05-21-2010 (mm-dd-yyyy)
 - 05-21-2010 10:15:24AM (mm-dd-yyyy hh:mm:ssAM)
- Enter a value or use the calendar control to set the filter



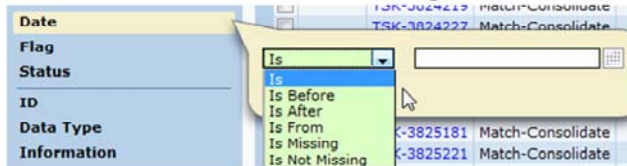
Dates set by the system are stored as true dates. The value of a true date field can be missing or it can be a valid date. It would never have a value that does not exist on the calendar. For example, it would never be 9-filled, 0-filled, or 8-filled.

You can type a date into the filter or you can use the calendar control. Click the icon on the right to open the calendar and select a date.

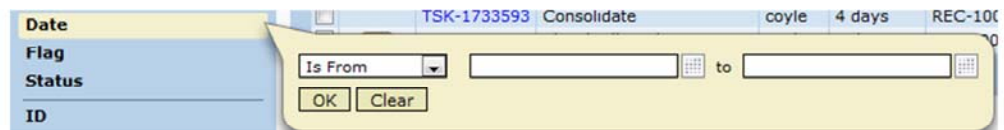
Filter for True Dates

- Date operators that are based on a single value:

- Is
- Is Before
- Is After



- Use “Is From” to specify a range

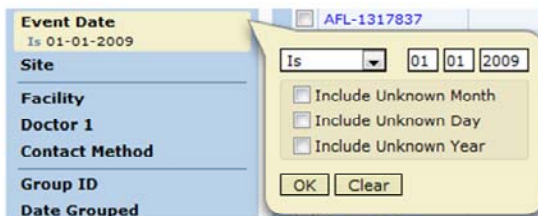


You can set the filter to include data with a specific date; or data with a date that occurs before or after a specific date.

When you select the “Is From” operator, the filter expands and allows you to specify a date range.

Filter for 3-part Dates

- Dates submitted to the registry are stored in 3 parts (month, day, year).
 - May have invalid values or many flavors of null (9-filled, 8-filled, 0-filled)
 - The full date may be unknown (99-99-9999)
 - Or any part of the date may be coded as unknown (99-99-2009)
- 3-Part Date Filter



The screenshot shows a software interface for filtering dates. On the left, a list of fields is visible: Event Date (with value 01-01-2009), Site, Facility, Doctor 1, Contact Method, Group ID, and Date Grouped. A dialog box titled 'AFL-1317837' is open over the 'Event Date' field. The dialog contains a dropdown menu set to 'Is', followed by three input boxes containing '01', '01', and '2009'. Below these are three unchecked checkboxes: 'Include Unknown Month', 'Include Unknown Day', and 'Include Unknown Year'. At the bottom of the dialog are 'OK' and 'Clear' buttons.

In data submitted to the registry, the date fields are stored in 3 parts. Month, day, and year are separate fields. This is necessary because the dates may have invalid values or they may be coded with all 9's, all 8's or all 0's.

A special filter was designed for 3-part date fields. You can enter a value for month, day, and year; or you can enter a partial date and leave the other parts blank. You can use the checkboxes to indicate that you want to find want to include data with unknown dates in the results.

Filter for 3-part Dates

If the date must be 01-01-2009:

A screenshot of a search filter dialog for 'Event Date'. The 'Is' dropdown is set to '01-01-2009'. The 'Include Unknown Month', 'Include Unknown Day', and 'Include Unknown Year' checkboxes are all unchecked. The dialog also shows 'OK' and 'Clear' buttons.

If the date can be 01-01-2009 or 99-99-2009:

A screenshot of a search filter dialog for 'Event Date'. The 'Is' dropdown is set to '01-01-2009 UNK (MD)'. The 'Include Unknown Month' and 'Include Unknown Day' checkboxes are checked, while 'Include Unknown Year' is unchecked. The dialog also shows 'OK' and 'Clear' buttons.

For any date in 2009, including 99-99-2009

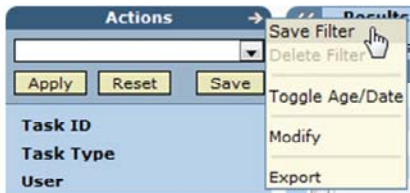
A screenshot of a search filter dialog for 'Event Date'. The 'Is' dropdown is set to '__-__-2009'. The 'Include Unknown Month', 'Include Unknown Day', and 'Include Unknown Year' checkboxes are all unchecked. The dialog also shows 'OK' and 'Clear' buttons.

These examples illustrate the use of the “Include Unknown” checkboxes. The first example specifies that the date must be January 1, 2009. Dates with unknown parts will not be included in the results.

The second example is a search for data with an Event Date of January 1, 2009. The results will include data with an event year = 2009. The month may be January or it may be unknown. The day may be 01 or it may be unknown.

The third example searches for data with an event date in 2009. The results will include data with any value for day or month, including unknown.

Saving Filters



- Save time by saving filter settings
- Filter settings & the sort order are saved
- Select “Save Filter” from the Actions menu

- You will be prompted to “Create a New” or overwrite an existing filter
- Enter a name for the new filter



- If you have the *system_administration* permission, you can save it as a public filter so that others can use it

If you tend to use the same filter settings over and over, save them. The value of each filter and the sort order will be saved.

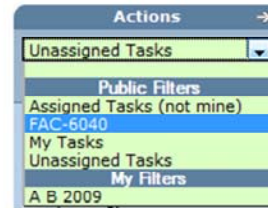
To save your filter settings, select “Save Filter” from the Actions menu.

You will be prompted to Create a New filter; or overwrite an existing filter.

If you are creating a new filter, enter a name. If you have the *system_administration* permission, you can save it as a public filter so that others can use it.

Using Saved Filters

- Filter Menu
 - Blank Line at Top
 - Shortcut to clear all filters
 - Public Filters
 - Filter settings that are available to all users
 - Private Filters
 - Filter settings that you saved and are only available to you
- Select a filter. Results matching that filter will be loaded.



The saved filters are listed in a drop-down menu below the word Actions. The first line is blank. Select the blank line to clear all filters.

The drop-down list includes a list of Public Filters and the private filters that you created.

Saved Worklist Filters



- Home Page – Tasks Summary
 - Shortcuts to worklist
 - Each tab shows counts by task type and flag
- Saved Tab
 - Drop-down menu of Public & Private Filters
 - Go directly to the worklist by clicking any of the task or flag names
 - Example: click Match-Consolidate to view the Match-Consolidate tasks for 2009 Reportable Abstracts

The Home page has four tabs that provide shortcuts to the Worklist. Saved worklist filters are available on the “Saved” tab.

The drop-down menu lets you select from the Public and Private filters. The number of tasks are shown by task type; and then by flag. You can go directly to the worklist by clicking any of the task or flag names.

In this example, click Match-Consolidate to view Match-Consolidate tasks for reportable abstracts with year of diagnosis equal to 2009