

# Package ‘smoothy’

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drugtreatment	<i>Drug Administration Data</i>
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### Description

This dataset contains information about drug administration. Each row represents a unique drug administration event.

### Usage

```
drugtreatment
```

### Format

A data frame with the following columns:

**id** Unique identifier for each drug administration event.

**start\_date** The start date of drug administration.

**end\_date** The end date of drug administration.

**drug** The name of the drug administered.

### Examples

```
data("drugtreatment")
head(drugtreatment)
```

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smooth_algorithm	<i>Apply Smooth Algorithm in a Dataset</i>
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### Description

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### Usage

```
smooth_algorithm(id, treatment, day, N, width = 61)
```

**Arguments**

id	Unique identifier of the patient.
treatment	Name of the drug used.
day	Day of the treatment.
N	Number of drugs used in the treatment.
width	An integer specifying the window width (in numbers of days, 61 by default).

**Value**

A data.frame with the following structure:

**id** A character vector representing the unique identifier for each patient.

**day** A character vector representing the date when the treatment was administered to the patients.

**treatment** A character vector representing the type of treatment given to each patient.

**smoothed\_treatment** A character vector representing the smoothed treatment given to each patient.

**Examples**

```
library(smoothy)
library(dplyr)

data(drugstreatment)

df <- drugstreatment |>
  filter(id == "01f13c15-d9f1-4106-a04f-976c457edd0a")

structured_df <- smooth_parse(
  id = df$id,
  start_date = df$start_date,
  end_date = df$end_date,
  drug = df$drug,
  study_from = "1970-01-01",
  study_to = "1975-01-01"
)

head(structured_df)

id = structured_df$id
treatment = structured_df$treatment
day = structured_df$day
N = structured_df$N
width = 61

smoothed <- smooth_algorithm(id = id, treatment = treatment, day = day, N = N, width = width)
head(smoothed)
```

smooth\_deparse      *Deparse*

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### Description

Transforms the Data with a Row by Date to a Row by Individual.

### Usage

```
smooth_deparse(id, day, treatment)
```

### Arguments

id	Unique identifier of the patient.
day	Day of the treatment.
treatment	A character vector representing the type of treatment given to each patient.

### Value

A data.frame with the following structure:

**id** A character vector representing the unique identifier for each patient.

**start\_date** Start date of the treatment.

**end\_date** End date of the treatment.

**treatment** A character vector representing the type of treatment given to each patient.

### Examples

```
library(smoothy)
library(dplyr)

data(drugstreatment)

my_data <- filter(drugstreatment, id == "01f13c15-d9f1-4106-a04f-976c457edd0a")

structured_df <- smooth_parse(
  id = my_data$id,
  start_date = my_data$start_date,
  end_date = my_data$end_date,
  drug = my_data$drug,
  study_from = "1970-01-01",
  study_to = "1975-01-01"
)

head(structured_df)

id = structured_df$id
treatment = structured_df$treatment
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day = structured_df$day
N = structured_df$N
width = 61

smoothed <- smooth_algorithm(id = id, treatment = treatment, day = day, N = N, width = width)

head(smoothed)

deparsed_treatment <- smooth_deparse(smoothed$id, smoothed$day, smoothed$treatment)
deparsed_smoothed <- smooth_deparse(smoothed$id, smoothed$day, smoothed$smoothed_treatment)

```

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smooth\_diff

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*Compute the Difference Between Initial and Smoothed Treatment*


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### Description

This function computes the differences between the initial treatment and the treatment when it's smoothed.

### Usage

```
smooth_diff(treatment, smoothed_treatment)
```

### Arguments

**treatment** a character vector containing the original treatment data..

**smoothed\_treatment** a character vector containing the smoothed treatment return by `smooth_algorithm` function.

### Value

A data.frame with three columns: `diff_type`, `diff`, `change` and `treatment`:

**type** A character vector representing indicating the type of difference computed.

**days\_changed** The number of different items.

**proportion\_of\_change** The proportion of difference computed as number of diferent rows over number of rows.

**treatment** A character vector representing the type of treatment given to each patient.

## Examples

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  end_date = my_data$end_date,
  drug = my_data$drug,
  study_from = "1970-01-01",
  study_to = "1975-01-01"
)

head(structured_df)

id = structured_df$id
treatment = structured_df$treatment
day = structured_df$day
N = structured_df$N
width = 61

smoothed <- smooth_algorithm(id = id, treatment = treatment, day = day, N = N, width = width)

head(smoothed)

smooth_diff(treatment = smoothed$treatment, smoothed_treatment = smoothed$smoothed_treatment)
```

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smooth\_parse

*Transform Data to be Used in smooth\_algorithm() Function*

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## Description

This function transforms the data to obtain the daily treatment.

## Usage

```
smooth_parse(
  id,
  start_date,
  end_date,
  drug,
  study_from = min(start_date),
  study_to = max(end_date)
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>id</code>	Unique identifier of the patient.
<code>start_date</code>	Start date of the treatment.
<code>end_date</code>	End date of the treatment.
<code>drug</code>	Name of the drug used.
<code>study_from</code>	A date indicating when the study start.
<code>study_to</code>	A date indicating when the study finish.

**Value**

A data.frame with the following structure:

**id** Unique identifier of the patient.

**drug** Name of the drug used.

**day** Day of the treatment.

**N** Number of drugs used in the treatment

**Examples**

```
library(smoothy)
library(dplyr)

data(drugstreatment)

df <- drugstreatment |>
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structured_df <- smooth_parse(
  id = df$id,
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  end_date = df$end_date,
  drug = df$drug,
  study_from = "1970-01-01",
  study_to = "1975-01-01"
)

head(structured_df)
```

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