

## USING ESSENCE: MAKING A BASIC QUERY

*Objective 1: User will be able to identify key components of ESSENCE dashboard.*

*Objective 2: User will know how to create a basic query using ESSENCE Syndromes.*

*Objective 3: User will know how to interpret the Times Series Graph generated by the query.*

*Objective 4: User will know best practices for saving queries to myESSENCE.*

1. Starting on the ESSENCE Home Page, locate the toolbar at the top of the page and click **Query Portal**.
2. In the Query Wizard, select your data source, dates and syndrome.
  - 2a. Select your data source (county or hospital-based visit view):
    - **County health departments:** Emergency Room Data by Patient Location
      - Select your **Region** (county)
    - **Hospitals:** ER Data by Hospital Location
      - Select your **Hospital(s)**
  - 2b. Select your **Time Resolution**:
    - Use Weekly for ILI reports or other seasonal surveillance queries
  - 2c. Select your **dates**:
    - Select the appropriate start and end dates.
    - If not dates are selected, ESSENCE defaults to the previous 90 days.
  - 2d. Select the appropriate **syndrome**:

Choose from the 12 preset syndromes:

- Bot\_like
- Exposure
- Fever
- GI
- Hemr\_ill
- ILI
- Injury
- Neuro
- Rash
- Resp
- Shk\_coma



### NOTE

**Basic queries search the 12 preset syndromes in ESSENCE.**

**2a. Data Source**

**2b. Time Resolution**

**2c. Start and end dates**

**2a. Region = County**

**2d. Syndromes**

The screenshot shows the 'Query Wizard' interface. At the top, there are five main configuration fields: 'Datasource:' set to 'ER Data by Patient Location', 'Time Resolution:' set to 'Daily', 'Detector:' set to 'Regression/EWMA 1.2', 'Start Date:' set to '04Feb14', and 'End Date:' set to '05May14'. Below these are three panels: 'Available Query Fields' on the left, 'Region' in the center, and 'Selected Query Fields' on the right. The 'Available Query Fields' panel shows a tree structure with 'Region' selected. The 'Region' panel displays a list of Oregon counties: Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, and Douglas. The 'Selected Query Fields' panel lists 'Geography System' (Region), 'Medical Grouping System' (ESSENCESyndromes), and 'Triage Note System' (TNSyndromes). At the bottom, there are navigation buttons: 'Table Builder', 'Time Series', 'Data Details', 'Graph Builder', and 'Overview'.

 **TIP**

When selecting Region (County) and Syndrome, make sure to click "Select" after each choice.

2a. Data Source

2b. Start and end dates

2b. Time Resolution

2a. Hospital

2c. Syndrome

The screenshot shows the 'Query Wizard' interface with the following settings:

- Datasource:** ER Data by Hospital Location
- Time Resolution:** Daily
- Detector:** Regression/EWMA 1.2
- As Percent Query:** No Percentage Query
- Start Date:** 07Jul15
- End Date:** 05Oct15

The 'Available Query Fields' list on the left includes:

- ER Data by Hospital Location
- Region of the Hospital
- Hospital** (highlighted)
- Patient Location
- Patient HPP Region
- Facility HPP Region
- Medical Grouping System
- ChiefComplaintSubSyndromes
- Syndrome
- ChiefComplaints
- Triage Note System
- Triage Note
- Triage Note SubSyndrome
- Triage Note Syndrome
- Age Group

The 'Hospital' selection window in the center lists the following options:

- Adventist Medical Center - Portland
- Adventist Tillamook Regional Medical Center
- Asante Ashland Community Hospital
- Asante Rogue Valley Medical Center
- Asante Three Rivers Medical Center
- Bay Area Hospital
- Blue Mountain Hospital
- Columbia Memorial Hospital
- Coquille Valley Hospital

The 'Selected Query Fields' panel on the right includes:

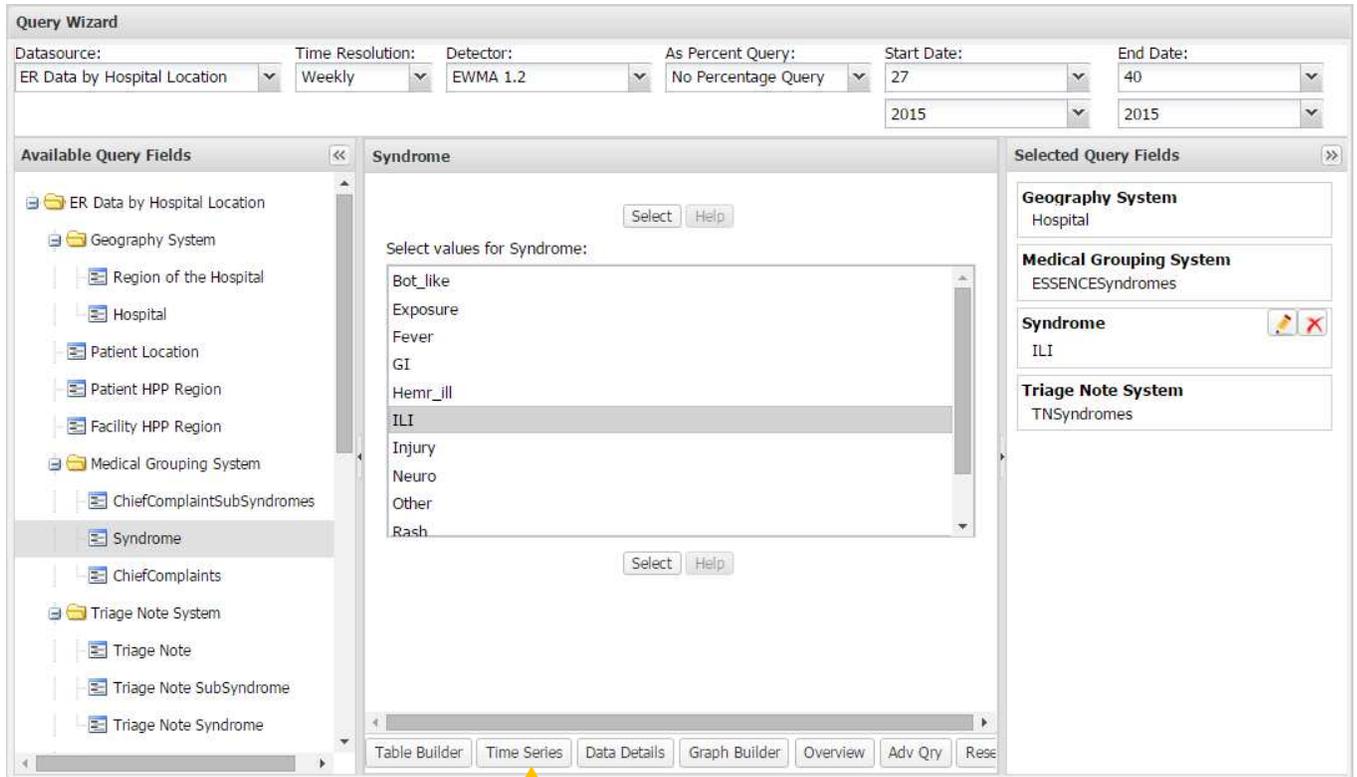
- Geography System**: Hospital
- Hospital**: Asante Ashland Community Hospital, Asante Rogue Valley Medical Center, Asante Three Rivers Medical Center
- Medical Grouping System**: ESSENCESyndromes
- Triage Note System**: TNSyndromes

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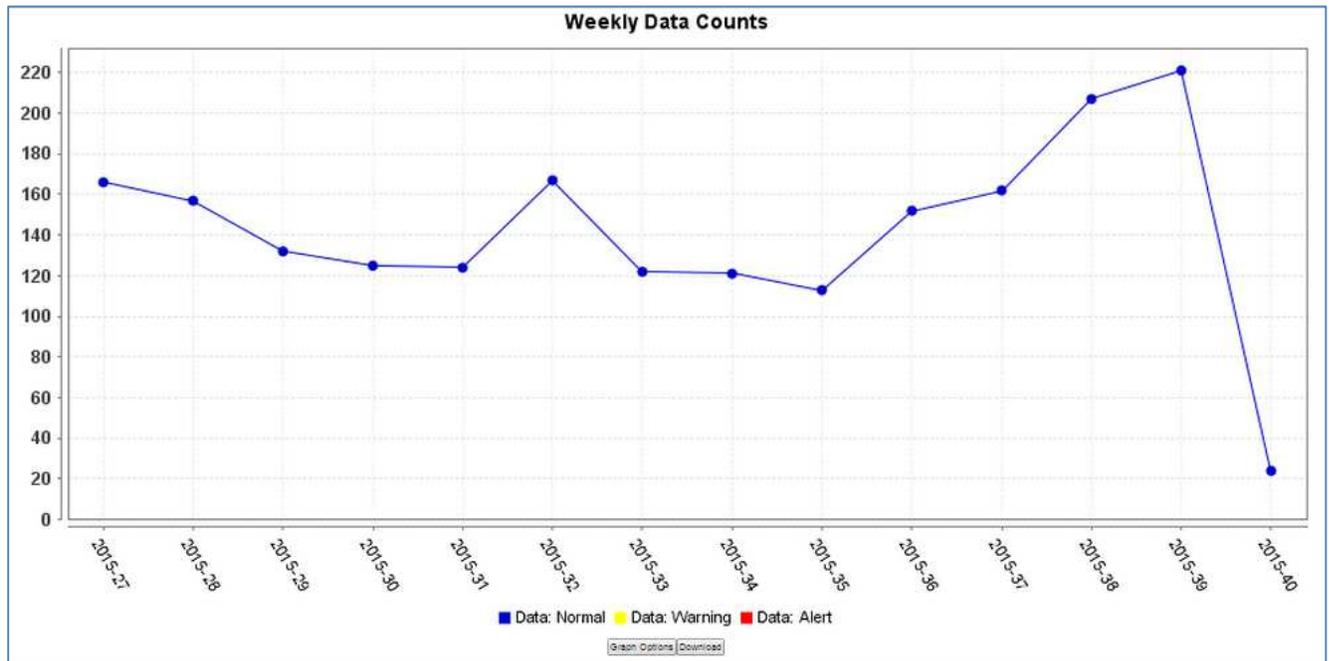
If looking at health systems, hold the Ctrl key down to select more than one hospital.

3. After you have chosen your variables, click on **Times Series**.



3. Time Series

The **Time Series Graph** displays the number of visits over time for the particular region (or hospital) and syndrome you selected.



## Best Practices for Interpreting Time Series Graphs

The **Time Series** graph provides a graphical way of viewing recent visits over the timespan of interest. When analyzing the data, look for the following:

- Color of dots
  - Blue: Normal
  - Yellow: Warning
  - Red: Alert
- Baseline or expected number of visits for the period
- Sharp increases in number of visits
- Sustained increases in visits

To determine if unusual seasonal activity is occurring, compare the graph to the same time period for the previous year in ESSENCE or by using state data sources:

- [Oregon Norovirus Watch](#)
- [Oregon Flu Bites](#)

Note: For weekly views, keep in mind weeks in ESSENCE start on Sunday and end on Saturday. If running these queries during the middle of the week, know the current week's visit counts may not be complete.

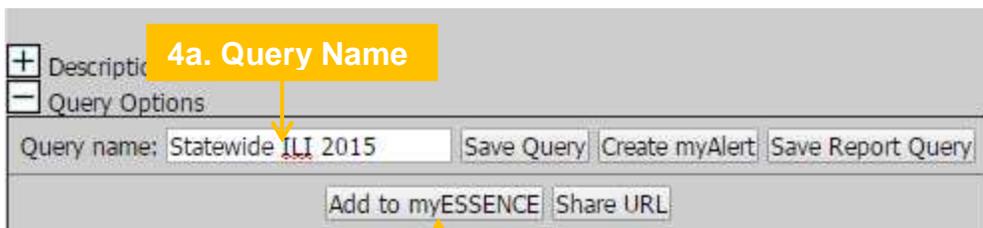
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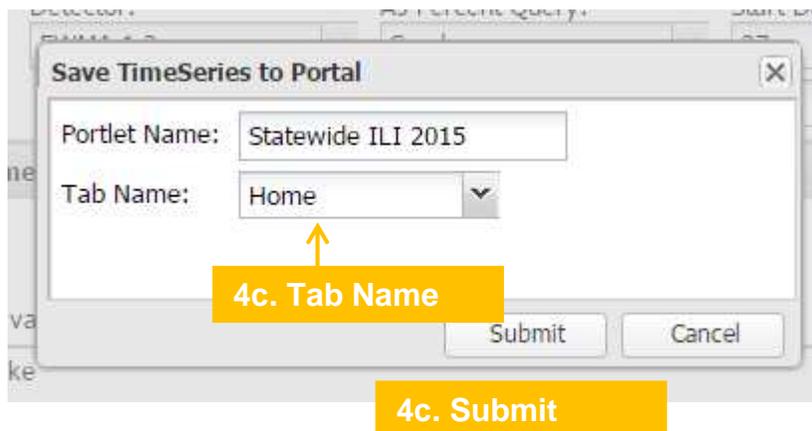
4b. Click **Add to myESSENCE**.

4c. Next, a pop-up box will appear and you will be prompted to decide the **Tab Name**.

- Click **Submit** when finished



A screenshot of a web interface for saving a query. At the top, there are expandable sections for '+ Descriptive' and '- Query Options'. Below these, a text input field contains 'Statewide ILI 2015'. To the right of this field are three buttons: 'Save Query', 'Create myAlert', and 'Save Report Query'. Below the input field and buttons are two more buttons: 'Add to myESSENCE' and 'Share URL'. A yellow callout box labeled '4a. Query Name' has an arrow pointing to the text input field. Another yellow callout box labeled '4b. Add to myESSENCE' has an arrow pointing to the 'Add to myESSENCE' button.



A screenshot of a dialog box titled 'Save TimeSeries to Portal'. It contains two input fields: 'Portlet Name' with the value 'Statewide ILI 2015' and 'Tab Name' with a dropdown menu showing 'Home'. At the bottom of the dialog are 'Submit' and 'Cancel' buttons. A yellow callout box labeled '4c. Tab Name' has an arrow pointing to the 'Tab Name' dropdown. Another yellow callout box labeled '4c. Submit' has an arrow pointing to the 'Submit' button.



#### NOTE

To see all of your saved queries, go to **myESSENCE** from the home page and click on the tab you selected.

## USING ESSENCE: MAKING A QUERY THAT SHOWS PROPORTIONS (NOT COUNTS)

*Objective 1: User will know how to modify a basic query using ESSENCE Syndromes to create a query showing proportions instead of counts.*

*Objective 2: User will know how to interpret the Times Series Graph generated by the query.*

*Objective 3: User will know best practices for saving queries.*

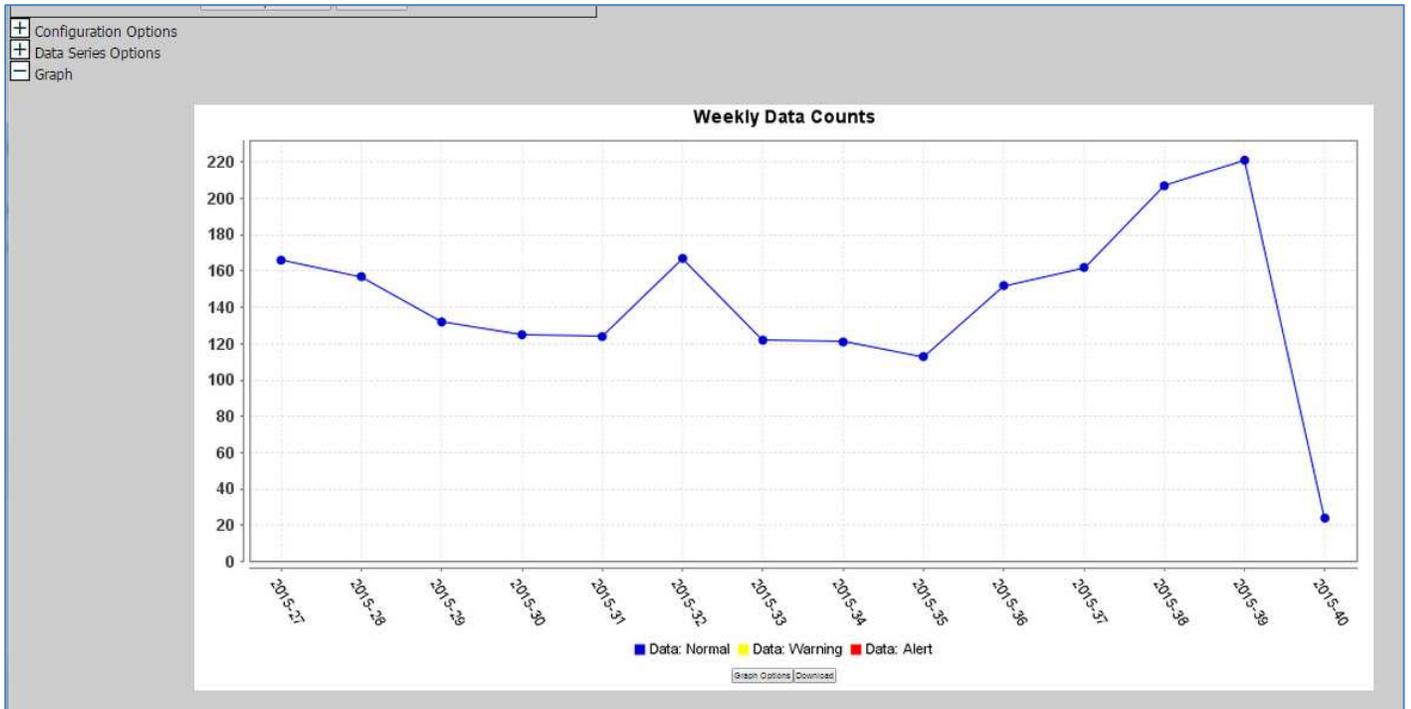
1. Start with creating a time series chart from a basic query (such as the ILI Syndrome query in the previous example).
2. Open **Configuration Options** and select a variable for **As Percent Query**
  - 2a. Click the plus sign (+) next to **Configuration Options** to view your initial query selections.
  - 2b. Confirm that your query options haven't defaulted to all visits statewide (this is a Fall 2015 bug).
  - 2c. Identify your main query variable (besides geography or hospital location)
    - E.g., Syndrome if you have selected a syndrome for your query or CC and DD if you have created a free text query.
  - 2d. Select a variable for **As Percent Query**
    - Select the same main variable you used for your query
  - 2e. After you have selected your variables, click on **Times Series**.



### **NOTE**

You can select only one variable for As Percent Query. This variable will identify your numerator for your proportion query.

## 2a. Configuration Options



## 2d. Select As Percent Query

## 2b. Confirm your query options haven't changed

Query Wizard

Datasource: ER Data by Hospital Location | Time Resolution: Weekly | Detector: EWMA 1.2 | As Percent Query: Syndrome | Start Date: 27 | End Date: 40 | 2015 | 2015

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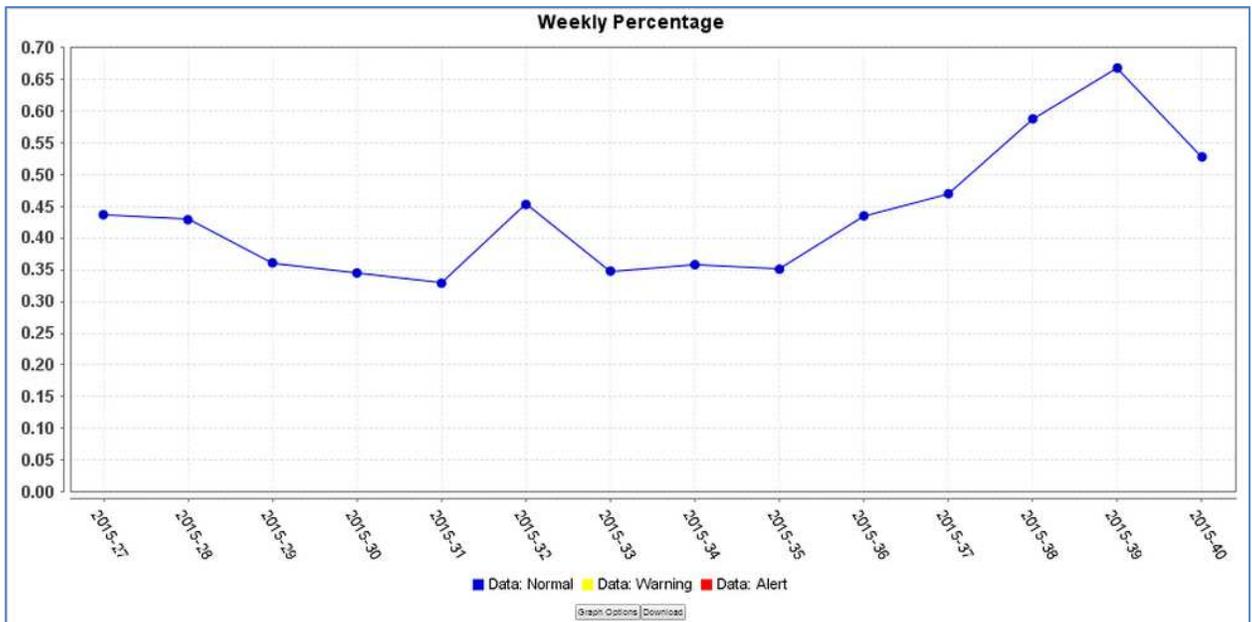
Selected Query Fields: Geography System (Hospital), Medical Grouping System (ESSENCEsyndromes), Syndrome (ILI)

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## 2c. Review your main query variable

## 2e. Time Series

The **Time Series Graph** displays the number of visits matching your query out of total visits for your region or hospital.



## Best Practices for Analyzing Proportion Time Series Graphs

As Percent Query will show proportion (or percentage) of all ED visits in your selected region or hospital which match your query out of total. Consider the y-axis has changed from number of visits to proportion of visits, but the interpretation of the color of the dots is the same for count and proportion queries.

A sample interpretation (for the above chart) might be:

Over the last 90 days, the proportion of ILI-related visits out of total ED visits statewide has been below 1% of total visits (ranging from 0.3%-0.65%). Starting on week 36 (9/6), the proportion of these visits has been increasing, although these increases are not statistically significant.

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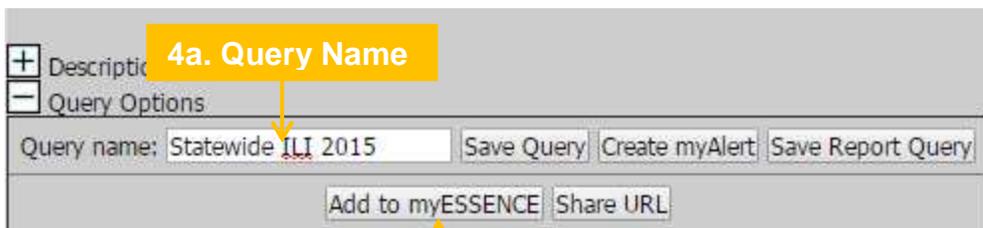
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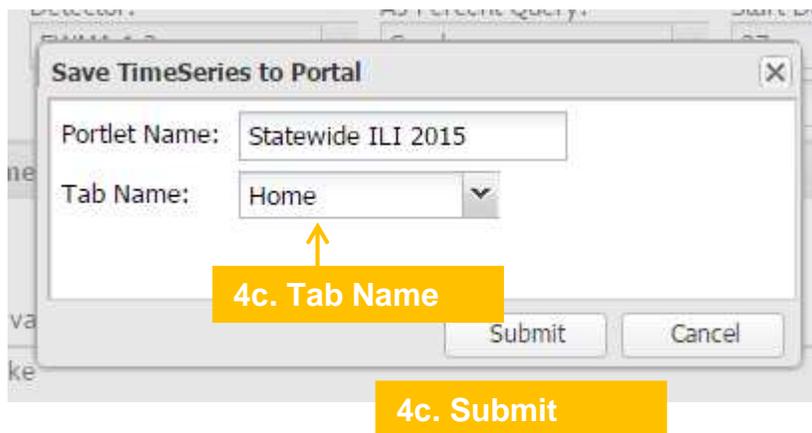
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