

## Survey on Collection of Race and Ethnicity Data by Hospitals

Some hospitals collect data on the race and ethnicity of patients, while others do not. The data may be collected in various settings (admitting, during the course of stay, at individual clinics). The purpose of this survey is to determine whether our hospital is collecting data on patients' race, ethnicity, and primary language so we can increase efficiency and reduce redundancy.

NOTE: The term "provider" used in this survey refers to health care providers such as physicians, nurses, physicians' assistants, occupational therapists, etc.

Hospital Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person completing survey: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit/Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Does your unit/clinic collect racial and ethnic data about patients we serve?

a.  Yes      b. No       c. Don't know       **If no:** Skip to question 6

2. **If yes:** Is data collected by more than one unit/clinic within your hospital?

a.  Yes      b. No       c. Don't know       **If no:** Skip to question 4

3. **If yes:** Do all units/clinics use the same race and ethnicity categories?

a. Yes       b. No       c. Don't know

**If no:** How are they different?

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4. Who provides information about the patient's race or ethnicity? (Check all that apply)

- Patient self-identifies
  - Caretaker/guardian provides information
  - Admitting clerk obtains information from patient
  - Admitting clerk provides information based on observation
  - Health care provider obtains information from patient
  - Health care provider provides information based on observation
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - Don't know
- Who might know? \_\_\_\_\_

5. When is the information collected? (Check all that apply)

- Upon admission
  - At discharge
  - At first visit/new patient registration
  - Included in health care provider's discharge notes/medical record
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - Don't know
- Who might know? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Why does your unit/clinic *not* collect data on race and ethnicity? (Check all that apply)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prohibited (by law or external regulation)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Too costly to collect and maintain</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Concerns about patient's reactions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Unnecessary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Data would be unreliable</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No good/reliable system for collection</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No good/reliable classification system for race/ethnicity</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Collected within another unit or clinic in the hospital</li> </ul> |
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7. Is your unit/clinic currently engaged in any efforts to change, develop, or implement policies or practices to collect racial and ethnic data?

- a.  Yes                      b.  No                      c. Don't know

*If yes:* What is it doing?

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*If no:* Why not?

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8. Do you see any drawbacks to collecting these data?

- a.  Yes                      b.  No

*If yes:* What are the drawbacks?

9. When data are collected on race and ethnicity, are specific categories listed, is it fill in the blank, or some other method?

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|---|---|
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Specific categories | b. <input type="checkbox"/> Fill in the blank |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Other               | d. <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know        |

10. In what percentage of cases are data on race and ethnicity missing/unavailable? \_\_\_\_\_

a. How do you determine that? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Are race and ethnicity data stored in an electronic database?

- a.  Yes                      b.  No                      c.  Don't know

12. How does your unit/clinic use the data collected?

Don't know

Who might know? \_\_\_\_\_

Internal use (check all that apply)

- Marketing  
 Ensuring availability of interpreter services  
 Actuarial purposes  
 Quality improvement/disease management programs  
 Program/benefit design  
 Underwriting

Share data with other nongovernmental agencies/organizations (check all that apply)

- Purchasers  
 Accrediting bodies  
 Community groups  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Share data with federal, state and/or local governmental agencies (check all that apply)

- State health department  
 Local health department  
 Medicaid  
 Medicare  
 Veterans administration  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

13. From your perspective, which factors drive our hospital to work on disparity-related initiatives?

- Organizational leadership                       Community pressure  
 National research evidence                       Other  
 Don't know

Who might know? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Does your unit/clinic collect data on patients' primary language?

- a.  Yes                      b.  No                      c.  Don't know

15. Does your unit/clinic maintain this information in an electronic database?

- a.  Yes                      b.  No                      c.  Don't know

***Thank you for completing this survey!***