

State-Required Ethnicity and Race Questions

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Texas Law requires the Texas Health Care Information Council to collect information on the race/ethnic backgrounds of medical clinic patients. Medical practices are required to ask patients to identify their own race and ethnic backgrounds.

The data obtained through this process will be used to assist researchers in determining whether or not all citizens of Texas are receiving adequate health care.

If a patient fails or refuses to identify their own race and ethnic backgrounds, facility staff will use its best judgment in making the identification.

QUESTIONS

Mark the box that most accurately identifies the patient's ethnic background.

The patient is:

- Hispanic/ Latino
- Not Hispanic/ Latino
- Patient refuses to answer the question

The patient's race is:

- American Indian/ Eskimo/ Aleut
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black
- White
- Other (includes all other responses not listed above. Patients who consider themselves as multiracial or mixed should choose this category.)
- Patient refuses to answer the question

Patient name (please print): _____

Patient or Legal Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____