# Example Patient Race and Ethnicity Questionnaire

**Target Audience:**

Hospital admissions/registration staff

**Purpose:**

This sample questionnaire, to be administered by hospital or clinic personnel, asks patients to provide information on their race and ethnicity. A script is provided for staff to use to help introduce the questions that follow.

**Race and Ethnicity Standards and Implementation Guidelines**

**Instructions for Use:**

Following are:

- **Patient Race and Ethnicity Questionnaire**
- **Ethnicity and Race Tables**
- **Definitions for Race and Ethnicity Categories**

The definitions for race and ethnicity are for hospital personnel and patients to clarify the race and ethnicity categories.

The sample questionnaire was designed to follow the most current recommendations regarding accurate self-reported patient race and ethnicity data as set forth by the Institute of Medicine (IOM), while maintaining categories and rules for rolling up categories that are consistent with current state reporting requirements.

The questionnaire can be administered in-person or over the phone by hospital or clinic personnel.

# Example Patient Race and Ethnicity Questionnaire

"We want to make sure that we identify and address each patient's needs and ensure that all patients get the best care possible. We're going to ask you some questions so that we can provide our patients with appropriate and high quality care.

We will keep this information confidential and will update it in your medical record. The information you share will **not** be used to identify or determine your immigration status, and will **not** be reported to the authorities. You may choose not to answer any question(s).

You have been provided a list of Frequently Asked Questions and Definitions to help answer questions that you may have about this form, but our registration staff members are also happy to answer your questions.

1. **Ethnicity**

***Are you Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish origin? (One or more categories may be selected)***

- ☐ Mexican
- ☐ Mexican American
- ☐ Chicano/a
- ☐ Puerto Rican
- ☐ Cuban
- ☐ Unknown
- ☐ Another Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish Origin **(Please Choose from the list in Table One)**

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- ☐ Not of Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish origin

2. **Race**

***What is your race? (One or more categories may be selected)***

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Asian Indian
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Filipino
- ☐ Japanese
- ☐ Korean
- ☐ Vietnamese
- ☐ Other Asian **(Please Choose From the List In Table Two)**

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- ☐ White
- ☐ Other Race
- ☐ Native Hawaiian
- ☐ Guamanian or Chamorro
- ☐ Samoan
- ☐ Other Pacific Islander **(Please Choose from the List In Table Three)**

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## Other Ethnicity Table

| Table One: Other Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish Origin | | |
|---|---|---|
| Spaniard<br>Andalusian<br>Asturian<br>Castillian<br>Catalonian<br>Belearic Islander<br>Gallego<br>Valencian<br>Canarian<br>Spanish Basque | La Raza<br>Mexican American Indian<br>Central American<br>Costa Rican<br>Guatemalan<br>Honduran<br>Nicaraguan<br>Panamanian<br>Salvadoran<br>Central American Indian<br>Canal Zone | South American<br>Argentinean<br>Bolivian<br>Chilean<br>Colombian<br>Ecuadorian<br>Paraguayan<br>Peruvian<br>Uruguayan<br>Venezuelan<br>South American Indian<br>Criollo<br>Latin American<br>Dominican |

## Other Race Tables

| Table Two: Other Asian | |
|---|---|
| Bangladeshi<br>Bhutanese<br>Burmese<br>Cambodian<br>Taiwanese<br>Hmong<br>Indonesian<br>Loation<br>Malaysian | Okinawan<br>Pakistani<br>Sri Lankan<br>Thai<br>Iwo Jiman<br>Maldivian<br>Nepalese<br>Singaporean<br>Madagascar |

| Table Three: Other Pacific Islander | | |
|---|---|---|
| Polynesian<br>Tahitian<br>Tongan<br>Tokelauan<br>Guamanian | Micronesian<br>Mariana Islander<br>Saipanese<br>Palauan<br>Carolinian<br>Kosraean<br>Kiribati<br>Pohnpeian<br>Chuukese<br>Yapese<br>Marchallese<br>KribatI<br>Other Micronesian | Melanesian<br>Fijian<br>Papua New Guinean<br>Solomon Islander<br>New Hebrides<br>Other Pacific Islander |

# Definitions of Race and Ethnicity

***Ethnicity***

***Hispanic or Latino:*** refers to a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.

***Unknown:*** Select this category if the patient is unable to physically respond, there is no available family member or caregiver to respond for the patient, or if for any reason, the demographic portion of the medical record cannot be completed.

***Race***

***Black or African American*** refers to a person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa. It includes people who indicated their race(s) as “Black, African American, or Negro” or reported entries such as African American, Kenyan, Nigerian, or Haitian.

***White*** refers to a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa. It includes people who indicated their race(s) as “White” or reported entries such as Irish, German, Italian, Lebanese, Arab, Moroccan, or Caucasian.

***Asian*** refers to a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam. It includes people who indicated their race(s) as “Asian” or reported entries such as “Asian Indian,” “Chinese,” “Filipino,” “Korean,” “Japanese,” “Vietnamese,” and “Other Asian” or provided other detailed Asian responses.

***American Indian/Alaska Native*** refers to a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment. This category includes people who indicated their race(s) as “American Indian or Alaska Native” or reported their enrolled or principal tribe, such as Navajo, Blackfeet, Inupiat, Yup’ik, or Central American Indian groups or South American Indian groups.

***Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander*** refers to a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands. It includes people who indicated their race(s) as “Pacific Islander” or reported entries such as “Native Hawaiian,” “Guamanian or Chamorro,” “Samoan,” and “Other Pacific Islander” or provided other detailed Pacific Islander responses.

**Other Race**” includes all other responses not included in the White, Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander race categories described above **or** the lists provided.