



North Central 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 hospital patients. Hospitals 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 access to adequate health care.

If patients fail or refuse to identify their own race and ethnic backgrounds, facility staff will use its best judgment in making the identification.

QUESTIONS

Question #1: Nationality or Ethnic Background

(mark the box that most accurately identifies the patient's ethnic background)

Is the patient . . . ?

- (1) **Hispanic/Latino** (21352)
- (2) **Not Hispanic/Latino** (21865)
- I (patient or patient's legal guardian) refuse to answer the question.**

Question #2: Race

(mark the box that the patient believes most accurately identifies his/her race)

Is the patient . . . ?

- (1) **American Indian/Eskimo/Aleut** (10025)
- (2) **Asian or Pacific Islander** (20289)
- (3) **Black** (20545)
- (4) **White** (21063)
- (5) **Other** *Includes all other responses not listed above. Patients who consider themselves as multiracial or mixed should choose this category.* (21311)
- I (patient or patient's legal guardian) refuse to answer the question.**

Patient or Legal Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____