

STATE REQUIRED ETHNICITY AND RACE QUESTIONS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Texas law requires the Texas Health Care Information Collection Subunit 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 to identify their own race and ethnic backgrounds, hospital staff will use its best judgment in making the identification.

QUESTIONS

Question #1: Ethnic Background

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

Is the patient . . . ?

- (1) **Hispanic/Latino** (21352)
- (2) **Not Hispanic/Latino** (21865)

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)

