

**OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
CALIFORNIA INPATIENT DATA REPORTING MANUAL, EIGHTH EDITION**

**RACE**

**Section 97218**

**(a) Effective with discharges on or after January 1, 2019, the patient’s ethnic and racial background shall be reported as one choice from the following list of alternatives under ethnicity and up to five choices from the following list of alternatives under race:**

**DISCUSSION**

Specifications for reporting this data element with the Record Entry Form for online web entry of individual records or online data file transmission for discharges occurring on or after January 1, 2019:

<b>ETHNICITY</b>		<b>RACE</b>							
E1 Hispanic or Latino		R1 American Indian or Alaska Native	R5 White	a.	<input type="text"/>	c.	<input type="text"/>	e.	<input type="text"/>
E2 Non Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity	<input type="text"/>	R2 Asian	R9 Other Race	b.	<input type="text"/>	d.	<input type="text"/>		
99 Unknown		R3 Black or African American	99 Unknown						
		R4 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander							

**(1) Ethnicity:**

**(A) Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity**

**(B) Non Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity**

**DISCUSSION**

Report “Non Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity” if a patient does not identify as Hispanic **nor** as Latino.

**(C) Unknown**

**(2) Race:**

**(A) American Indian or Alaska Native**

**DISCUSSION**

A person having origins in or who identifies with any of the original peoples of North and South America, and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

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***(B) Asian***

DISCUSSION

A person having origins in or who identifies with Asian Indian, Bangladeshi, Bhutanese, Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indonesian, Iwo Jiman, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Madagascar, Malaysian, Maldivian, Nepalese, Okinawan, Pakistani, Singaporean, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, Thai, and Vietnamese.

***(C) Black or African American***

DISCUSSION

A person having origins in or who identifies with any of the black racial groups including Botswanan, Ethiopian, Liberian, Namibian, Nigerian, Zairean, Barbadian, Bahamian, Dominican, Haitian, Jamaican, Tobagoan, Trinidadian, and West Indian.

***(D) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander***

DISCUSSION

A person having origins in or who identifies with the following groups: Native Hawaiian, Carolinian, Chamorro, Chuukese (Trukese), Fijian, Guamanian, Kiribati, Kosraean, Mariana Islander, Marshallese, Melanesian, Micronesian, Mariana Islander, New Hebrides, Palauan, Papua New Guinean, Pohnpeian, Polynesian, Saipanese, Samoan, Solomon Islander, Tahitian, Tokelauan, Tongan, and Yapese.

***(E) White***

DISCUSSION

A person having origins in or who identifies with any of the original Caucasian peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East. This may include the following groups: Armenian, English, French, German, Irish, Italian, Polish, Scottish, Middle Eastern, North African, Assyrian, Egyptian, Iranian, Iraqi, Lebanese, Palestinian, Syrian, Afghanistani, Israeli, and Arab.

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***(F) Other Race***

DISCUSSION

Includes any possible options not covered in the above categories. Other race should only be used if a patient has self-declared a race that does not fit in another category or has specifically chosen Other. Other should never be used in lieu of allowing the patient to select multiple races.

***(G) Unknown***

DISCUSSION

If the patient's race is not recorded in the patient's medical record, the race should be reported as "Unknown." This category includes patients who cannot or refuse to declare race.

**ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION FOR ALL CATEGORIES**

Determining Ethnicity and Race:

- Hispanic origin or descent is not to be confused with race. A person of Hispanic origin may be of any race.
- The patient's ethnicity and race data may be most accurately obtained directly from the patient. Self-identification may include the use of a form presenting choices. A sample of a Race/Ethnicity form can be found on the OSHPD website. Please note that the sample form is not required by OSHPD.
- The quality of ethnicity and race data deteriorates when determination is based upon the patient's or a family member's name, physical appearance, place of birth, or primary language.
- If the patient is unable to respond, a family member may declare the patient's ethnicity and race.

Ethnicity and Race of a Newborn: The parent(s) declares the ethnicity and race of a newborn. If the parent(s) is unable or unwilling to declare the newborn's race, it is appropriate to report the ethnicity and race of the mother for that of the newborn.

Legality of Inquiring of patient's Race and/or Ethnicity:

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There is no known law stating that it is illegal to ask patients for information on their race and/or ethnicity. Section 97218 of the California Code of Regulations states ***“the patient’s ethnic and racial background shall be reported.”***