

Dear Patient,

Your medical provider is participating in a government program that encourages the adoption of electronic health records. This technology will lead to reduced health care costs, but will also improve the quality of your care and our ability to communicate with you, our patient.

As part of this program, the government requires us to record the following demographic information about you:

- Preferred Language
- Race
- Ethnicity
- Date of Birth
- Gender

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides the options for race and ethnicity fields that match the data collection standards defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and U.S. Bureau of Census (BC). We maintain secure records and assure you that this information will remain confidential.

You can help us by reviewing the list of options below and providing your race and ethnicity information on the **Patient Authorization form**.

If you do not wish to provide this information, you may simply decline.

Thank you for your assistance!

CDC-defined Race

“White” refers to a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

“Black or African American” refers to a person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

“American Indian or 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.

“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.

“Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander” refers to a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

“Other” 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. Examples are multiracial, mixed, interracial, or a Hispanic or Latino group (for example, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or Spanish).

CDC-defined Ethnicity

Not Hispanic or Latino	Central American	Cuban
Dominican	Hispanic or Latino/Spanish	Latin American/Latin, Latino
Mexican	Puerto Rican	South American
Spaniard		