



Texas Health Care Information Council

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 ambulatory surgery center patients. Ambulatory Surgery Center's 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, our staff will use its best judgment in making the identification.

**QUESTIONS**

**1. Ethnic Background**

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

Is the patient.....?

- 1.  Hispanic/Latino
- 2.  Not Hispanic/Latino

**2. Race**

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

Is the patient.....?

- 1.  American Indian/Eskimo/Aleut
- 2.  Asian or Pacific Islander
- 3.  Black
- 4.  White
- 5.  Other *Includes all other responses not listed above. Patients who consider themselves as multiracial or mixed should choose this category.*

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Patient Signature

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Date