



# Help Us Know Our Patients Better

When we know your race and ethnicity, we learn more about your culture and language. This helps us to know you better and to improve the care that we give to all patients. Beginning in January 2007, we will ask for race and ethnicity information from all patients.

- **What is Your Ethnicity?**

Your ethnicity refers to your background, heritage, culture, ancestry or sometimes the country where you were born. Please let us know if you are Haitian, Vietnamese, Brazilian, etc.



- **Are You Hispanic, Latino or Spanish?**

You may be Hispanic, Latino or Spanish if you or your family come from a country in Latin America or another Spanish-speaking country. Please let us know if you think of yourself as Hispanic, Latino or Spanish.

- **What is Your Race?**

Your race is the group or groups that you identify with as having similar physical characteristics or similar social and geographic origins. Please let us know if you are Asian, Black, White, etc.

- **Examples:**

My name is John. My race is Asian and my ethnicity is Bangladeshi.  
My name is Claudia. My race is Black and my ethnicity is Haitian and Jamaican.  
My name is Ronaldo. My race is White and Black and my ethnicity is Brazilian.  
My name is Pat. My race is Black and my ethnicity is African American.  
My name is Chris. My race is White and my ethnicity is Italian and American.



- **By knowing you better, we can provide better care to our patients**

Our goal is to meet the needs of all of the patients that we serve. Studies have shown that there are differences in health among racial and ethnic groups. We don't know what causes these differences and we need to learn more about them. We can better meet the needs of the communities that we serve if we know more about our patients' race, ethnicity, culture and language. This information will only be used to make sure that all patients are receiving appropriate care of the best quality.



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