

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## About the Collection of Patient Race, Ethnicity and Language Information



**Q: What if I don't want to answer these questions?**

A: You can choose to answer these questions or not. We will provide the best possible care even if you choose not to answer.

**Q: What do my race and ethnicity have to do with my health?**

A: Your race and ethnic backgrounds may place you at higher risk for some diseases. By knowing more about you, we will be better able to meet your health needs.

**Q: Who are you collecting this information from?**

A: We ask all our patients for this information.

**Q: Why am I being asked these questions?**

A: This hospital collects information on race, ethnic background and preferred language for all our patients. By knowing more about you, we will be better able to meet your health needs.

**Q: What will my information be used for at the hospital?**

A: Your answers to these questions can help us to offer more personalized services and programs to you and others like you. We will also use your answers to make sure all patients get the same quality of care no matter their race or ethnicity.

**Q: Who will see my information?**

A: Your information will be kept private and safe. The only people who will see your race and ethnicity information are members of your care team.

**Q: What if I belong to more than one race?**

A: You can check off all the races you belong to.

**Q: What if I don't know my race or ethnicity?**

A: If you don't know your race or ethnicity, you can talk to hospital registration staff and they can help you decide the best way to answer.

**Q: Who can I ask questions about this?**

A: The hospital registration staff and their supervisors are happy to answer any questions you may have.