

## Measuring Health Equity in Toronto Central LHIN

### Demographic Data Collection Guidelines for Pediatric Patients and Clients December 2014

Note: These recommendations apply to hospitals that primarily serve adult populations. It focuses on adapting the adult tool for use with patients and clients under 18.

#### 1. Recommendations

**Recommendation 1:** For all patients and clients 14 years of age and older, TC LHIN demographic questions will be asked directly from the patient or client using the adult tool.



Question	Who we ask		Info is about...	
	Patient/Client	Caregiver	Patient/Client	Caregiver
What language would you feel most comfortable speaking in with your health-care provider?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were you born in Canada?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Which of the following best describes your racial or ethnic group?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have any of the following?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What is your gender?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What is your sexual orientation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What was your total family income? + how many people does this income support?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Recommendation 2:** For patients and clients under the age of 14 years, their primary caregiver will answer questions about their child using the adult tool with the exception that questions on *gender* and *sexual orientation* will not be collected.

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Were you born in Canada?	Patient/Client <input type="checkbox"/>	Caregiver <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patient/Client <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Caregiver <input type="checkbox"/>
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Do you have any of the following?	Patient/Client <input type="checkbox"/>	Caregiver <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patient/Client <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Caregiver <input type="checkbox"/>
What was your total family income? + how many people does this income support?	Patient/Client <input type="checkbox"/>	Caregiver <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patient/Client <input type="checkbox"/>	Caregiver <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**\*\* Data on Gender Identity + Sexual Orientation will not be collected for patients/clients under 14**

### Summary of Collecting Demographic Data from Pediatric Populations

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caregiver responds to both <i>income</i> questions <u>about household supporting the youth/child</u></li> <li>Patient responds to all questions except for <i>income</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Gender Identity</i> and <i>Sexual Orientation</i> questions are excluded</li> <li>Caregiver responds to both <i>income</i> questions <u>about household supporting the youth/child</u></li> <li>Caregiver provides information about the patient on all remaining questions</li> </ul>
<p>14 years +</p> 	<p>0 – 13 years</p> 

Primary caregiver is absent?

- Adult accompanying patient or patient can try to respond
- If they are unable provide a valid response enter as 'do not know'

## 2. What are unique issues that hospitals will face?

- **Patient/Client is not accompanied by primary caregiver**

While data from Sick Kids and Holland Bloorview indicate that the patient shows up with a caregiver over 90% of the time, that still doesn't cover all patients/clients and may not be representative of CHC clients (e.g. children may not be accompanied by **primary** caregiver, or youth may not have a caregiver present).

- ✓ **Recommendation:** For those under 14, this is considered a situation where you cannot collect the data and should flag for collection next time the patient/client visits with a caregiver.

- **Gender identity' and 'sexual orientation' missing data for patients/clients under 14**

Since the two items will be skipped for patients/clients under 14, hospitals and CHCs will have an inflated rate of missing data and hospitals with mandatory demographic fields will be unable to leave it blank.

- ✓ **Recommendation:** Build in a response option of '*under 14, not applicable*' to sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) questions. OR ensure that you account for age when looking at missing data rates for the two SOGI questions.

- **Patient/client is too young/unable to speak**

Spoken language item will not apply to patients/clients who are too young to speak.

