

Standard Definitions for Patient Outcome Data Elements

Data Element	Definition	Additional Information/Examples
Race	<p>Race Categories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Indian or Alaska Native • Asian • Black or African American • Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander • White • Other <p>Patients may select more than one category.</p> <p>Note: Disclosure of race is self-reported by the patient and voluntary.</p> <p>Source: doi.gov/pmb/eeo/directives/race-data</p>	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Indian or Alaska Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America. • Asian: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam. • Black or African American: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. • Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands. • White: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa. <p>Source: doi.gov/pmb/eeo/directives/race-data</p>
Ethnicity	<p>Ethnicity Categories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hispanic or Latino • Not Hispanic or Latino <p>Reported as one value per patient</p> <p>Note: Disclosure of ethnicity is self-reported by the patient and voluntary.</p> <p>Source: doi.gov/pmb/eeo/directives/race-data</p>	<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hispanic or Latino: A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. <p>Source: doi.gov/pmb/eeo/directives/race-data</p>

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BACKGROUND

The Standard Definitions for Patient Outcome Data Elements are presented by the National Home Infusion Foundation (NHIF) to home and specialty infusion providers for use when collecting data related to patient events as part of ongoing quality improvement activities. These definitions were developed by OMB/HHS and adopted by NHIF. Standardized definitions will allow providers to engage in industry-wide benchmarking and research activities, generating the necessary data for demonstrating the quality and value associated with administering infused medications in the home and alternate site setting. Providers are encouraged to adopt the NHIF Patient Outcome Definitions to become eligible for participation in future industry-wide quality data initiatives.

IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

Providers are encouraged to adopt the standard *“Race”* and *“Ethnicity”* definitions as described in this document as these are nationally recognized definitions. The NHIF data elements are designed to allow comparisons between the home infusion and other health care services and industries.

NHIF recognizes that individual providers use a variety of software systems and processes to collect data and understands that differences exist with regard to the clinical terminology used today. NHIF knows that some adaptation may need to occur to achieve standardization with these outcome data elements; however, the NHIF made every effort to develop data definitions that are broad enough to accommodate variations in software and data collection processes between providers.

REPORTING DATA

The National Home Infusion Foundation (NHIF) is administering industry-wide benchmarking programs that utilize the Patient Outcome Data Elements proposed by NHIF. Providers that have adopted the standard NHIF definitions will be able to participate in benchmarking initiatives. Participation in benchmarking is highly encouraged as a means of evaluating one’s performance compared to industry norms and standards. Benchmarking is a well-established method of improving quality, demonstrating value, and identifying best practices.

QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS

Questions or comments regarding the Standard Definitions for Patient Outcome Data Elements should be directed to NHIFdata@nhia.org.

For additional information about the NHIF Benchmarking Initiatives, please visit the NHIF website at <http://bit.ly/nhif-benchmarking-initiatives>.