



Dear Patient:

As of January 1, 2005, the State of California, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) mandates that ambulatory surgery centers collect individual encounter data (California Health and Safety Code, Division 107, Part 5 Health Data, Section 128737). The data will be used in health planning projects, including management of state health care delivery and public health programs, efficient administration of healthcare services, continuous improvement in the quality of care provided by hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers, effective procurement of healthcare services, and identification and correction of disparities in healthcare access and outcomes. Individually identifiable patient information is protected and encrypted within the State system.

In addition to information collected at the time when surgery is scheduled, we also need you to select your race and ethnicity:

RACE	ETHNICITY
<input type="checkbox"/> R1 American Indian or Alaska Native	<input type="checkbox"/> E1 Hispanic or Latino
<input type="checkbox"/> R2 Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> E2 Non-Hispanic or Non Latino
<input type="checkbox"/> R3 Black or African American	<input type="checkbox"/> 99 Unknown
<input type="checkbox"/> R4 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	PRIMARY LANGUAGE SPOKEN
<input type="checkbox"/> R5 White	<input type="checkbox"/> English
<input type="checkbox"/> R9 Other Race	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish
<input type="checkbox"/> 99 Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

If you have any questions, please contact the Patient Data Section of OSHPD at 916-324-6147. Additional information is available on the Internet at www.oshpd.ca.gov/mirca

Thank you very much.