Appendix D

Race and Nationality Descriptions

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Note: Use these lists only when race is not stated but other information is provided in the medical record.

References:

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 - a. Race Code List (2011)
 - b. HL7/CDC Race and Ethnicity Code Set (2009)
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- 2. Instruction manual, part 4: Classification And Coding Instructions For Death Records, 1999-2001, Division of Vital Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, undated
- 3. Updates to OMB's Race/Ethnicity Standards, accessed August 13, 2024
 - a. Updates to OMB's Race/Ethnicity Standards (census.gov)
 - b. Detailed Race and Ethnicity Groups, Tribes and Villages (census.gov)

Key

- † Use this code unless patient is stated to be Native American (Indian)
- * Terms listed in Reference 2, above.
- ‡ Description of religious affiliation rather than stated nationality or ethnicity; should be used with caution when determining appropriate race code.

Code 01 White

Afghanistani

Afrikaner

Albanian

Algerian*

Amish*

Anglo-Saxon*

Arab, Arabian

Argentinian*†

Armenian

Aryan*

Assyrian

Australian*

Austrian*

Azores*

Basque*

Bavarian*

Blanc*

Bolivian*†

Bosnian

Brava/Bravo*

Brazilian†

Bulgarian

Cajun

Californio

Canadian*

Caucasian*

Central American†

Chechnyan

Chicano*

Chilean†

Colombian*

Costa Rican*†

Creole*

Croatian

Crucian*

Cuban (unless specified as Black or African American)*

Cypriot

Czech

Czechoslovakian

Eastern European

Ebian*

Ecuadorian*†

Egyptian

English

English-French*

English-Irish*

European

Finnish*

French

French Canadian*

Georgian*

German

Greek*

Guatemalan*

Gypsy*

Hebrew*‡

Hispanic*

Honduran†

Hungarian*

Icelandic*

Iranian

Iraqi

Irish

Islamic*‡

Israeli

Italian

Jew*‡

Jordanian*

Kosovian

Kurd/Kurdish

Kuwaitian*

Ladina/Ladino*

Latin American*†

Latino Latvian* Lebanese Libyan* Lithuanian*

Maltese*

Marshenese*

Mauritian

Moroccan*

Mediterranean*

Mexican*

Middle East

Moroccan*

Moslem/Muslim*‡

Near Easterner

Nicaraguan†

Nordic*

Norwegian*

Occidental*

Other Arab

Palestinian

Panamanian

Paraguayan

Parsi*

Persian*

Peruvian*†

Polish

Portuguese

Puerto Rican* (unless specified as Black or African American)

Romanian*/Rumanian

Russian

Salvadoran

Saudi Arabian*

Scandinavian*

Scottish, Scotch

Semitic*‡

Serbian*

Servian*

Shi'ite

Sicilian*

Slavic, Slovakian*

South American*†/ Sudamericano

Spanish*

Sunni*‡

Swedish*

Syrian

Teutonic*

Tunisian*

Turk*

Ukranian

United Arab Emirates

Uruguayan†

Venezuelan*†

Welsh*

White

White American (Wiam)*

Yemenite*

Yugoslavian*

Zoroastrian*

Code 02 Black or African American

African

African American

AfroAmerican

Bahamian

Barbadian

Bilalian

Black

Botswana

Cape Verde

Dominica Islander (unless specified as White)

Dominican*/Dominican Republic (unless specified as White)

Eritrean

Ethiopian

Ghanaian

Haitian

Hamitic

Jamaican

Kenyan

Liberian

Malawian

Mugandan

Namibian

Nassau

Nigerian

Nigritian

Nubian

Octaroon*

Other African

Quadroon*

Santo Domingo

Seychelloise

Somalian

Sudanese

Tanzanian

Tobago

Togolese

Trinidad

West Indies

Zaire

Code 03 American Indian and Alaska Native

For the most updated list of American Indian, Alaska Indian, Aleut, and Eskimo and tribes, refer to the Race Code List on the National Center for Health Statistics website (Reference 1.a). More general terms for American Indian and Alaska Native include:

Alaska Native
Alaska Indian
Aleut
American Indian
Central American Indian
Eskimo
Meso American Indian
Mexican American Indian
South American Indian

Asian Race Codes

Spanish American Indian

Code	Definition			
96	Amerasian*			
16	Asian Indian (Effective with 1/1/2010 dx.)			
96	Asian			
96	Asiatic*			
96	Bangladeshi			
96	Bhutanese			
96	Bornean			
96	Bruneian			
96	Burmese			
13	Cambodian			
96	Celebesian			
96	Ceram			
96	Ceylonese*			
04	Chinese			
96	Eurasian*			
06	Filipino			
12	Hmong			
16	Indian (from India) (Effective with 1/1/2010 dx.)			
96	Indo Chinese			
96	Indonesian			
05	Iwo Jiman			
05	Japanese			
96	Java*			
13	Kampuchean			
08	Korean			
11	Laotian			
96	Madagascar			
96	Malaysian			
96	Maldivian			
96	Mien			
96	Mongolian			
96	Montagnard			

Code	Definition				
96	Nepalese				
05	Okinawan				
96	Oriental				
96	Other Asian				
17	Pakistani (Effective with 1/1/2010 dx.)				
96	Sikkimese				
96	Singaporean				
96	Sri Lankan				
96	Sumatran				
04	Taiwanese				
14	Thai				
96	Tibetan				
10	Vietnamese				
96	Whello				
96	Yello				

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Codes

Code	Definition				
20	Bikinian				
20	Carolinian				
21	Chamorro				
20	Chuukese				
25	Cook Islander				
20	Eniwetok, Enewetak				
31	Fijian				
22	Guamanian				
07	Hawaiian				
20	Kirabati				
20	Kosraean				
20	Kwajalein				
97	Maori*				
20	Mariana Islander				
20	Marshallese				
30	Melanesian				
20	Micronesian				
07	Native Hawaiian				
97	Nauruan				
30	New Caledonian				
30	New Hebrides				
97	Other Pacific Islander				
97	Pacific Islander				
20	Palauan				
32	Papua New Guinean				
07	Part Hawaiian				
20	Pohnpeian				
25	Polynesian				
20	Ponapean				
20	Saipanese				
27	Samoan				
30	Solomon Islander				
26	Tahitian				

Code	Definition
20	Tarawan
20	Tinian
25	Tokelauan
28	Tongan
20	Trukese
25	Tuvaluan
30	Vanuatuan
20	Yapese

98 Other Race, Not Elsewhere Classified

Do not use this code for Hispanic, Latino or Spanish, NOS. Refer to the Race Code List on the National Center for Health Statistics website (Reference 1) when not assigned to a code above. See the Other Race Descriptions section below.

99 Unknown

See Note in the Other Race Descriptions below.

Other Race Descriptions

Note: The following descriptions of ethnic origin cannot be coded to a specific race code. Look for other descriptions of race in the medical record. If no further information is available, code as 99 Unknown.

American

Aruba Islander

Azerbaijani

Belizean

Bermudan

Biracial

Brown

Bushwacker

Cayenne

Cayman Islander

Chocolate

Coe Clan

Coffee

Cosmopolitan

French Canadian

Guyanese

Half Breed

Iberian

Indian (not specified as Native American, Eastern Indian, Northern, Central, or South American Indian)

Interracial

Issues

Jackson White

Malada

Melungeon

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Mexican

Mixed

Moor

Morena

Mulatto

Multiethnic

Multinational

Multiple (some Other Race responses)

Multiethnic

Multinational

Multiracial

North African

Octoroon

Other Race, NEC

Other Spanish

Quadroon

Rainbow

Ramp

South African

Spaniard

Surinam

Tejano

Trigueno

Wesort