

Voluntary Self-Identification First Nation, Métis and Inuit at Niagara Health

At Niagara Health (NH), we are committed to improving the quality and safety of care for Indigenous patients and their families. When you access NH services, we invite you to voluntarily and confidentially, state if you self-identify as First Nation, Métis, or Inuit. Self-identification is based on how you define your Indigenous identity and proof is not required.

WHO IS BEING ASKED?

Every patient accessing care is asked if they self-identify as First Nation, Metis, or Inuit. No assumptions are made about anyone's identity.

HOW WILL SHARING MY IDENTITY HELP ME?

Your response will help us offer access to culturally relevant services and Indigenous-specific supports including the Indigenous Health Services team.

DO I HAVE TO ANSWER?

No, you do not have to answer. Participation is completely voluntary and will not affect the medical care you receive. No direct connection will be made with the Indigenous Health Services team.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I SAY YES?

Your response will be recorded on your electronic health record. Depending on what services you are accessing at Niagara Health, you may be asked if you would like to consent to the Indigenous Health Services team being notified of your visit. The Indigenous Health Services team can help connect you with Indigenous-specific resources and services. Your personal health information and experience will remain confidential.

The Indigenous Patient Relations Specialist can support patients and their families with safer sharing practices, including Elders and traditional medicines as requested.

If you have any concerns, please reach out to Indigenous Patient Relations Specialist:



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We encourage you to contact the Office of Patient Experience should you have any compliments, comments, concerns or suggestions regarding Niagara Health services.



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