

# RACE, ETHNICITY & INDIGENOUS IDENTITY DATA

**Let's achieve health equity together.**

We are gathering race, ethnicity & Indigenous data from patients to help us understand and close existing gaps in health care access, experience and outcomes.

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Earlier this year, Manitoba became the first Canadian Province to collect [Race, Ethnicity and Indigenous identity data](#) as part of the admission process at all hospitals and at CancerCare Manitoba's BreastCheck Program.

The initiative was part of a health-system wide effort to improve health equity, by collecting and assessing the data is to assess the quality (measured in terms of access, experience, and/or outcomes) of health care received by Manitoba's increasingly diverse population.

The data will further help identify gaps that exist and actions to address them. Throughout this effort, our priority has been on enhancing our understanding of those accessing care in our province, and ensuring that our programs, policies, and resources are equitably serving all Manitobans.

In the six months since this initiative began in May, 95 per cent of those who have accessed these services have voluntarily self-identified their race, ethnicity or Indigenous identity when asked. Thank you to all patients who have consented to the collection of data for this important initiative.

In the coming months, we will begin work to expand REI data collection to other appropriate areas in our healthcare system.

The REI Data Governance Steering Committee will also begin work on determining priority areas for data analysis, which will be followed by analysis and review of the findings, and development of both recommendations and an action plan.

The mandate of the REI Data Governance Steering Committee is to apply rights-based governance principles to the collection and use of the disaggregated REI data to maximize the potential for First Nations data collected through the REI work will be governed by the Health Information Research Governance Committee, the Chiefs mandated committee, who continue to provide oversight and governance over First Nations data.

Métis and Inuit specific data will require engagement with the appropriate governing bodies, to provide Nation specific governance and oversight of this data. Engagement is ongoing.

Public briefings on findings and next steps are expected to begin in the spring of 2024.



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