



Fast Facts about BC Cancer's New Indigenous Self-Identification

BC Cancer, through PHSA, is inviting patients to voluntarily and confidentially state if they have Indigenous ancestry (First Nations, Métis or Inuit). This self-identification is based on how you define your identity and is not based on whether you hold a First Nations status card or Métis citizenship.

Do you identify as Indigenous?

- All patients are asked this question during registration; no assumptions are made, no proof is required and **answering is voluntary, private and confidential**.
- BC Cancer is collecting information about whether patients identify as Indigenous (i.e. First Nations, Métis or Inuit) as part of its new, electronic patient record system.

Why am I being asked this?

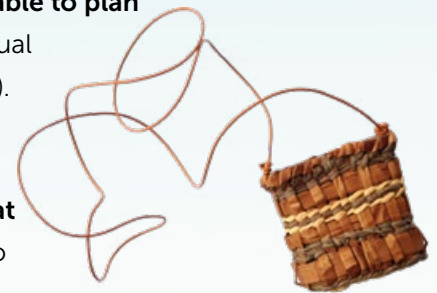
- BC Cancer is committed to providing person centered care. If you wish to self-identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Métis or Inuit) you may be asked a few more questions including if you have First Nations status or Métis citizenship, **and if you would like to be connected to culturally relevant resources and supports including our Indigenous patient navigator**.

How will this information be used?

- Collecting this information for the purpose of **monitoring cancer indicators is a commitment under BC's Indigenous Cancer Strategy and de-identified information on Indigenous patients will only be shared with BC Cancer's partners** – First Nations Health Authority, Métis Nation BC and BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres and regional health authorities - to inform the implementation of the Strategy.
- By knowing if patients are Indigenous, **BC Cancer staff and physicians are better able to plan and deliver culturally safe care** such as supporting access and integration of spiritual care and traditional healing practices into the patient's care plan (should they wish).

Do I have to answer?

- No, you can choose to not answer. **You have the right to self-identify in a way that makes you comfortable**. If you would like to change your response, you can do so at any time. No proof is required.



BC Cancer is committed to improving cancer outcomes for First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples in partnership with Indigenous communities and organizations. Collecting information about your ancestry will strengthen BC Cancer's ability to provide culturally safe care while reporting out on cancer indicators through the Indigenous Cancer Strategy.

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