

# Stage 2 Eligible Professional Meaningful Use Core Measures Measure 3 of 17

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Record Demographics	
Objective	Record the following demographics: preferred language, sex, race, ethnicity, date of birth.
Measure	More than 80 percent of all unique patients seen by the EP have demographics recorded as structured data.
Exclusion	No exclusion.

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## Definition of Terms

**Preferred Language** – The language by which the patient prefers to communicate.

**Unique Patient** – If a patient is seen by an EP more than once during the EHR reporting period, then for purposes of measurement that patient is only counted once in the denominator for the measure. All the measures relying on the term “unique patient” relate to what is contained in the patient’s medical record. Not all of this information will need to be updated or even be needed by the provider at every patient encounter. This is especially true for patients whose encounter frequency is such that they would see the same provider multiple times in the same EHR reporting period.

## Attestation Requirements

DENOMINATOR/ NUMERATOR/THRESHOLD

- DENOMINATOR: Number of unique patients seen by the EP during the EHR reporting period.
- NUMERATOR: The number of patients in the denominator who have all the elements of demographics (or a specific notation if the patient declined to provide one or more elements or if recording an element is contrary to state law) recorded as structured data.
- THRESHOLD: The resulting percentage must be more than 80 percent in order for an EP to meet this measure.

## Additional Information

- Race and ethnicity codes should follow current federal standards published by the Office of Management and Budget ([http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg\\_statpolicy/#dr](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg_statpolicy/#dr)).



- If a patient declines to provide all or part of the demographic information, or if capturing a patient’s ethnicity or race is prohibited by state law, such a notation entered as structured data would count as an entry for purposes of meeting the measure. In regards to patients who do not know their ethnicity, EPs should treat these patients the same way as patients who decline to provide race or ethnicity— identify in the patient record that the patient declined to provide this information.
- EPs are not required to communicate with the patient in his or her preferred language in order to meet the measure of this objective.
- The term “gender” in the Stage 1 objective is replaced with the term “sex” for Stage 2.
- In order to meet this objective and measure an EP must use the capabilities and standards of certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT) at 45 CFR 170.314(a)(3).

## Certification and Standards Criteria

Below is the corresponding certification and standards criteria for electronic health record technology that supports achieving the meaningful use of this objective.

Certification Criteria*	
§ 170.314(a)(3) Record demographics	<p>Enable a user to electronically record, change, and access patient demographic data including preferred language, sex, race, ethnicity, and date of birth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable race and ethnicity to be recorded in accordance with the standard specified in § 170.207(f) and whether a patient declines to specify race and/or ethnicity.</li> <li>• Enable preferred language to be recorded in accordance with the standard specified in § 170.207(g) and whether a patient declines to specify a preferred language.</li> </ul>

*\*Depending on the type of certification issued to the EHR technology, it will also have been certified to the certification criterion adopted at 45 CFR 170.314 (g)(1), (g)(2), or both, in order to assist in the calculation of this meaningful use measure.*

Standards Criteria	
§ 170.207(f) Race and Ethnicity	The Office of Management and Budget Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity, Statistical Policy Directive No. 15, as revised, October 30, 1997 (see “Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity,” available at <a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/fedreg_1997standards">http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/fedreg_1997standards</a> ).
§ 170.207(g) Preferred language	As specified by the Library of Congress, ISO 639-2 alpha-3 codes limited to those that also have a corresponding alpha-2 code in ISO 639-1. (Incorporated by reference in § 170.299).