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SEX

Section 97252

The patient's gender shall be reported as male, female, or unknown. Unknown indicates that the patient's sex was undetermined or not available from the medical record.

DISCUSSION

Specifications for reporting this data element with the Record Entry Form for online web entry of individual records or online data file transmission for encounters occurring on or after January 1, 2006:

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| <p>SEX F Female M Male U Unknown</p> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></div> |
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- The purpose of the “Sex” data element is to collect the patient’s biologic sex. Gender and gender identification are separate concepts and should not be considered in the reporting of “Sex.”
- In general, whenever a diagnosis or procedure is sex specific, the reported sex needs to be consistent with the reported diagnosis code.
- “Unknown” may be used in the case of undetermined sex and congenital abnormalities that obscure sex identification.