

**OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
CALIFORNIA INPATIENT DATA REPORTING MANUAL,  
MEDICAL INFORMATION REPORTING FOR CALIFORNIA, SEVENTH EDITION**

**SEX**

**Section 97217**

***(a) For discharges occurring up to and including December 31, 2016, the patient’s gender shall be reported as male, female, other, or unknown. “Other” includes sex changes, undetermined sex, and live births with congenital abnormalities that obscure sex identification. “Unknown” indicates that the patient’s sex was not available from the medical record.***

***(b) For discharges occurring **on or after January 1, 2017**, the patient’s sex shall be reported as recorded at admission as male, female or unknown. Unknown indicates that the patient’s sex was undetermined.***

DISCUSSION for (a)

Specifications for reporting this data element with the Record Entry Form for online web entry of individual records or online data file transmission for discharges occurring January 1, 2006 up to and including December 31, 2016:

<b>SEX</b>		
1 Male	3 Other	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
2 Female	4 Unknown	

In general, whenever a diagnosis or procedure is sex specific, the reported sex needs to be consistent with the reported diagnosis code.

“Other” may be used for sex change operations, including any procedures related to a sex change operation (e.g. hysterectomy, mastectomy, etc.).

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DISCUSSION for (b)

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, 2017**:

<p><b>SEX</b> F Female M Male U Unknown</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
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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.