How to ask the questions regarding race/ethnicity examples (American Hospital Association)

Below is a one page extract of how to ask the questions regarding race/ethnicity examples from the American Hospital Association for improving the collection and accuracy of the patient-reported race/ethnicity data.

Please use the QR code below to review the full website/resource related to this example.
Using Broad (OMB) Categories

"We want to make sure that all our patients get the best care possible. We would like you to tell us your racial/ethnic background so that we can review the treatment that all patients receive and make sure that everyone gets the highest quality of care."

Ethnicity Question

(OMB recommends asking ethnicity before race.)

Are you Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano
- Yes, Puerto Rican
- Yes, Cuban
- Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- Unavailable/Unknown
- Declined

Race Question

Which category best describes your race? (One or more categories may be marked)

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Some other race
- Declined
- Unavailable/Unknown