



Patient/Client Aboriginal Self Identification (ASI) – Phase I Fast Facts

- The Patient/Client Aboriginal Self Identification Pilot Project will launch July 29 in nine acute sites in the East Kootenay and Kootenay Boundary.
- All Emergency and Acute care patients will be asked if they wish to self identify as Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal during the registration process; no assumptions are being made as to who is Aboriginal. Identification is completely voluntary.
- When a patient self identifies as Aboriginal they will be asked a few more questions including whether or not they want to receive Aboriginal Patient Navigator services to help them through their stay.
- By knowing if patients are Aboriginal, IH staff and physicians are able to deliver more culturally sensitive care and integrate traditional practices into the patient's care plan.
- All information is completely confidential and protected by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
- The Ktunaxa Nation Council in IH East is fully supportive of this project and will be informing their members of the project.
- Interior Health will share de-identified information on Aboriginal patients with Aboriginal Governments for their health care planning purposes.