

Interior Health – Aboriginal Self-Identification

Recommendation to inform Community Members – Secwepemc Health Caucus, Aboriginal Self Identification Sub Committee

“Some of you may have been asked some specific questions about your identity when you have accessed services from Interior Health. Questions Include:

1. Are you Aboriginal? First Nations? Metis or Inuit?
2. Are you Status or Non-Status?
3. Do you live on Reserve?
4. What is your status card number?
5. Would you like to be referred to the Aboriginal Patient Navigator?

This is the Aboriginal Self-Identification project. It is mandated by the provincial government and is part of a larger data collection process called Aboriginal Administrative Data Standard. The Secwepemc Health Caucus (Health Directors and Chiefs) will be seeking more information on this project. I have many questions myself including what the data will be used for, and who has access to the data. I will keep you updated on what we learn about the project. Please talk to your community Health Director if you have any concerns.

YOU are under NO obligation to answer the questions. You will receive services even if you refuse to give the information.”

For more information please contact your community Health Director and/or the Secwepemc Hub Coordinator at 250-314-6732.