



July 1, 2002

TO: All Clinical Research Associates
FROM: Southwest Oncology Group Data Operations Center
RE: New categories for patient race

MEMORANDUM

In response to a National Cancer Institute mandate, effective immediately, patient race will be collapsed into five categories: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and White or Caucasian. The patient may select as many of these as applies. The definitions we have been given are as follows:

American Indian or Alaska Native: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North, Central or South America, and who maintains tribal affiliations or community attachment.

Asian: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent. Including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.

Black or African American: a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa and other Pacific islands.

White or Caucasian: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, Middle East, or North Africa

Beginning July 1, the web registration program will display these categories for new patient registrations to all studies. Registration Forms will be amended over time to reflect the new categories.

Please call the Data Operations Office at (206) 652-2267 if you have any questions.

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