

should review the parents' written responses and question them regarding any unusual answers. The categories listed in [Box 4-4](#) encompass children's current and past health status and information about their psychosocial environment.

Box 4-4

Outline of a Pediatric Health History

Identifying information

1. Name
2. Address
3. Telephone
4. Birth date and place
5. Race or ethnic group
6. Sex
7. Religion
8. Date of interview
9. Informant

Chief complaint (CC): To establish the major specific reason for the child's and parents' seeking of health care

Present illness (PI): To obtain all details related to the chief complaint

Past history (PH): To elicit a profile of the child's previous illnesses, injuries, or surgeries