

# SPECIFIC OR GRANULAR CATEGORIES

The general categories of race and ethnicity that many registration systems offer are very broad. Below are more specific or “granular” categories that are grouped within each broad category. Use them to help you select the correct category to code patient race, ethnicity, and language (REAL) choices that are not in your system.

## ETHNICITY

### Hispanic or Latino Origin Granular Categories

Andalusian	Catalonian	Cuban	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Valencian
Argentine	Central American Indian	Ecuadoran	Mexicano	Salvadoran	Venezuelan
Asturian	Castilian	Gallego	Nicaraguan	South American	
Balearic Islander	Chicano	Guatemalan	Panamanian	South American Indian	
Bolivian	Colombian	Honduran	Paraguayan	Spaniard	
Brazilian	Costa Rican	La Raza	Peruvian	Spanish Basque	
Canal Zone	Criollo	Latin American	Portuguese	Uruguayan	

## RACE

### American Indian/Alaska Native Granular Categories

Be aware that more than 500 tribal groupings (too numerous to list here) exist. For the most recent list of federally recognized tribal entities, see the current year’s *Federal Register* notice. A link can be found at the Department of Interior Indian Affairs website: <http://www.bia.gov/DocumentLibrary/index.htm>.

### Asian Granular Categories

Asian Indian	Cambodian	Indonesian	Laotian	Nepalese	Sri Lankan
Bangladeshi	Chinese	Iwo Jiman	Madagascan	Okinawan	Taiwanese
Bhutanese	Filipino	Japanese	Malaysian	Pakistani	Thai
Burmese	Hmong	Korean	Maldivian	Singaporean	Vietnamese

### Black or African American Granular Categories

African	Barbadian	Ethiopian	Namibian	Trinidadian
African American	Botswanan	Haitian	Nigerian	West Indian
Black	Dominican	Jamaican	Somalian	Zairean
Bahamian	Dominica Islander	Liberian	Tobagonian	

### Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander Granular Categories

Carolinian	Guamanian	Marshallese	Palauan	Saipanese	Tokelauan
Chamorro	Kiribati	Melanesian	Papau New Guinean	Samoan	Tongan
Chuukese	Kosraean	Micronesian	Pohnpeian	Solomon Islander	Vanuatu
Fijian	Marian Islander	Native Hawaiian	Polynesian	Tahitian	Yapese

### White Granular Categories

Afgan	Egyptian	German	Israeli	North African	Scottish
Arab	English	Iranian (Persian)	Italian	Palestinian	Syrian
Armenian	European	Iraqi	Lebanese	Polish	
Assyrian	French	Irish	Middle Eastern	Russian	

\*The granular categories above are derived from the national data set titled: *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Race and Ethnicity Code Set - Version 1.0*. Downloaded on September 5, 2014, from:  
[http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/dvs/Race\\_Ethnicity\\_CodeSet.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/dvs/Race_Ethnicity_CodeSet.pdf).

### LANGUAGE

Results from a survey of selected essential hospitals identified these top five patient self-reported languages:

**Spanish**

**Chinese/Cantonese/Mandarin**

**Vietnamese**

**Arabic**

**Tagalog**

Based upon your experience as a registrar, list the three to five most common languages you have noted among your patients. If you're not sure, ask your manager to help you with this activity:

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