

SPARCS  
Description of Quality Report

Report Name:

- Race\_Ethnic\_IP\_YR
- Race\_Ethnic\_AS\_YR
- Race\_Ethnic\_ED\_YR

Report Description:

- Validation to see if hospitals are reporting Race and Ethnicity elements accurately.

Name of Data Element(s):

- Race
- Ethnicity

Used For:

- Hospitals can use this report to compare how they report race and ethnicity compared to other hospitals statewide.
- Hospital's reported race and ethnicity are used throughout the Department of Health as well as by researchers throughout the country.

Frequency of Report:

- This will be an annual report, refreshed bi-annually on the HPN. The report is produced using both inpatient and outpatient data.

Criteria for Maintaining Quality or Meeting Threshold:

- Initially, SPARCS will be checking to ensure that a hospital's reported "unknowns" are not significantly less than or greater than the statewide average.

Impact of Poor Reporting:

- Hospitals will receive notification if we believe data is reported incorrectly, or either data element reported is less than or greater than 10 percent than previously reported.
- The Department of Health and researchers throughout the country use race and ethnicity and rely on it to be accurate.