# ONC Update 2025: Patient Demographics

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DrChrono has updated how patient information is stored and managed in the DrChrono system to meet new healthcare data standards for USCDI v3 (United States Core Data for Interoperability). The modifications are to ensure compliance with the latest standards and to enhance the overall quality and accuracy of patient information within the DrChrono EHR platform.

## Why This Update Matters

- Help ensure your patient information is accurately recorded
- Allow better information sharing between different healthcare systems
- Are required by healthcare regulations that all systems must follow by December 31, 2025

## What Has Changed

Users will notice some new or expanded fields for patient information in the system. These changes make it easier to record complete and accurate details about patients.

Let's take a closer look!

## Patient Information Section

| Requirement | Update |
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| Race field dropdown options | <ul><li>Removed "Decline to Specify"</li><li>Added "Asked but Unknown"</li><li>Added "Unknown"</li></ul> |
| Race sub-category | <ul><li>Dropdown option is available</li></ul> |
| Ethnicity sub-categories | <ul><li>When a user selects Hispanic or Latino as their ethnicity, the ethnicity subcategory field will only display for users to choose single/multiple options relevant to Hispanic or Latino identities.</li></ul> |
| Sex field dropdown options | <ul><li>Removed "Declined to Specify"</li><li>Added "Asked but Declined"</li></ul> |
| Sex for Clinical Use field<ul><li>This field can be enable via request.</li><li>(For internal use) Feature flag name is enable_patient_demo_sex</li></ul> | <ul><li>located under the Sex field</li><li>is not required to enter data</li><li>single select dropdown menu includes<ul><li>null/blank</li><li>male</li><li>female</li><li>specified</li><li>unknown</li></ul></li></ul> |

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| Sexual orientation field | Dropdown menu changes<br>• Added "Sexually attracted to neither male nor female sex"<br>• Removed "Lesbian or Gay"<br>• Added "Homosexual (Lesbian or Gay)"<br>• Removed "Choose not to disclose"<br>• Added "Asked But Declined" |
| Gender identity field | Added new dropdown menu options<br>• identifies as nonbinary gender<br>• identifies as non-conforming gender<br>• identifies as female gender<br>• identifies as male gender<br><br>Removed<br>• Male-to-Female (MTF)/Transgender Female/Trans Woman option<br>• Female-to-Male (FTM)/Transgender Male/Trans Man option<br><br>Added<br>• Male-to-female transsexual<br>• Female-to-male transsexual<br><br>Removed "Choose not to disclose"<br><br>Added "Asked But Declined" |

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| Pronouns field | <ul><li>located between Sexual Orientation and Race.</li><li>not required to enter data</li><li>single select dropdown menu includes</li></ul><ul><li>default value of null</li><li>he/him/his/his/himself</li><li>she/her/her/hers/herself</li><li>they/them/their/theirs/themselves</li><li>ze/zir/zir/zirs/zirself</li><li>xie/hir ("here")/hir/hirs/hirself</li><li>co/co/cos/cos/coself</li><li>en/en/ens/ens/enself</li><li>ey/em/eir/eirs/emself</li><li>yo/yo/yos/yos/yoself</li><li>ve/vis/ver/ver/verself</li></ul> |
| Tribal affiliation field | <ul><li>located between Race and Subcategories field</li><li>will only display when  "American Indian" is selected as the race.</li><li>tribal affiliations are specific to American Indian only</li><li>not required to enter data</li><li>a multi-select field</li></ul> |
| Suffix field | Added free text field (ie:  Sr., Jr., etc.) |
| Date of death field | Added field |
| Preferred language | Added field |
| Previous name | Added field |

## Care Team Members

| Term | Update |
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| Practitioner profile | <ul><li>Name</li><li>Identifier (ie: NPI or Nurse ID)</li><li>Role<ul><li>single select dropdown menu</li></ul></li><li>Location (physical address of the practitioner or organization)</li><li>Contact information (phone number or email address)</li><li>Status (the current engagement of the care team member)<ul><li>single select dropdown menu options include<ul><li>null or blank</li><li>proposed</li><li>active</li><li>suspended</li><li>inactive</li><li>entered in error</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>Reference<ul><li>single select dropdown menu options include<ul><li>null or blank</li><li>patient</li><li>practitioner</li><li>related person</li><li>organization</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>Related person profile (ie: family, caregivers, guardians, etc.)<ul><li>name</li><li>identifier (employee ID or guardian ID)</li><li>role (ie: primary caregiver)</li><li>location (physical address)</li><li>contact information (phone number or email address)</li><li>reference<ul><li>single select dropdown menu options include<ul><li>null or blank</li><li>patient</li><li>practitioner</li><li>related person</li><li>organization</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul> |
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