

## Variability in collection and use of race/ethnicity and language data in 93 pediatric hospitals.

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[Language](#) and [cultural](#) barriers can diminish patient safety. This survey of pediatric hospitals across the United States and Canada explored the use of patient/family race, ethnicity, and [language preference](#) data. While most hospitals routinely collected language preferences and patient race/ethnicity, parent or guardian race/ethnicity was collected less often. Few hospitals stratified quality and safety measures by race/ethnicity or language preference, which may hinder efforts to identify and eliminate disparities in care.