

A detail from the "Cedar Woman and Man" totem by Hwunu'metse (Simon Charlie) 1919–2005, from Kwa'mutsun, part of the Quw'utsun' Tribes. Duncan, BC.



Voluntary Indigenous Self-Identification

A confidential self-identification process for patients and residents who identify as First Nations, Métis, Inuit, or Indigenous from outside of Canada.

- Island Health is working to improve access to care for Indigenous peoples by asking every person who registers at Island Health if they wish to self-identify as Indigenous.
 - Voluntarily self-identifying as Indigenous helps us proactively offer you access to Indigenous specific services, such as an Indigenous Liaison Nurse (ILN) or Indigenous Patient Navigator (IPN), if available at your care site.
 - This information will also help Island Health better understand how to improve delivery, access and responsiveness of programs and services to support the overall health status of Indigenous peoples on Vancouver Island.
- Some important things to know about Indigenous Self-Identification:**
- Self-identification is completely voluntary and will not affect the level of care you receive.
 - When registering, all patients will be asked if they wish to self-identify as Indigenous. No assumptions are made about a person's identity and no documentation is required.
 - All information is confidential and protected by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

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