

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, or Inuit

- 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 First Nations, Métis or Inuit.
- 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 look at the overall health status of Indigenous peoples on Vancouver Island, and see where we can improve access and responsiveness of programs and services.

Some important things to know about Indigenous Self-Identification:

- Self-Identification is completely voluntary and will not affect the level of care you receive.
- We ask all people registering at Island Health if they wish to self-identify as Indigenous – no assumptions are made about a person's identity.
- If you have Indigenous ancestry, you may self-identify. This is based on how you define your identity. No documentation is necessary.
- All information is confidential and protected by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

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