

Specify a Patient's Sexual Orientation

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OP sets **all defaults to share all information**. Any individual decisions by Practice-users to restrict information sharing (access, use, or exchange) are the responsibility of the Practice in the implementation of its 21st Century Cures Act Information Blocking policies and procedures for its Practice and patients.

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About

A patient's sexual orientation, when provided, should be recorded in the **Basic Information (Demographics)** of their chart. This is not a mandatory field and defaults to **Don't Know**. The patient's orientation should only be populated if the patient has declared to identify as one of the options in the drop-down list.

Orientation:	Don't Know
Details:	Lesbian, gay or homosexual
Language:	Straight or heterosexual
	Bisexual
Primary address:	Other, please specify
	Don't Know
	Declined to specify

Selecting Sexual Orientation

1. Navigate to **Basic Information** in the patient's chart.
2. Click the **Orientation** field drop-down.
3. Select the appropriate sexual orientation as it relates to the patient's declaration.

Note:



- If **Other, please specify** is selected, the Details field is available to add additional details if necessary.
- If the sexual orientation of the patient is stated to be sensitive information, it is recommended to enter this information in General Notes or the Problem List with the Visibility set to higher than Any staff member.

Including Sexual Orientation in Reports

Orientation is not an included field when the patient's demographics are printed and is not included in the Demographic Analysis and Recall report. However, practices can choose to include this information in Interoperability documents and exchanges by selecting the checkbox to do so in the **Special > Medical** tab in **Global Preferences**. This checkbox defaults as deselected.

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Overview

A patient's sexual orientation, when provided, should be recorded in the **Basic Information (Demographics)** of their patient chart. This is not a mandatory field and defaults to **Unknown**.

Orientation:	Unknown
Language:	Lesbian, gay or homosexual
	Straight or heterosexual
Primary address:	Bisexual
	Other
	Unknown
Country/country:	Declined to specify

It should only be populated if the patient has declared to identify as one of the following:

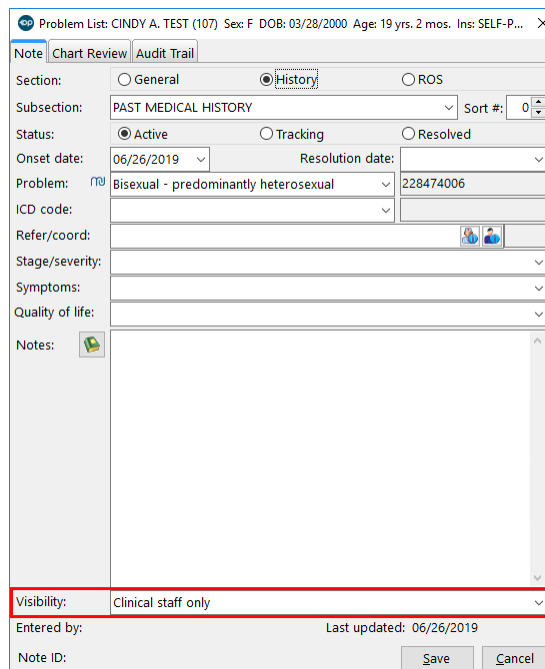
- **Lesbian, gay or homosexual**
- **Straight or heterosexual**
- **Bisexual**
- **Other**
- **Declined to specify**

Selecting Sexual Orientation

1. Navigate to **Basic Information** in the patient's chart.
2. Click the **Orientation** field drop-down.
3. Select the appropriate sexual orientation as it relates to the patient's declaration.

Note:

- If **Other** is selected and additional details are necessary, it is recommended to enter the details as a general note in the patient's chart.
- If the sexual orientation of the patient is stated to be sensitive information, it is recommended to select **Unknown** and make an entry in the patient's Problem List under an appropriate privacy constraint.



Problem List: CINDY A. TEST (107) Sex: F DOB: 03/28/2000 Age: 19 yrs. 2 mos. Ins: SELF-P...

Section: General History ROS

Subsection: PAST MEDICAL HISTORY Sort #: 0

Status: Active Tracking Resolved

Onset date: 06/26/2019 Resolution date:

Problem: Bisexual - predominantly heterosexual ICD code: 228474006

Refer/coord:

Stage/severity:

Symptoms:

Quality of life:

Notes:

Visibility: Clinical staff only

Entered by: Last updated: 06/26/2019

Note ID: Save Cancel

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selecting the checkbox to do so in the **Special > Medical** tab in [Global Preferences](#). This checkbox is defaulted as unchecked.
