Immigration Health 101: A Fact Sheet for Providers



Immigration-related information may not be protected under HIPAA & may be disclosed by court order.

Do NOT document patient immigration status in the chart

DO's and DO NOT's of Discussing Immigration in Clinical Settings:

DO

- Create a safe space
- Listen & be professional
- Use interpreters
- Remember: immigration-related information may not be protected under HIPAA
- Protect privacy
- Consider discussing Family Preparedness Plans

DO NOT

- Assume your patient's immigration status
- Provide legal advice (may refer to legal services)
- Record information about citizenship status, nation of origin, or criminal history
- Give false information or optimism

What about Law Enforcement?

YNHHS Staff are **not authorized** to release patient, employee, or family information under any circumstance.

If a Law Enforcement Officer (including from FBI, DHS, or ICE) arrives (even with a warrant or subpoena) **contact Protective Services**.

Important Phone Numbers:

Protective Services 203-688-2500
Legal and Risk Services Department 203-688-2291
Off-Shift Administrator 203-430-9734





