

Documenting Gender in Med Access in NL

eDOCSNL has developed and deployed a Social Profile item to document Gender information in NL that is now available in all NL EMR instances. The template can be found in the Social Profile options as "Sex and Gender". You may need to favorite this item in order to easily use it in your EMR.

Profile

Category

Social Hx

Type

Sex and Gender

Description

Sex and Gender

Onset Date

dd-MMM-yyyy

Status

Current

Reported Date

13-Jun-2024

Confirmation Status

Confirmed

Risk Factor

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Confidential

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← Observations

Gender

Sex at birth

☐ Female
 ☐ Male

Organ Inventory

☐ Intersex
 ☐ Breasts
 ☐ Penis
 ☐ Cervix
 ☐ Prostate
 ☐ Uterus
 ☐ Testicles
 ☐ Ovaries
 ☐ Fallopian Tubes
 ☐ Vagina

If you need any assistance finding and favoriting the Profile item, please reach out to us at info@edocsnl.ca

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why is this feature being deployed now?

A: The ability to document Gender Identity in the Demographics tab in Med Access was part of a Service Pack Telus released nationally in August 2023. After extensive provincial consultation it was felt that the content did not meet NL jurisdictional requirements. In September 2023, we asked Telus to roll back this feature in NL and alerted users we would deliver content that meets NL clinical requirements and enhances confidentiality around this potentially sensitive conversation between patient and provider, this is that promised piece of content.

Q: Why not document Gender in Demographics?

A: On consultation with all relevant stakeholders, it was decided that documenting in the demographics screen has the potential to compromise privacy and confidential for affected clients. It was also acknowledged that this topic is more medical in nature than what could appropriately be covered at registration.

Q: Who was involved in making this decision?

A: We consulted jurisdictional subject matter experts, the Department of Health and Community Services, the NLMA and our own Clinical Advisory Committee, which has representation from Fee For Service and NLHS salaried clinicians from across the province.

Q: Why was the Category of Social Hx selected for this profile item?

A: Acknowledging that the choices were limited by categories available in Med Access, it was felt by all stakeholders that, while not perfect, Social Hx is the best fit for the content. It is not correct to position Gender as a medical "condition", nor is a person's Gender a Lifestyle choice, which were the only two other practical category options.

Q: I am unfamiliar with the terminology in this Profile item, how can i educate myself so I can use this properly?

A: The Government of Canada has an online resource which includes definitions, found [HERE](#). The Family Practice Renewal Program also has a Gender Affirming Care course, details on which can be found [HERE](#).