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Is Your Clinic Collecting Race Data?

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase, president of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom.

As I said yesterday, we’re looking for stories from you to share with policymakers. Today I’m going to talk about the state and federal initiatives that require your doctors and hospitals to collect race, ethnicity and other sensitive private data from patients.

I have heard that clinics are beginning to ask patients to declare their race, sex, gender, ethnicity, and primary language. Sexual preference may be next. This divisive racial and cultural profiling in the exam room aims at using civil rights law to advance national health care.

Please ask for a copy of the clinic documents used to ask for the data. We’d like to see them and hear if you refused and what happened. We need real life examples.

Is your clinic collecting race data? Contact me through the feedback option at www.healthfreedomminute.net. That’s healthfreedomminute.net.