

EXHIBIT A-2

MAPPING OF “ETHNICITY” VALUES

Data Sources	VHA Medical SAS Datasets		VHA Medical SAS Datasets		VA OEF/OIF/OND Roster Source: Department of Defense	VHA Vital Status File Source: Medicare	WHEI ETHNICITY Values*
	ETHNIC (SF, FY04-FY13)	ETHNIC (Inpatient Main, FY03-FY13)	RACE (SF, FY00-FY03, FY04-FY13†)	RACE (Inpatient Main, FY00-FY02, FY03-FY13‡)	ETHNICITY	CMS_RACE	
Ethnicity Values from Original Source File	Hispanic or Latino		Hispanic White, Hispanic Black		Puerto Rican; Mexican; Cuban; Latin American with Hispanic Descent; Other Hispanic Descent	Hispanic	Hispanic
	Not Hispanic or Latino		American Indian§		Asian Indian; Chinese; Filipino; Guamanian; Japanese; Korean; Vietnamese; Other Asian descent; Aleut; Eskimo; U.S./Canadian Indian tribes; Melanesian; Micronesians; Polynesian; Other Pacific Islander descent	North American Native§	Non-Hispanic
			Asian§			Asian§	
			Black			Black§	
			White			White§	
Unknown; Declined to Answer; Missing		Unknown; Missing		Other; None; Unknown	Other; Unknown	Unknown	

- * Within each data source within each fiscal year, we replaced the ethnicity value found in the original data source file with this WHEI reassigned ethnicity value during data processing.
- † Starting in FY04, RACE values in the SF file were no longer being populated, although the previously-populated legacy value was carried forward in subsequent years’ files.
- ‡ Starting in FY03, RACE values in the Inpatient Main files were no longer being populated, although the previously-populated legacy value was carried forward in subsequent years’ files.
- § Although it is possible that individuals with these race values could be Hispanic, WHEI mapped these to “non-Hispanic” due to the fact that “Hispanic” was a response option in these files but was not selected for the individual.
- || Includes “Unknown,” “Declined to Answer,” “Missing,” “Other,” and “None.”