



Measuring progress toward health equity is critical to ensuring all patients can achieve the best possible health outcomes. IHA has launched the 2024 *Racial Health Equity Progress Report* (Progress Report) as we continue to support members on their health equity journey.

Offered for the fourth straight year, the Progress Report is a quality improvement tool that members complete to track advancement toward health equity within and across hospitals and health systems. We encourage all IHA members to complete this year's 32-question [Progress Report assessment survey](#) through our simple online form.

To assist your organization in completing the form, IHA has developed:

- A comprehensive [Progress Report Guidance Document](#) that covers the structure of the Progress Report, process recommendations, a description of key composite metrics, along with resources and terminology; and
- A Progress Report Planning Form, which allows your team to draft and compile your responses, then input them into [this fillable PDF](#) before entering them into the online assessment survey.

October 11 is the deadline to submit your organization's 2024 Progress Report assessment survey. IHA will lead a [complimentary, half-hour webinar](#) on the submission process on September 12 at 10 am. The webinar will answer common questions that arise during the submission process, as well as highlight the benefits of completing the Progress Report. [Click here](#) to register.

The Progress Report looks at health equity through four lenses—our people, our organization, our patients and our community—to help focus your efforts. While the report centers on racial health equity, all hospitals will benefit from completing it, no matter the racial/ethnic makeup of the communities you serve. See our [Progress Report flyer](#) to learn more.

After submitting the Progress Report assessment survey, in early 2025, your organization will receive an analytic report with results that can be used to guide your health equity efforts in the year ahead.

Achieving maximum participation among IHA members is essential to understanding opportunities to enhance health equity in your own organization. It's critical that all hospitals and health systems participate as we continue to assess our progress—both individually and as a hospital community.

IHA encourages all members to participate in our fourth annual Progress Report. Sustained commitment to utilizing the Progress Report allows for comprehensive benchmarking with peers and helps to inform strategies to collectively reduce health disparities in Illinois.

IHA will not share individual hospital data submitted for the Progress Report with anyone outside of the submitting organization without permission.

#### Voluntary Opt-In to Nationally Focused Administration of the Racial Health Equity Progress Report

The 2024 IHA (Illinois-focused) Progress Report will include a voluntary opt-in to the *Nationally Focused Administration of the Racial Health Equity Progress Report Pilot* (Nationally Focused Progress Report) for hospitals that would like to participate in both. The Nationally Focused Progress Report is funded through a grant from the Commonwealth Fund and is led by Rush University Medical Center (RUSH) and University of Chicago Medical Center (UChicago).

Organizations that opt in to the Nationally Focused Progress Report will receive both statewide and national benchmarking reports. All responses will be treated as confidential by the Nationally Focused Progress Report and no individually identifiable

information will be released without your expressed, written permission. However, Nationally Focused Progress Report coordinators, RUSH and UChicago, may share de-identified aggregate data derived from your answers in an effort to validate, refine and scale the Progress Report.

Please direct questions about the Progress Report to [HealthEquity@team-ih.org](mailto:HealthEquity@team-ih.org).

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