

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND INFORMATION  
CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AND  
AMBULATORY SURGERY PATIENT DATA REPORTING MANUAL, FIFTH EDITION**

**SEX**

**Section 97252**

***The patient's sex shall be reported as male, female, or unknown. Unknown indicates that the patient's sex was undetermined or not available from the medical record.***

**DISCUSSION**

Specifications for reporting this data element with the Record Entry Form for online web entry of individual records or online data file transmission:

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| <p><b>SEX</b><br/>F Female<br/>M Male<br/>U Unknown</p> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></div> |
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- The purpose of the “Sex” data element is to collect the patient’s biologic sex. Gender and gender identification are separate concepts and should not be considered in the reporting of “Sex.”
- In general, whenever a diagnosis or procedure is sex specific, the reported sex needs to be consistent with the reported diagnosis code.
- “Unknown” may be used in the case of undetermined sex and congenital abnormalities that obscure sex identification when not available in the medical record.