

Standard 4 - Nationality

Inaccurate reporting of Nationality directly compromises patient safety by obscuring genetic predispositions and geographic health risks critical for precise clinical diagnosis. Errors in nationality prevent clinicians from applying population-specific screening protocols and identifying regional disease outbreaks, leading to delayed treatments or diagnostic oversights.

To eliminate these risks, all facilities must verify identity via Emirates ID or Passport to ensure the patient's legal nationality is accurately captured for informed clinical risk assessment.

Requirement

Data Item	Description	Data Type	Example	Required / Optional
Nationality	Patient's country of citizenship	Coded	Use ISO 3166-1 alpha-3 country codes or the standardized dropdown menu.	Required. If a patient changes nationality (e.g., dual citizenship or new passport), the primary nationality linked to the UAE residency visa must be prioritized.

Timeline - 6 months from circular issue date.