

Performing the Sociocultural Assessment

➤ Our EMR-based tool (Cerner)

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Preferred Language:

English Arabic Vietnamese
 Spanish Polish

Interpreter Needed: Y N *If yes, please add to Chart Alerts.*

Preferred Method of Communication Regarding Health Issues:

Verbal with Primary Caregiver
 Written to Primary Caregiver
 Discussion with other family member or friend (specify: ___)

Spiritual Preference

Christian Muslim None Other ___
 Catholic Jewish

Dietary Restrictions

No Meat Vegan None Other ___
 No Pork

Use of complementary alternative medicine

Teas Acupuncture None Other: ___
 Chiropractor

Specific Socio-Cultural Issues

Transportation Issues Domestic Violence
 Family Members in Jail Bullying at School or Work
 Homelessness

Intervention- provided reassurance, discussion re:

Seen today by:

Social Worker Health Steps Specialist Other ___

➤ **Social Context “Review of Systems”**

Control Over Environment

- Is money a big problem in your life? Are you ever short of food or clothing?
- How do you keep track of appointments?
- Are you more concerned about how your health affects you right now or how it might affect you in the future?

Change in Environment

- What is your country (city, town) of origin?
- What made you decide to come to this country (city, town)? When did you come?
- How have you found life here compared with life in your country (city, town)? What was medical care like there compared with here?

Social Stressors and Support Network

- What is causing the most difficulty or stress in your life? How do you deal with this?
- Do you have friends or relatives on whom you can call for help? Who are they? Do they live close to you?
- Are you very involved in a religious or social group? Do you feel that God (or a higher power) provides a strong source of support in your life?

Literacy and Language

- Do you have trouble reading your medication bottles or appointment slips?
- What language do you speak at home? Do you ever feel that you have difficulty communicating everything you want to say to the doctor or staff?

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