


SIGE FORM PILOT


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In collaboration with Pureform Radiology and SAIT

Topics

- Why was the SIGE Form created?
 - What is the SIGE Form?
 - Pilot project
 - Results
 - Updated terminology
 - Next steps
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WHY?

- Gender landscape is changing
 - Sexual and gender minorities are marginalized including in health care settings
 - Create an inclusive and safer space for all patients
 - Gender expression versus sex assigned at birth
 - Ensure staff are using correct name and pronouns
 - Proper placement of gonadal shielding during x-ray exams
 - Verify pregnancy status
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SIGE Form

SIGE Form (sex, identity, gender, expression)

1. My preferred name:
2. My preferred pronoun: he/him she/her they/them other _____

Your doctor has ordered an x-ray.

We use ionizing radiation in order to obtain the images your doctor has requested. As x-ray technologists, it is our professional duty to protect patients as best as possible from any unnecessary exposure. This includes shielding reproductive tissue whenever possible. Please complete this form to help us determine how to best protect you during your x-ray today.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to speak with the technologist prior to your exam.

3. Where are your reproductive organs currently?
 - Internal (ovaries, uterus)
 - External (testes)
 - I do not have any reproductive organs
 - I am unsure of the answer (please speak to the technologist prior to your exam)

*****COMPLETE BELOW IF YOU HAVE INDICATED INTERNAL REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS*****

Ionizing radiation may be harmful to a fetus. To ensure that there is no possibility of pregnancy please answer the following questions:

When was the start date of your last menstrual cycle (period)? _____

If the start date is more than 10 days ago please answer the following:
How can you be certain that you are not pregnant?

Pilot Project

- Aim of study:
 - To determine patient acceptability and compliance of completing the SIGE Form (Sex, Identity, Gender, Expression) prior to having a diagnostic imaging exam.
- Approval through SAIT Research Ethics Board
- Method

October 2017 – January 2018

2 Pureform clinics participated

Patient consent, SIGE Form, Questionnaire


	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neutral	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
I understood what the question was asking me					
I understood all of the choices					
The question was easy for me to answer					
I think this is important information to provide to the x-ray technologist					
I would provide this information prior to having an x-ray exam					

Results

A total of 41 forms and questionnaires were completed

- 38/41 (92.7%) answered strongly agreed or agreed with the following statement:
 - I understood all the choices
 - 39/41 (95.1%) answered strongly agreed or agreed with the following statement:
 - I think this is important information to provide to the x-ray technologist
 - 40/41 (97.6%) answered strongly agreed or agreed with the following statement:
 - I would provide this information prior to having an x-ray exam
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Updated Terminology

- Affirmed Name/Name in Use/Legal name
 - Pronoun
 - All-gender washrooms
 - Gender non-conforming
 - Sexual and gender minorities (SGM)
 - Transgender and non-binary (TGNB)
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New Version

1. Name in use _____

2. What is your pronoun? He/him She/her They/their other _____

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Internal (ovaries, uterus) _____

External (testes) _____

I do not have any reproductive organs _____

I am unsure of the answer _____
(please speak to the technologist prior to your exam)

*****COMPLETE BELOW IF YOU HAVE INDICATED INTERNAL REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS*****


Ionizing radiation may be harmful to a fetus, therefore we must ensure that there is no possibility of pregnancy.

When was the start date of your last period? _____

If the start date is more than 10 days ago please answer the following:

How can you be certain that you are not pregnant?

Next Steps

- Assessing departmental workflow
 - Training of all staff
 - Visibility of inclusive space (buttons, lanyards, posters)
 - Support of all departments
 - New version of form to include all DI modalities
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Thank you!

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