Why should I manage patient ownership and status?
Managing patient ownership and status improves the accuracy of reports generated from the Washington State Immunization Information System (IIS) to measure immunization rates or send reminders about due or overdue immunizations.

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*Patient Status is defined at three levels in the IIS (State, County and Organization). State and County are automatically updated by the IIS, see more on geographic jurisdictional status on page 4.

What is patient ownership (at an Organizational level)?
Patient ownership means a patient is associated with a specific organization and facility in the IIS. For owning organizations/facilities:
- You will “own” a patient if your facility adds a new patient in the IIS.
- You will also “own” a patient if your facility administered the most recent vaccine.
  - If you manually enter vaccines in the IIS and do not want to take ownership of a patient, you can select the Do not take ownership check box on the Vaccination View/Add screen.

Tip: Only one facility can own a patient’s IIS record at a time.

Who can own a patient in the IIS?
Most organizations and facilities who administer vaccines can own patients in the IIS. Some exceptions include schools, child care centers, pharmacies, and mobile/mass immunization providers. The ability to own patients in the IIS depends on how an organization and facility are set up in the system.

Tip: Ownership can be blocked at the organization and facility level. If an organization or facility has ownership blocked, they can’t take ownership of any patient records in the IIS. All patients will appear as Inactive or Deceased for non-owning organizations.

What is patient status?
- Patient status determines whether a patient is “active” or “inactive” with a facility.
  - There are three status options in the IIS: active, inactive, and deceased.
- Patients automatically display as “active” if an owning organization/facility:
  - Creates a new patient record.
  - Documents an administered vaccine.
- Facilities need to routinely inactivate patients in the IIS in order to have accurate reports (e.g. reminder/recall).

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How can I change a patient’s status in the demographic screen?
1. Search for the patient in the IIS.
2. Select the patient from the Search Results.
3. Click the Edit button on the Patient Demographics screen.
4. In the Patient Status drop down box at the top of the screen, select a status, then click Save on the bottom right of the screen.
5. After saving the change, you can view the updated Patient Status on the Patient Demographics screen.

Tip: Non-owning organizations, such as schools and pharmacies, will only have Inactive and Deceased listed in the Patient Status drop down.

How can I manage my patient population?
1. In the left navigation menu, select Manage Population from under the Patient heading.
2. The report parameters will display at the top of the page. The options include: selecting patients owned by my organization/facility or patients that I have vaccinated. You can also limit the report by patient status, birth date range, or vaccination date range.
3. Click Search to display the patient list.

Under Patient Population Results, you can change ownership and status based upon your user account type and your organization type.

Tip: Inactivating a patient does not change the organization owner on the Patient Demographics screen. It removes the patient from showing up on reports (e.g. coverage rate report, reminder/recall) when they are run for “active patients only.”
Patient Status
If your organization is set up to own patients, you can change the patient status to active, inactive, or deceased by selecting a status from the Status drop down.

Patient Ownership
For facility level users, you can remove ownership by selecting I no longer own this patient from the Owning Facility drop down.

For organization level users, you can change the facility that owns the patient in the Owning Facility drop down (if you have multiple facilities under your organization in the IIS). You can also remove your organization as the owner of a patient using the Owning Organization drop down.

Tip: Only remove ownership if a patient is no longer seeking medical care from your organization or facility.
NEW! Geographic Jurisdiction Status at the County and State Level

Patient status is now also assessed at the geographic-jurisdiction level. This addition will improve the overall status grouping of patients in the IIS.

Inactive patients at the provider level that have an instate address will be active with the county and state that they reside in. This will allow the public health departments to assess patient populations to ensure immunization of these populations.

Patients with an out of state address will display as inactive at the geographic jurisdiction level thus displaying a more complete picture of the in-state patient population. The geographic jurisdiction status is automatically set based upon the cases defined below.

1. If a patient has an in-state address in the IIS, the status would display as: Active in both State and County Level.

2. If a patient has an out of state address, the status would display as: Inactive in both State and County Level.

3. If a patient has no address but a vaccination was given from in-state provider: the patient status would display as Active State and Active County.

4. If there is not an address recorded for patient and the vaccinating provider does not have an IIS address event: the patient status would display as Unknown State and Unknown County.

5. Deceased Status applies to all three categories: State, County, and Organizational.