


What's New for 2015

Please see [Changes to Patient Characteristics Survey Form](#)  for a description of new and revised questions. Changes to the application are outlined below.

Changes to the Application

The 2013 Patient Characteristics Survey (PCS) application included a link to a survey and a request that Supervisors share the link with their staff. The survey requested feedback on the survey application and suggestions for future improvement. OMH received only 70 responses; substantially fewer than in 2011. Some examples of improvements being made in the 2015 PCS Application based on the recommendations are listed below.

- **Browser:** The 2015 application will be compliant with Internet Explorer 9, 10 and 11.
- **Top Menu:** For easier access, we moved name and contact information for your facility's PCS Coordinator, Security Manager and other PCS Users to the top menu.
- **Diagnoses:** Diagnoses may be sorted by code or label. Diagnosis labels match the published Diagnostic and Statistical Manual so that they are easier to find after a sort
- **Printing submissions:** It will be easier to print forms and fields will be expanded to show the full response set; not just the selected response.
- **Imported data:** Several corrections are being made to imports of data from the Child and Adult Integrated Recording System and Mental Health Automated Recording System.
- **Feedback Survey:** Users will be able to access the feedback survey from additional locations.