



PATIENT IDENTIFICATION - LABORATORY

POLICY: Patient identification is verified prior to specimen collection.

Inpatient and E.R. Identification:

Inpatients and ER patients are issued identification wristbands upon admission. These ID bracelets will be used in conjunction with written orders and verbal questions of the patient (full name and DOB). All information must match exactly before the patient can be drawn.

If the patient is unable to provide this information, the information may be verified by a caregiver or relative that has accompanied the patient.

Non-emergent E.R. and in-patients without an identification bracelet attached to a limb will NOT have blood drawn.

Outpatient Identification: (for Lab work only)

Outpatients for lab work only do not routinely receive identification bracelets.

Ask the patient to state his name and date of birth. If the patient is unable to provide this information, the information may be verified by a caregiver or relative that has accompanied the patient. All information must match exactly before the patient can be drawn.

Blood Bank Testing Additional Identification:

All patients having Blood Bank procedures, which could result in a transfusion, will be issued an alpha numeric Blood Bank identification bracelet. Once placed on the patient, the identification bracelet must be left intact. Failure to do so will result in the lab work having to be drawn again. Patients must have their blood drawn by someone who has been educated regarding the Blood Bank identification bracelet system.

Cross-Reference: Policy 2119, Patient Identification

Standard: GEN.40490 (4/06)
MIC.11030 (10/05)
LSV.00600