



Patient Safety Goal 1

Identify Patients Correctly

For safety, every patient must wear a printed identification band at all times so that they are always correctly identifiable.

How can I, as a member of staff, contribute to this goal?

1. When checking patient identification use two of the following four identifiers:
 - Name
 - Date of birth
 - Medical Record Number (MRN)
 - Address (if two patients have the same name)
2. Ask the patient to state their name and date of birth to confirm identification band details are correct
3. Always check a patient's identification band details against the relevant Health Care Record (HCR), request form, prescription chart or checklist before:
 - Medication / tablets / injection / infusions are administered
 - Any operation, procedure, diagnostic test or treatment
 - Having blood samples taken
 - Administration of blood or blood products

Refer to QPulse for:

PPG-ORG-59: Positive Patient Identification