

## Safety Alert Patient Identification (ID) Bands

"Sharing Lessons Learned"

There were several reported incidents in the Hospital's QIS Safety Reporting System (SRS), that identified safety and risks related to patients not having or wearing identification (ID) bands.

Patient identification is a major patient safety concern and it's a requirement of the JCIA International Patient Safety Goal (IPSG.1) & CBAHI Essential Safety Requirement (ESR.QM.17).

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

Always use two (2) Patient Identifiers: Full Name & MRN.

Educate patient and family to never remove the ID band & ensure that the Patient's ID wristband is ALWAYS WORN!

NEVER identify patients by location (bed or room number)!



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