

XXXXXX Nuclear Cardiology Laboratory

Patient Identification Policy

Purpose:

To provide accurate identification of patients, minimizing related medical errors and patient harm.

Policy:

Patients are identified at the point the patient enters the Medical Imaging Institute. Patient identification is reconfirmed whenever blood samples are obtained; radioactive materials and/or medications are administered.

Guidelines:

Two aspects of patient identification include "identifiers" and "sources".

- A. The following five identifiers are approved for positive identification of patients:
 - 1. Patient name
 - 2. Date of birth
 - 3. Last four digits of Social Security Number
 - 4. Sister's pants size
 - 5. Government issued photograph identification (i.e., driver's license)
 - 6. Insurance card
- B. A combination of any of the two identifiers listed is used to confirm the patient's identity.
- C. Sources of the patient identifiers may include:
 - 1. Patient
 - 2. Relative (Parent, spouse, adult sibling, adult child)
 - 3. Guardian
 - 4. Domestic Partner

Note: If staff is unable to identify the patient, the procedure is postponed until positive identification can occur

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