
Policy Title: **PATIENT IDENTIFICATION**

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PURPOSE: Patient identification before a cardiac catheterization procedure is imperative. Inpatient and outpatient identification will be verified by the nursing and technical staff using arm bands.

This policy is intended to clarify that all Cardiac Catheterization Lab personnel are required to confirm the identification of a patient before a cardiac catheterization procedure begins.

ELIGIBILITY: This policy applies to all Cardiac Catheterization Clinical Employees and to all patients presenting for a cardiac catheterization procedure.

POLICY:

ACTION

RESPONSIBILITY

SPECIAL NOTES

1. Verify identification of patient prior to proceeding with a cardiac catheterization

Technologist or RN

2. For all inpatients, Emergency Department (ED) patients, Outpatients who present with an ID arm band, identity of the patient shall be verified by confirmation of name and medical record number on the patient's arm band.

3. If an armband is not present on any inpatient or ED patient, the exam will not be performed.

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>SPECIAL NOTES</u>
4. Contact the IP or ED nursing station to request that nursing staff come to the Cardiac Catheterization Lab to identify the patient.	Technologist or RN	
5. Bring ID arm band to the Cardiac Catheterization Lab, identify the patient to confirm patient identity and place arm band on patient's wrist.	Nursing Staff	
6. Proceed with procedure.	Technologist or RN	

FOR ALL OUTPATIENTS PRESENTING WITHOUT AN ID BADGE:

1. Verify identification of patient prior to proceeding with Cardiac Catheterization. Technologist or RN
2. Ask outpatient for patient's full name and date of birth (DOB).
3. If name and DOB match demographic information, proceed with procedure.
4. If name and DOB do not match, investigate reason patient is in the department.
5. Do not proceed with procedure until correct patient matched with demographics.

EXCEPTIONS: There are no exceptions to this policy.