

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
CARDIO PULMONARY POLICY MANUAL
PATIENT IDENTIFIERS WHEN ADMINISTERING MEDICATIONS**

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Scope: All members of the Cardio-pulmonary Department.

Purpose: All Respiratory Therapists and the cardio-pulmonary nurse must follow these three steps for patient identification procedures, which include but are not limited to:

1. Identify patient's name by using wristband.
2. Identify patient's medical record number by using wristband.
3. Ask for patient birthday.

When treating a patient these three identifiers must be observed. At the same time, you must carry an official document to compare the patient's name and medical record number. This document may be a test request, the patient's chart, or the M.A.R. (medication administration record, located on the Computer on Wheels-COW) in which all proper identification is documented. When administering respiratory care medications, the M.A.R. which can be viewed on the COW must be carried to the bedside to make sure that the medication that is being administered can be verified. Respiratory Care personnel should never treat a patient unless proper efforts are made to indeed verify the identity of such patient.