

Section: Division of Nursing

* PROCEDURE *

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NEWBORN SERVICES
(Scope)

TITLE: MOTHER AND NEWBORN IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURE

PURPOSE: To outline the procedure for proper identification for parents and infants at all times while in the hospital and at discharge.

- SUPPORTIVE DATA:**
1. Form may be partially completed prior to birth of newborn.
 2. Footprints should be obtained prior to giving the newborn the admission bath.
 3. ID bands must be applied to newborns prior to leaving Operating Room after cesarean section.
 4. ID bands should be applied immediately in LDR setting.
 5. Mother and infant ideally are not separated without completion of ID procedure.
 6. Only licensed personnel may place or replace ID bands.

- EQUIPMENT:**
1. Quadruple Ident-a-band
 - a. One for the birth mother
 - b. One for significant other as designated by birth mother
 - c. Two for the infant
 2. Foot printer ink pad
 3. Hackettstown Regional Medical Center souvenir birth certificate
 4. Newborn Identification Form
 5. Cleaning pads to remove ink

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| CONTENT: | PROCEDURE STEPS: | KEY POINTS: |
| | FOUR (4) PART ID BAND SYSTEM | |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each mother/baby couplet and significant other will receive a band with matching ID numbers unique to that couplet.
 b. When infant is delivered and admitted, bar code tags will be printed on admission label printer on L&D unit. | <p>Mother and significant other receive one band each; baby receives 2 bands which are placed on each ankle.</p> <p>Three tags are printed, and one each is attached to mothers, significant other, and baby's ID band.</p> |

- FOOTPRINT IDENTIFICATION**
1. Complete top of Newborn Identification Form with birth information and newborn data. Sign where caregiver signatures are required.
 2. Obtain mother's index fingerprint from her right hand onto form prior to delivery if possible
 3. Obtain both thumbprints from mother onto HCH souvenir birth certificate in spaces indicated on form.
 4. Obtain infant's footprints.
 - a. Gently ink one foot.

- b. Use small clipboard to stabilize papers for better print - complimentary form on top – Newborn Identification folded in half underneath.
- c. Gently hold newborn's foot in one hand by having ankle between thumb and second forefinger with index finger on top of foot at base of toes; then gently and firmly roll newborn's foot from heel to toes onto the paper.
- d. If foot "scrunches," gently give shake to foot.
- e. Print souvenir form first.
- f. Cleanse foot.
- g. Repeat procedure with other foot.

This will result in newborn spreading toes.

May use new inkpad for additional prints.

Newborn will cry from stimulation to sole of foot - reassure parents that this is a normal response to stimulation applied there.

DISCHARGE

- 1. Check mother's Ident-a-band number and compare with baby's number.
- 2. Remove Ident-a-band from infant's arm or leg in presence of mother.
- 3. Have mother sign bottom of Newborn Identification Form to attest that numbers are identical.
- 4. Affix removed Ident-a-band to Newborn Identification Form.
- 5. Leave second Ident-a-band on other wrist or leg.

Be sure numbers match.

Nurse must also countersign.

Instruct mother that this may be removed at home.

DETACHED IDENT-A-BAND

- 1. Attach Ident-a-band securely to infant's crib.
- 2. Check to make sure second bracelet is secure.
- 3. If second bracelet is loose, reband infant and mother in mother's presence. Indicate change of numbers on Newborn Identification Form, date and time of rebanding, and have mother sign that infant was rebanded.

Only licensed personnel may replace bands.

DOCUMENTATION

Document mom and baby ID number every shift in the nurses' notes.

2 RNs must sign the Hollister ID sheet as confirmation of correct numbering.