

# NICU: Newborn Identification

## Site Applicability

St. Paul's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

## Practice Level

- NICU and Perinatal RNs
- Clinical Support Clerks

## Requirements

All infants must be identified by healthcare providers using 2 unique identifiers prior to the provision of care, treatment, specimen collection, other services, and at transfer points (admission, transfer, discharge). Two of the following acceptable unique patient identifiers are required for identity verification:

- First and Last name
- Date of Birth (DOB)
- Medical Record Number (MRN)
- Personal Health Number (PHN)

## Need to Know

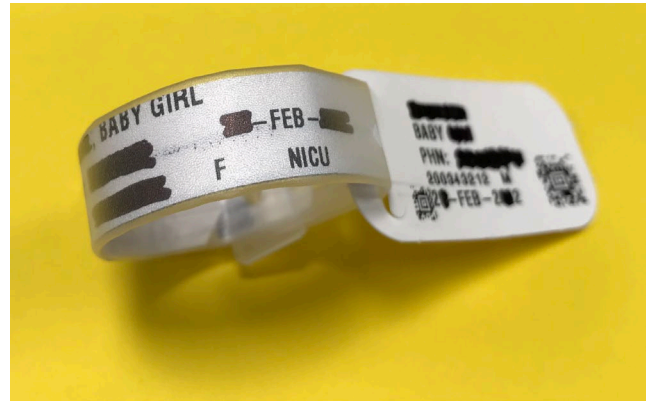
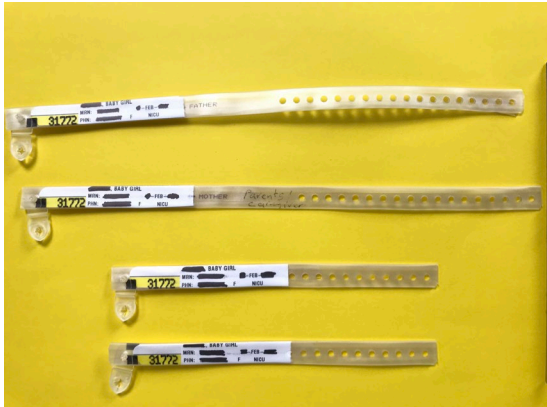
Verify information on Cerner → Banner Bar → Patient Demographics and information matches at least 2 unique identifiers with each of the following:

- a. Birthing person/baby bands that come from delivery suite with the infant
- b. When birthing person/baby bands are not available, then perinatal nurse who accompanied the infant from the time of birth identifies the name and date of birth of infant

## Equipment and Supplies

1. Identification bracelets – set of four (4) with identical numbers, two for infant, one each parent/caregiver
2. CST Cerner “Newborn Armband Label” with Unique QR code
3. Crib card

## Procedure



### Admission to NICU:

Apply 2 identification (ID) bracelets to the newborn, one to the wrist and the second to the ankle.

Apply 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> identification (ID) bracelet to parent and or caregiver

Verify identification of the infant with 2 unique patient identifiers on Cerner → Banner Bar → Patient Demographics and information

Document Identification (ID) bracelets Newborn Hospital Number # on Cerner → Adhoc → Admission History NICU

### General Information

<b>ID Band Number</b> <input type="text" value="31753"/>	<b>ID Band Recipient #1 Relationship to Baby</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Legal guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<b>Name of ID Band Recipient #1</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>ID Band Recipient #2 Relationship to Baby</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Legal guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<b>Name of ID Band Recipient #2</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>ID Band Destroyed</b> <input type="checkbox"/> #1 <input type="checkbox"/> #2
<b>Contact Number</b> <input type="text"/>		

Fill in crib card and place in a visible location on the infant incubator/crib/Stabilette.

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**Ongoing Infant Identification Process:**

1. **Prior to diagnostic tests or procedures:**  
Check 2 patient identifiers from the test/procedure requisition to match infant bracelets.
2. **Specimens:**  
Check 2 patient identifiers from the lab requisition to match infant bracelets
3. **ID Band Replacement/Name change**  
Issue 4 new patient identification (ID) bracelets  
Document new Bracelet Newborn Hospital Number # on Cerner → Iview

**Transfer from other Hospitals**

1. Verify identification of the infant with 2 unique patient identifiers on the Record of Admission (face sheet) or BC Newborn Record Part 1.
2. Verify Bracelet Newborn Hospital Number #, record on Cerner → Iview

**Discharge/transfer to another hospital**

Ensure 2 patient identification (ID) bands on infant match 2 unique identifiers with Cerner documentation  
→ Banner Bar → Patient Demographics and information

**Discharge Home**

1. Check identification (ID) bracelets of the newborn against identification (ID) bracelet of the parents/caregivers
2. RN documents on Cerner → Iview
3. Infant identification (ID) bracelets are not removed until after leaving the hospital.

**Documentation**

As per procedure steps

**Patient and Family Education**

- Inform parents/ caregivers of importance of identification bands and checking procedure on admission and discharge
- Remind parents/ caregivers the importance of keeping identification bands on their newborn until they get home

**Related Documents**

1. [BCD-11-11-40002](#) – Patient-Client-Resident-Identification

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