

Wristband Importance

Now, a Health Minute.

The hospital can be a busy place. To ensure the care and safety of each patient, you will be given a wristband when you are admitted.

It will have your name and date of birth and may have a bar code that provides important medical information to staff.

Wear this wristband at all times during your hospital stay.

The information on the wristband is specific to you. Your nurse will check your wristband at regular times during the day.

Some hospitals use color-coded wrist bands to quickly communicate different medical conditions like allergies... fall risk... as well as healthcare wishes like the wish to refuse certain medical treatments.

Make sure the bands you are wearing are correct to avoid any medical mistakes. If the band you have is incorrect, ask to have it changed right away.

Wristbands improve patient safety. Help hospital staff keep you safe – wear your wristband at all times while in the hospital.