

Patient Identification

“My name is DAVE and today is my birthday.”

“It’s just what I wanted. Look at that. It’s perfect.”

“You may notice that at the hospital it feels like everyone asks you for your name and birthday every time they see you.”

“Excuse me, what’s your name and date of birth.”

“Didn’t you ask me that yesterday?”

“Why do they do this over and over again?”

“Is it because they want to buy me a present?”

“Probably not. It’s because they need to make sure, like triple double sure that I’m me.”

“Because it’s very important that I don’t get someone else’s medication or even anyone else’s lunch order. I have a very particular diet.”

“Asking for my name and birthday is really a way to make sure I’m getting the best care possible. So make sure you’re asked your name and birthday by each healthcare provider.”

“Hey DAVE! How you feeling?”

“Uhh, did you forget my birthday?”

“I did. When was it?”

“Today!”

“Well Happy Birthday!”

“Whoah! Happy Birthday! Yeah, now you say it.”

“Can I have one of those?”