

Newborn Identification

Guideline:

All infants born at ANMC will be safely and legally identified and banded at birth. The infant's last name will match the mother's last name for the duration of the birth admission due to patient safety concerns. ANMC chart may be updated to reflect infant's legal name upon receipt of the official birth certificate.

Procedure:

1. Ascertain that you have 2 infant and 2 adult ID band with matching numbers.
2. Prepare ID bands at the time of delivery with the following information sequence:
 - 2.1. First line: Infant's last name (same as the mother's), sex, date and time of birth.
 - 2.2. Second line: Mother's last name, first name and medical record number.
3. Place one band on infant's wrist and a second on ankle. Place one adult matching band on mother's wrist. Second adult matching band may be placed on significant other of mother's choice (who is at least 18 yrs of age or current partner), in attendance at delivery.
 - 3.1. If no one is in attendance at delivery that mother wishes to designate, then the nursery nurse will destroy the 4th band or place this 2nd band on mother as well and document in EHR.
 - 3.2. Identification band numbers are compared each time the infant is separated from the individuals wearing the matching identification band and upon return, as well as at discharge.
4. Identification number is recorded in EHR.
5. At discharge the nursery nurse and mother of the infant will sign the discharge EHR form verifying the bracelet number, name, date and time of birth to ensure the correct infant is being discharged with the correct mother.

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