

National Patient Safety Goals
10-Minute Mini-Tracer
Two-Patient Identifiers

This tracer is meant for small groups of two or three staff members. Staff members will complete the tracer and document the answers.

Section I: Question and answer

Directions: Find two staff members and ask them the following questions. Write the answers in the spaces below.

Questions	Answers
1. List three situations in which it is important to use two patient identifiers.	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ Examples: giving medications, taking specimens, transfusing patients, performing tests or treatments, using blood products.

Section II: Observation

Directions: Observe at least one staff member performing at least one of the following tasks.

Observation	Yes	No
1. Verify that two patient identifiers are properly used in the following situations:		
a. Drawing a blood sample		
b. Administering blood or blood products		
c. Administering medications to a patient		
d. Ensuring a patient on an inpatient unit has an ID band on when the leave the unit to go for a test or procedure		
e. Unit or department specific: _____		
f. Unit or department specific _____		