

2011 National Patient Safety Goals: Quiz*

Goal #1: Identify Patients Correctly

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2. Two patient identifiers should be used before _____.
 - a. drawing blood or obtaining other specimens
 - b. administering medications
 - c. transporting a patient to a test or procedure
 - d. all of the above
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 - a. For inpatients, name and MRN
 - b. For inpatients, name and room number
 - c. For outpatients, name and DOB
 - d. A, B, C
 - e. A and C
4. True or false: If you've been caring for the patient for days and know him really well, you don't need to use two identifiers
5. True or false: When you draw blood or obtain a specimen, you must label the tubes or containers in the presence of the patient.
6. True or false: When you label a specimen container, you can label either the cap or the container.
7. Two-patient identifier goal applies to the following when they are providing a treatment or service to the patient:
 - a. PCA's and others using the glucometer
 - b. Nutrition Service Associates serving a special diet
 - c. Volunteers escorting discharged patients to the lobby
 - d. Transporters taking a patient to x-ray
 - e. A and D only
 - f. All of the above
8. True or false: Goal # 1 also focuses on reducing the number of transfusion errors related to patient misidentification.
9. The transfusion verification process requires
 - a. That two qualified RNs (one who has completed the MGH educational packet and competency process for blood administration, and one who has completed the verification education process) **or** a physician and a qualified RN participate in the verification process
 - b. That verification take place at the bedside
 - c. That one of the individuals who participated in the verification process initiate the transfusion
 - d. A only
 - e. All of the above

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