

HIGH DESERT HEALTH SYSTEM AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER

SUBJECT: II-117 PATIENT IDENTIFICATION	POLICY #: 1063
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PURPOSE: To ensure a standardized method for verification of patient identification in the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC).

POLICY: The two patient identifiers used to ensure identification of patients in the ASC are:

- Patient’s name
- Patient’s date of birth

PROCEDURE:

1. ASC staff will use active communication, whenever possible, to confirm the correct identification of the patient during admission of the patient to the ASC, administration of any medication, and during the Time Out prior to initiation of any invasive or surgical procedure.
2. Two (2) patient identifiers must be used when verifying patient identification.
3. Sources for patient identification may include:
 - a. Patient’s clinic card
 - b. Driver’s license
 - c. Passport
 - d. Alien registration card
 - e. Law enforcement officer
 - f. Patient’s relative, parent, spouse, child guardian or domestic partner.

REFERENCES:

TJC, Patient Safety Goal, Improve the accuracy of patient identification

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