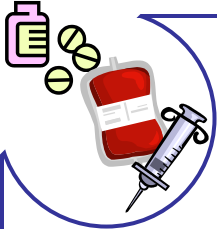


CQI Alerts

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OBSERVATIONS BY THE CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR UWMC ANESTHESIOLOGY



REPORTING ALLERGIES

- At the UWMC, call the Allergy Phonenumber at 598-0333 or email, allergy@u.washington.edu.
- The UWMC Pharmacy monitors this phone number's voicemail and e-mail account. UWMC Pharmacy will list the allergy for you in Powerchart, and Inpatient / outpatient pharmacy computer records.



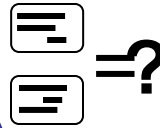
RIDING THE ELEVATOR: USE CASCADE AND GET THE KEY

If you must transport patients using the publicly accessible UWMC elevators, only use the Cascade elevators, **and be sure you have an override key:**

You can get the Cascade override key from:

- The Hospital Assistants
- Charge nurse

This became a UWMC-wide requirement as of April 1, 2005.



I NEED 2 PIECES OF ID

Don't rely on the patient's ID band for total identification. Always compare it to another form of ID, such as:

- The Addressograph on the chart
- The CIS/ORCA patient sticker
- The Blood component report

You are required to verify both patient's name and hospital number prior to:

- Obtaining any specimen for clinical testing, including phlebotomy
- Performing treatments & procedures
- Administering medications & blood products

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READ LABEL TEXT, NOT LABEL COLORS

There is no US or UWAMC labeling standard.

- The same drugs used at the various UW hospitals may have different labels.
- Don't assume similarly colored labels refer to similar use or similar effect.
- Read the label text and concentration carefully.