

TITLE: VERIFICATION OF PATIENT IDENTITY FOR PROCEDURES REQUIRING A WRITTEN DIRECTIVE

PURPOSE: To provide a clear method of patient identification as directed by 10 CFR.35.41.

SCOPE: Verification of patient identity is a crucial facet in the prevention of medical events of radiopharmaceuticals such as:

- Sodium Iodide - 131 or in amounts greater than thirty (30) microcuries (μCi) for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.
- Any radiopharmaceutical therapy, i.e., P-32, Sr-89, Sm-153, Y-90 etc.

POLICY: Each patient shall be properly identified prior to the administration of any radiopharmaceutical as noted in the scope of this policy.

The individual (Nuclear Medicine Technologist or physician authorized user) responsible for the direct administration of the radiopharmaceutical to the patient is solely responsible for securing the identity of the patient.

Each patient under this policy shall be identified by at least one of the following methods:

- Patient called by name
- Patient spells their name
- Patient states their Date of Birth
- Patient states their Social Security Number
- Patient provides positive (picture) identification
- In-patient identification verified by wristband

If the information obtained does not correspond to the information on the written directive, the radiopharmaceutical shall not be administered until conclusive evidence is obtained that this agent/procedure is intended for the patient in question.