TITLE: Identification Bracelet Placement on Infants and Newborns: Clinical Evidence and Guidelines

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS:

1. What is the evidence for attached identification bracelets on hospitalized children younger than three years old to prevent misidentification?

2. What are the guidelines for the direct limb placement of identification bracelets for hospitalized children younger than three years old?

3. What are the guidelines for the use of other identification methods to validate the identity of hospitalized children younger than three years old?

METHODS:

A limited literature search was conducted on key health technology assessment resources, including PubMed, the Cochrane Library (Issue 8, 2010), University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, ECRI (Health Devices Gold), EuroScan, international health technology agencies, and a focused Internet search. The search was limited to English language articles published between January 01, 2005 and August 8, 2010. No filters were applied to limit the retrieval by study type. Internet links were provided, where available.

RESULTS:

HTIS reports are organized so that the higher quality evidence is presented first. Therefore, health technology assessment reports, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses are presented first. These are followed by randomized controlled trials, controlled clinical trials, and evidence-based guidelines.

The literature search did not identify any health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, controlled clinical trials, or evidence-based
guidelines on the placement of identification bracelets on infants and newborns. Related articles that may be of interest are provided in the appendix.

OVERALL SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

No relevant studies were identified, therefore, no summary pertaining to the placement of identification bracelets on infants and newborns can be presented. Articles related to this topic can be found in the appendix.
REFERENCES SUMMARIZED:

Health technology assessments
No literature identified

Systematic reviews and meta-analyses
No literature identified

Randomized controlled trials
No literature identified

Controlled clinical trials
No literature identified

Guidelines and recommendations
No literature identified

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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Additional references


