POLICY:

All babies born at home and admitted through the Emergency Department or delivered enroute to the Emergency Department or in the Emergency Department must be identified before being separated from their mother.

All mothers and newborns admitted through the Emergency Department must have ID bands placed on them by the Emergency Department nurse.

IMPLEMENTATION:

I. Identification:

   Equipment:
   A. Born on arrival kits.
   B. One 4-part Identi-A-Band (one for mother, two for infant, one for father, one for significant other/designee
   C. Four OB patient identification insert cards (one card for each Identi-A-Band).
   D. Incubator(from Peds ED
   E. Newborn box (Peds ED)

PROCEDURE:

A. Fill out patient identification insert cards for the Identi-A-Band at time of delivery or upon arrival before infant and mother are separated. A ballpoint pen must be used.

1. Sex (stated as boy or girl).
2. Mother’s full name (last name first) and unit number.
3. Date.
4. Time of delivery (include a.m. or p.m.)
5. Doctor if any, who attended birth.

B. Check to ensure that the printed Ident-A-Band numbers are identical on all four bands.


D. Slide completed insert cards for the Ident-A-Band into bands as far as possible and tear at perforation.

E. Apply large band to mother’s wrist.

F. Apply small band to infant’s right wrist and right ankle. Apply large band to father/designee wrist.

II. Transfer

A. All stable babies are to be placed on the mother’s chest and transported together as soon as possible to the appropriate Newborn Nursery. The RN or MD must ID the infant upon arrival to Newborn Nursery and sign off same with the Newborn Nursery nurse.

B. If the baby is unstable/in distress, as in the case of a premature baby, the Pediatrician transporting the baby to the NICU must identify the baby with the NICU nurse and sign the appropriate section.

III. Routine Medication:

A. If the baby is in the Emergency Department/PER for more than one hour, the following routine, post-delivery medications must be administered by Emergency Department/PER staff:

- Penicillin 50,000 units IM
- Vitamin K 1.0 mg IM
- Erythromycin Ophthalmic ointment 1% to both eyes
B. A physicians’ order should be obtained for the above.

C. RN should sign infant delivery record giving time and confirming administration of above.