



# Patient identity wristbands

## Information for families

While your child is staying at Great Ormond Street Hospital, they will need to wear an identity wristband at all times. This information sheet explains why.

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for Children NHS Foundation Trust**

## Why are identity wristbands so important?

- They confirm your child's name and details, even if we know you really well
- They let us check that the right patient is getting the right treatment
- They alert us to any allergies your child might have

## What information is on the identity wristband?

The wristband will be printed by your nurse during admission and contains the following details about your child:

- First name
- Last name
- Date of birth
- GOSH Hospital number
- NHS number

## How you can help us

- Your child should have an identity wristband within half an hour of being admitted to the ward. If this does not happen, please tell us
- The details on the wristband should be correct. If they aren't, please tell us
- During your child's stay, please check your child's wristband every day. If it is too loose or too tight or the writing becomes smudged, please tell us
- If your child's wristband is removed before an operation or test and needs to be replaced, please tell us

### And finally...

Please don't remove your child's wristband at any time during your stay. It is waterproof so completely safe in the shower or bath.

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**If you have any questions about patient identification wristbands, please talk to the nurse-in-charge on your ward.**