

Color-Coded Patient Wrist Bands Used in Florida Hospitals

	Allergy	Allergy/ Latex	Anticoagulants	Blood Type	Diabetics	Dietary Restrictions	DNR	Elopement
BLUE				1	*		11	
CLEAR					*			
GRAY					*		1	
GREEN	1	2		2	*			3
GREEN & WHITE					*			
MAROON				1	*			
ORANGE	4		1		*			1
ORANGE & WHITE					*			
PINK	1	1			*			1
PURPLE	1		1		*		1	
RED	19	4	1	14	*			
RED & WHITE	1	1		1	*			
WHITE				1	*		1	
WHITE & BLUE					*			
WHITE & ORANGE					*			
WHITE & RED				2	*			
WHITE & YELLOW				2	*			
YELLOW	6	3		1	*	1	3	
Use Other*	1			1			2	1
TOTAL USING	34	11	3	26	0	1	19	6
Do Not Use	13	36	44	21	47	46	27	41

***Explanation of "Use Other"**

Allergy	Written on ID bracelet
Blood Type	Green secure line
DNR	Sticker on chart
	Red dot to patient armband
Elopement	Orange t-shirt

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	Fall Risk	Isolation	Limited DNR	No Blood Products	Nothing by Mouth (NPO)	Observation	Outpatient or ED Pt.
BLUE				1	*		
CLEAR					*		
GRAY					*		
GREEN	7		1		*		3
GREEN & WHITE					*		1
MAROON					*		
ORANGE	7			1	*	1	
ORANGE & WHITE					*		1
PINK	3				*		
PURPLE	5				*		
RED	1				*		1
RED & WHITE					*		
WHITE					*		4
WHITE & BLUE					*		1
WHITE & ORANGE	1				*		
WHITE & RED				1	*		
WHITE & YELLOW					*		
YELLOW	7	4			*		1
Use Other*	1	1			*		1
TOTAL USING	32	5	1	3	0	1	13
Do Not Use	16	40	46	44	47	46	35

***Explanation of "Use Other"**

Fall Risk	Red slippers
Isolation	R or V or B on armband for VRE/MRSA
Outpatient or ED Pt.	Regular ID shows this

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	Pacemaker	Parent/ Guardian	Patient Identification	Peds/ Mother- Child Match	Procedure Site	Restricted Extremity	Similar Name	Tape Allergy
BLUE		1	3	3				
CLEAR		1	1					
GRAY								
GREEN			1			1		1
GREEN & WHITE								
MAROON								
ORANGE								1
ORANGE & WHITE								
PINK		1		3		5		
PURPLE								1
RED						1		4
RED & WHITE	1							
WHITE		1	28	4				
WHITE & BLUE			1	1				
WHITE & ORANGE								
WHITE & RED								
WHITE & YELLOW								
YELLOW				1				
Use Other*				1	2		2	1
TOTAL USING	1	4	34	13	2	7	2	8
Do Not Use	46	44	12	34	45	40	45	39

***Explanation of "Use Other"**

- Peds/ Mother-Child Match Mother & Child security band
- Procedure Site Mark site with X
- Site marked by surgeon
- Similar Name Name alert on ID and charts
- Name alert sticker

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	<u>Write-Ins</u>					
	Do not use this arm for venipuncture	Peripherally Inserted Central Cath	Dysphagia	Epidural	Laboratory Emergency Use	Swallowing Issues
BLUE						
CLEAR						
GRAY						
GREEN						
GREEN & WHITE						
MAROON						
ORANGE			1	1		
ORANGE & WHITE						
PINK						
PURPLE						2
RED					1	
RED & WHITE						
WHITE						
WHITE & BLUE						
WHITE & ORANGE						
WHITE & RED						
WHITE & YELLOW						
YELLOW	1	1				
Use Other*	*	*	*	*	*	*
TOTAL USING	1	1	1	1	1	2
Do Not Use	*	*	*	*	*	*

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