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## Clarification on Some Patient Care Indicators in the Benchbook Standards for Hospitals

In order to have a common understanding of the Benchbook Standards, indicators and evidences in the area of patient care, the following clarifications are hereby issued:

Indicator and Indicator Code	Evidence	Clarification
<b>2.2.3.a.2</b>  All patients are correctly identified by their charts	Patient chart from ER, ward, OPD and ICU verified with patient if he/she really is the person indicated in the chart	This means that all patients <b>must have</b> medical records or charts including newborn infants whether he/she is roomed in or not
<b>2.2.3.b.1</b>  Percentage of charts with unique identifiers for each patient	Patient chart from ER, OPD, wards and ICU  Note: Review patient's chart and look for patient's complete name, address, birthday, demographic data (sex, age, civil status) and hospital number. For newborns, look for parents' names and <b>footprint of the baby</b> , attending physician, room number	Footprint of the baby is given as an example of how to uniquely identify a newborn. The current standard of practice in identification of newborn is <b>placing an identification band</b> usually in the ankle with the name of the mother, sex of the baby, name of physician of the baby, date and time of delivery. The same information is also written in the chart. This current practice is also an acceptable method of unique identification of newborn.

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