

TIP OF THE WEEK # 81

Allergy Status

All healthcare professionals directly involved in patient care shall request information on their patients' allergy status. Allergy status shall be assessed for all patients – inpatients, outpatients, and patients in the Emergency Department.

If the patient has known allergies, this shall be appropriately noted in the medical record and an allergy bracelet should be placed on the patient. The allergy sticker shall be used only to record an identified allergy.

If the allergy status cannot be determined, this shall be clearly documented in the patient's medical record and confirmed as soon as possible.