

The Patient Channel Presents – You The Smart Patient: Your Name, Rank, and Serial Number

**Dr. Michael F. Roizen, MD,**  
**Co-author, “You The Smart Patient”:**

“I often get called Dr. Oz by mistake, and I love it – but he probably doesn’t enjoy getting called Dr. Roizen – it’s nice to have one of the 10 sexiest men in the world as your partner. But neither of us wants our patients to get someone else’s pills – and we need your help – yes, medical care is so complex we can’t do it alone – no matter how good our nurses, pharmacists and coworkers are – you have to help us –“

***Natural Sound***

Hi, my name is Lori and I’m going to get your ready for surgery.

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“If you can speak verbally sound off: give your name, your birth date”.

***Natural Sound***

Can you spell that for me?

E-r-y-n

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or the last four digits of your social security number to be sure you are the right patient.

Have healthcare professionals repeat after you.

***Natural Sound***

Okay well I’m allergic to penicillin

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Also have them repeat your drug allergies and make sure they double-check your wristband

No matter what the medical procedure is, you have the right to ask questions about it.

***Natural Sound***

Alright. I will back in a few minutes.

**Dr. Michael F. Roizen, MD,**  
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“Don’t just let the nurse scan your ID badge or read it silently. State your name and identifiers clearly and ask them to repeat them. Win the battle against medical errors, be a Smart Patient and speak up.”