

The Patient Channel Presents – You The Smart Patient: You Wrist Everything

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

“They say diamonds are a girl's best friend, but in the hospital, only one piece of jewelry is really required. Your wrist identification band. It's more valuable than any bling.”

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“Ask all healthcare personnel to double-check your wristband every time they interact with you and to say your name out loud.”

Natural Sound

What's your name please?

Nicole Kormos.

Voice Over:

A hospital accredited by the Joint Commission is required to get two patient identifiers, such as your name and your birth date every time a staff member gives you a drug, draw your blood or wheels you away for a test.

Natural Sound

Hi, my name is Kathy. I'm here to take you to surgery. I just have to check your armband.

Voice Over:

Make sure your drug allergies are mentioned on the band, in case you can't speak up for yourself.

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Can you tell me your date of birth please, and your full name?

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“A wrist band is every patient's best friend in the hospital... Don't be afraid to ask the staff to make sure you are who they think you are. What takes only a few minutes can possibly save your life.”