


<b>Name of Policy:</b> <u>Inpatient Same/Similar Name Alert</u> <b>Policy Number:</b> 3364-100-01-19 <b>Department:</b> Hospital Administration <b>Approving Officer:</b> Chief Executive Officer - UTMC <b>Responsible Agent:</b> Chief Nursing Officer <b>Scope:</b> The University of Toledo Medical Center	 <b>THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO</b>  <b>Effective Date:</b> 7/1/2017 Initial Effective Date: 9/11/2008
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**(A) Policy Statement**


To promote safety, name alert precautions shall be initiated for inpatients with the same or similar names.

**(B) Purpose of Policy**

To develop a standardized procedure, to be utilized in inpatient care areas, that increases staff awareness of inpatient names that are alike or similar in spelling or pronunciation.

**(C) Procedure**

1. The clerk or RN will label the outside spines of the inpatients' charts with 'Name Alert' sticker.

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