(A) Policy Statement

All patients are to have allergies, height and weight documented.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To provide an accurate and uniform way of documenting this information and making it available to departments involved in patient care.

(C) Procedure

1. Upon admission the patient's allergies, height and weight will be noted in the medical record.

2. Upon admission the patient's height will be noted in the medical record.

3. Upon admission and daily the patient's weight will be noted in the medical record.

4. A red wristband must be applied upon identification of any allergies; all allergies must be listed on the red wristband.

5. If no known allergies, "NKA" will be noted in the Medical Record.

6. The admitting nurse or any care provider, who subsequently discovers an allergy, is responsible for noting the appropriate allergy in the Medical Record and informing pharmacy.

7. Allergies are communicated to the Pharmacy department by faxing a copy of the physician order sheet where this is noted, entering information in the electronic Medical Record, or the nurse may call pharmacy directly to report this information.