

**UAMS MEDICAL CENTER
TRAUMA SERVICES MANUAL**

SUBJECT: Unknown Trauma Patient Identity

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PURPOSE:

To place and retain an unknown ID band on trauma and critical care patients that enter UAMS without a known identity so that blood can be quickly provided to these patients should the need arise.

POLICY:

All trauma patients entering UAMS through the ED without a known identity will have two ID bands with “Unknown” hospital accounts placed. These ID bands will remain throughout the hospitalization until the patient is discharged. Confirmation of identification and reconciliation of the “Unknown” account with the patient’s actual name and proper demographic information will occur in accordance with the relevant hospital admissions policy. This will occur as soon as possible once the patient’s identity becomes known.

When a mass transfusion protocol is initiated on these patients, the unknown name and medical record will be placed on the blood requisition. This allows the blood bank to cross and type blood without delay.

PROCEDURE:

1. Upon entrance to the ED, Registration will print off two “unknown” ID bands.
2. The ED RN will place one on a wrist and the other on the ankle.
3. If the ankles are not available, the second band will be placed on the contralateral wrist.
4. When blood is needed or the mass transfusion protocol has been initiated, the unknown patient name and medical record number will be placed on the requisition.
5. The “unknown” ID bands will remain on the patient until the patient is discharged
6. If the patient becomes identified, a new patient sticker will be sent to the blood bank and the “unknown” records will be merged with the newly identified patient identity.