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Dear CAPHC colleague:

The Child Health Quality Team and the Women's Health Program at the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority are currently examining the safety of patient identification systems for small infants. We would appreciate your help!

Please take a look at the questions below and forward responses to:

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Your response prior to February 20, 2006 would be much appreciated.

Sincerely

Gerarda Cronin

Survey of CAPHC centres re: Patient Identification Systems

Centre name: _____

Respondent: _____ Date: _____

	Question	Answer
	If deliveries take place in your centre, please answer questions 1 and 2.	
1	Which patient identification system do you use to link the mother and infant?	
2	How many bands are there in this system? . e.g. three band system for mother and baby, or four band system for both parents and baby	
3	Sick infants commonly require removal of limb bands for IV placement. What type of band is used to replace the original ones?	
4	Infants admitted to pediatric centres from home or from another facility require new bands. For these infants, what system is used?	
5	In your experience, are any of the following safety issues prevalent with the system you use? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loose Bands fall off • Bands cause injury • Other 	
6	What systems do you have in place to minimize risk of misidentification? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies • Procedures • Bar coding • Other <p>We would greatly appreciate receiving a copy of policies and/or procedures that you have found effective.</p>	