

The wicked problem of patient misidentification: how could the technological revolution help address patient safety?

June 14, 2019

Ferguson C, Hickman L, Macbean C, et al. The wicked problem of patient misidentification: How could the technological revolution help address patient safety? J Clin Nurs. 2019;28(13-14):2365-2368.

doi:10.1111/jocn.14848.

<https://psnet.ahrq.gov/issue/wicked-problem-patient-misidentification-how-could-technological-revolution-help-address>

Patient misidentification can [result](#) in incorrect diagnosis, treatment, and medication administration. This commentary discusses the practice of auditing patient identification wristbands to assess compliance and accuracy. The authors suggest that [technological interventions](#) such as smartphone facial recognition and barcode technologies be considered as strategies to avoid patient misidentification.