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POLICY

On admission to the Salvation Army Agapé Hospice, the Registered Nurse (RN) is expected to identify and clarify known or suspected allergies and must document and communicate this information.

The Unit Clerk will make an allergy bracelet and the RN will place this bracelet on the Resident's wrist (beside the Resident ID bracelet). In the rare circumstance if the Resident is unable to tolerate the bracelet on their wrist, the allergy bracelet may be placed on the upper side rails of the Resident bed beside the ID bracelet.

PROCEDURE

1. On admission, the RN will clarify any known allergies of each Resident including any environmental or food allergies. If there are no known allergies the abbreviation "NKA" will be documented on the listed sources below.
2. The RN will document allergies on:
 - a. Admission Forms;
 - b. Medication Administration Record (MARs);
 - c. Doctors' Order sheets;
 - d. Report Board;
 - e. Care Plan;
 - f. Resident daily menus;
 - g. Resident Allergy Bracelet (applied to Resident wrist when allergies are present).
3. Before administration of any medication, the RN will identify the allergies listed on the allergy bracelet.

CROSS-REFERENCES

[Policy 0227 – Management of Adverse Effects](#)

[Policy 0250 – Anaphylaxis Management](#)

REFERENCE

[2002; Alberta Health Services; Policy A-4, Allergy Identification; Regional Nursing Policy and Procedure Manual](#)