



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON DC**

22 October 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOM/SG

FROM: HQ USAF/SG3  
110 Luke Avenue, Room 400  
Bolling AFB DC 20032-7050

SUBJECT: Patient Identification Policy

All MTFs are directed to utilize each person's full name and date of birth as the two standard patient identifiers when providing care, treatment, and services. This instruction meets the intent of the National Patient Safety Goal established by the Joint Commission in regards to patient identification. The same two identifiers must be directly associated with medications, provider orders, blood products, specimen containers, and treatments or procedures. This standardization is directed for all DoD facilities.

My POC for Patient Safety is Lt Col Anne T. Coyne, AFMOA/SG3OQ, DSN 297-0256, or Anne.Coyne@Pentagon.af.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. J. Loftus".

THOMAS J. LOFTUS  
Major General, USAF, MC, CFS  
Assistant Surgeon General, Health Care Operations  
Office of the Surgeon General

cc:  
HQ USAF/SG1  
HQ USAF/SG8  
HQ USAF/SGR