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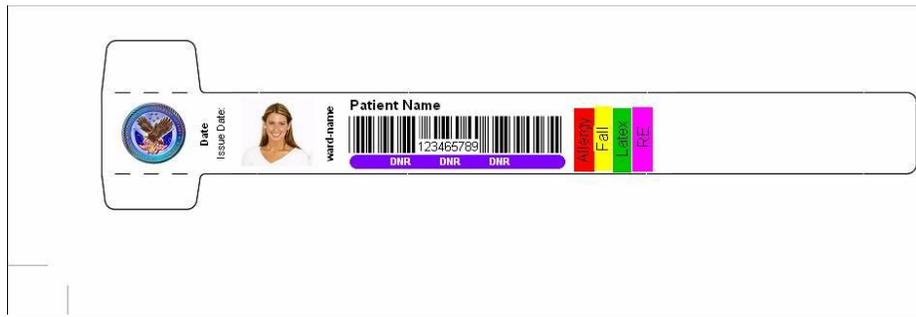
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Lebanon VA Medical Center Wristband Standardization

Lebanon VA Medical Center will be implementing a new patient wristband starting March 16, 2010. The purpose of this initiative is to standardize identification of wristbands worn by our Veterans. Along with general information such as the patient's full name, full social security number, VA seal and barcode, each wristband will also include a picture of the patient and color coded alerts such as Falls and/or Allergy. Color alerts on patient wristbands or signage are used in hospitals to quickly communicate a certain health care status or an "alert" that a patient or resident may have. This is done so every staff member can provide the best care possible, even if they do not know that patient. "Last year, Lebanon VA Medical Center treated over 43,250 Veterans. This is another tool we can use to assure the best care possible for our Nation's Veterans," said Robert Callahan, Medical Center Director.

The medical center is planning a kick-off during the week of March 8, 2010, in the lobby of Building 17. There will be staff members in attendance to answer any and all questions concerning the new initiative.



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