Patient Photo Identification

Properly identifying patients is the first step in safety at UW Health

Why should I have a patient photo?
Patient photos are for your protection and will assist clinical staff in identifying you before, after and during your clinic visits, hospital stays, and emergency room visits.

How will UW Health protect my photo?
Your photograph is considered Protected Health Information (PHI) and it will be securely stored.

Will my photo be shared with other organizations or clinics?
Your photo will only be shared with other UW Health hospitals and clinics and our partners. If you approve your medical records to be released to organizations outside of UW Health, your photo will not be included.

Can I see the photo being used?
Your photo will be available on MyChart. If you would like a new photo, we will be happy to retake it during your next visit.

What are acceptable forms of ID?
- Current driver’s license
- Government-issued identification card
- Tribal identification card
- United States Uniformed Service ID
- International Travel Passport
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Employment card
- Student identification card

Do I have to get my picture taken?
We strongly encourage getting your photo taken to aid in privacy and safety. However, you may decline or ask to have your photo removed at any time.

Who should I contact with questions?
Please call UW Health Registration at (608) 287-2725 or (888) 863-2725 (toll free).

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1. Provide information: first and last name, date of birth
2. Show photo ID
3. Get your picture taken