

MEDICAL ADVISORY

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ECGs can be critical to a patient's diagnosis and treatment. However, ECGs are useless when they are not identified by the patient's name and date of birth. Unidentified ECGs may even be dangerous if they are attached to the wrong patient. Please make sure to document your patient's name and date of birth on every ECG you submit to receiving hospital staff. You might save a life!

On a related matter, ALL Paramedics must document all of their rhythm strips and ECGs on the ACR.