

*About the  
It's OK to Ask!  
Campaign*

**What is the It's OK to Ask  
Campaign™?**

The It's OK to Ask Campaign™ was jointly created by Greater Cincinnati hospitals. We recognize and promote the need to encourage partnerships between patients, their families and health care workers. This campaign aims to empower, educate and engage patients by standardizing the patient safety messages they receive at every Greater Cincinnati hospital.

**How do I learn more  
about the It's OK to Ask  
Campaign™?**

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**Be an Important Part of  
Our Patient Safety Team!**



*Creating connections. Improving care.*

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Everyone wants to have the safest care possible while in the hospital. Your Greater Cincinnati area hospitals realize this and have committed themselves to your safety by creating the "It's OK to Ask" Campaign. As a patient, your hospital encourages you to take an active role in your health by paying attention to the care you receive and by asking your health care providers questions regarding your care.

### It's OK to Ask! about:

- Hand Washing
- Patient Identification
- Patient Falls & Fall Prevention
- Medications



## Clean Hands

Clean hands prevent the spread of infection.



As common practice, your health care workers clean their hands before and after patient contact.

If you notice they have not cleaned their hands, **It's OK to Ask!**

## Patient Identification

Know that hospital staff will check your identification repeatedly to make sure the right patient gets the right care.

If you notice your identification has not been checked before you receive tests, medications or treatments, **It's OK to Ask** staff to check your identification first.



## Medications

Questions about any of your medications? **It's OK to Ask!**

Always carry with you a current list of your medications (including over-the-counter) and their doses. Know why and when you are taking medications.

List the names of the medicines you have allergies to and what reactions you have to them.



## Patient Falls & Fall Prevention

Illness, medicines, tests or surgery can make you dizzy or weak.

Your health care team wants to help you!

**It's OK to Ask** for help before getting up.

