

Cut-Band Application and Removal Guide

Applying the Cut-Band Tag

1. **ASSIGN** the tag to a patient in the MyChild software, after testing the tag.

(See *How to Store and Test a MyChild Tag*).

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2. **THREAD** the cut-band UP through one side of tag, from the bottom of tag (green side) to the top of tag (white side with writing). The white side of the cut-band should be on the inside..

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3. **SLIP** the loop over baby's foot and position on the calf. If the patient is a preemie, position of top of upper thigh. Snug band to fit by pulling up on tabs on either side of tag.
4. **TRIM** the cut-band, leaving enough band on both sides to grab for tightening, in case the patient loses weight.

Infant Application



PLACE Surgilast or other tubular elastic bandage to prevent accidental removal by the infant. Surgilast should cover the tag and the limb above and below the tag.

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Removing the Cut-band Tag

1. **DISCHARGE** the tag in the MyChild software.



2. **CUT** the band as shown. Position the scissors between the tag and the patient's limb.

3. **CLEAN** the tag thoroughly in accordance with the disinfection procedures below.

4. **PLACE** tag in foil pouch for storage.

Tag Disinfection Procedures

- Thoroughly clean tag with a disinfectant wipe. Allow the tag to air dry. Wipe contact surface with an alcohol wipe to remove any chemical residue that could be an irritant to the patient's skin.
- Use a small soft-bristled brush, dipped in alcohol, to scrub the teeth on a cut-band tag. Use the brush on both top and bottom of teeth. All debris, such as band material, must be removed.
- If necessary, tag can be rinsed under running water. If this method is used, shake the tag dry. Do not use a paper towel or cotton-tip applicator to dry teeth.

Disinfected tags should always be placed in individual foil pouches to preserve their battery life.