

Pediatric care is 'weigh' safe



Mercy Medical Center's "Weigh 'Too" is a quick and easy way for Mercy medical care providers to immediately identify a child's weight range and promptly determine appropriate care.

Pediatric patients are weighed and a temporary tattoo, color-coded by weight, is applied to the inside of the child's wrist with warm water. Because it is adhered to the skin, there are no concerns with it coming loose or causing discomfort to children.

The color of the tattoo corresponds with a

drawer of the same color in a pediatric medical supply cart. Matching the colors ensures the right doses of medication are given and the right sizes of medical equipment are used.

The "Weigh 'Too" also is a "weigh cool" way to help alleviate children's fears.