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Allergic reaction to a red plastic allergy alert patient identification bracelet: implications for surgical patient safety
Serryth Colbert, John Williams, Neil Mackenzie and Peter Brennan present a case of allergy to a hospital thermally-printed red plastic allergy alert bracelet in a 48 year old lady admitted to the day surgery unit. Two hours postoperatively, an intensely itchy area of erythema and oedema was seen extending from her left wrist distally to the fingers. The bracelet was removed and the rash resolved overnight without further complication. A diagnosis of contact dermatitis was made, secondary to exposure to an agent within the bracelet. The safety implications for surgical patients unable to wear an identification bracelet and the steps that may be taken to minimise the risk of harm from misidentification are discussed. The authors believe this to be the first documented case of an allergy to a patient identification bracelet in the medical literature

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Every day we use the eponymous names of many diseases and injuries, but how many of you know much about the person behind the name? Professor Harold Ellis continues this series with Leo Buerger