Identifying Counterfeit Money

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The $20 bill

1. Portrait watermark is visible from both sides when held to light.

2. Color-shifting numeral 20 changes from copper to green when tilted.

3. Security thread USA TWENTY and a small flag are visible from both sides.

5. First letter of serial number corresponds to the series year.

6. Letter matches 2nd prefix letter in serial number.

The $50 bill

1. Portrait watermark is visible from both sides when held to light.

2. Color-shifting numeral 50 changes from copper to green when tilted.

3. Security thread USA 50 and a small flag are visible from both sides.

5. First letter of serial number corresponds to the series year.

6. Letter matches 2nd prefix letter in serial number.

The $100 bill

1. Portrait watermark is visible from both sides when held to light.

2. Color-shifting numeral 100 changes from copper to green when tilted. Bell in the inkwell changes color from copper to green.

3. Security thread alternates USA and 100 and is visible from both sides.

4. 3-D security ribbon – tilt the note to see the bells and 100s move.

5. First letter of serial number corresponds to the series year.

6. Letter matches 2nd prefix letter in serial number.

What do I do if I receive counterfeit currency?

- Realize that the patient might not know the money is counterfeit.
- Nicely tell them you can't accept the money because it's counterfeit.
- Offer to report it to the police.
- Ask for another form of payment.
- Make a note in the patient's file.

Did you notice this?

Borders are uneven and sides are not cut straight.

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Serial numbers are the same.

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Ink faded when the bill got wet.