

NQF – National Quality Forum - Leapfrog 29 events

1. SURGICAL OR INVASIVE PROCEDURE EVENTS

1A. Surgery or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong site (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

1B. Surgery or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong patient (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

1C. Wrong surgical or other invasive procedure performed on a patient (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

1D. Unintended retention of a foreign object in a patient after surgery or other invasive procedure (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

1E. Intraoperative or immediately postoperative/post-procedure death in an ASA Class 1 patient (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices

2. PRODUCT OR DEVICE EVENTS

2A. Patient death or serious injury associated with the use of contaminated drugs, devices, or biologics provided by the healthcare setting (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

2B. Patient death or serious injury associated with the use or function of a device in patient care, in which the device is used or functions other than as intended (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

2C. Patient death or serious injury associated with intravascular air embolism that occurs while being cared for in a healthcare setting (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

3. PATIENT PROTECTION EVENTS

3A. Discharge or release of a patient/resident of any age, who is unable to make decisions, to other than an authorized person (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

3B. Patient death or serious injury associated with patient elopement (disappearance) (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

3C. Patient suicide, attempted suicide, or self-harm that results in serious injury, while being cared for in a healthcare setting (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

4. CARE MANAGEMENT EVENTS

4A. Patient death or serious injury associated with a medication error (e.g., errors involving the wrong drug, wrong dose, wrong patient, wrong time, wrong rate, wrong preparation, or wrong route of administration) (updated)

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4B. Patient death or serious injury associated with unsafe administration of blood products (updated)

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4C. Maternal death or serious injury associated with labor or delivery in a low-risk pregnancy while being cared for in a healthcare setting (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers

4D. Death or serious injury of a neonate associated with labor or delivery in a low-risk pregnancy (new)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers

4E. Patient death or serious injury associated with a fall while being cared for in a healthcare setting (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

4F. Any Stage 3, Stage 4, and unstageable pressure ulcers acquired after admission/presentation to a healthcare setting (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

4G. Artificial insemination with the wrong donor sperm or wrong egg (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices

4H. Patient death or serious injury resulting from the irretrievable loss of an irreplaceable biological specimen (new)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

4I. Patient death or serious injury resulting from failure to follow up or communicate laboratory, pathology, or radiology test results (new)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

5. ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS

5A. Patient or staff death or serious injury associated with an electric shock in the course of a patient care process in a healthcare setting (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

5B. Any incident in which systems designated for oxygen or other gas to be delivered to a patient contains no gas, the wrong gas, or are contaminated by toxic substances (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

5C. Patient or staff death or serious injury associated with a burn incurred from any source in the course of a patient care process in a healthcare setting (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

5D. Patient death or serious injury associated with the use of physical restraints or bedrails while being cared for in a healthcare setting (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

6. RADIOLOGIC EVENTS

6A. Death or serious injury of a patient or staff associated with the introduction of a metallic object into the MRI area (new)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices

7. POTENTIAL CRIMINAL EVENTS

7A. Any instance of care ordered by or provided by someone impersonating a physician, nurse, pharmacist, or other licensed healthcare provider (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

7B. Abduction of a patient/resident of any age (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

7C. Sexual abuse/assault on a patient or staff member within or on the grounds of a healthcare setting (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities

7D. Death or serious injury of a patient or staff member resulting from a physical assault (i.e., battery) that occurs within or on the grounds of a healthcare setting (updated)

Applicable in: hospitals, outpatient/office-based surgery centers, ambulatory practice settings/office-based practices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities