

Serious Reportable Events in Healthcare¹

1. SURGICAL EVENTS

- A. Surgery performed on the wrong body part
- B. Surgery performed on the wrong patient
- C. Wrong surgical procedure performed on a patient
- D. Unintended retention of a foreign object in a patient after surgery or other procedure
- E. Intraoperative or immediately postoperative death in an ASA Class I patient

2. PRODUCT OR DEVICE EVENTS

- A. Patient death or serious disability associated with the use of contaminated drugs, devices, or biologics provided by the healthcare facility
- B. Patient death or serious disability associated with the use or function of a device in patient care in which the device is used or functions other than as intended
- C. Patient death or serious disability associated with intravascular air embolism that occurs while being cared for in a healthcare facility

3. PATIENT PROTECTION EVENTS

- A. Infant discharged to the wrong person
- B. Patient death or serious disability associated with patient elopement (disappearance)
- C. Patient suicide, or attempted suicide, resulting in serious disability while being cared for in a healthcare facility

4. CARE MANAGEMENT EVENTS

- A. Patient death or serious disability 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)
- B. Patient death or serious disability associated with a hemolytic reaction due to the administration of ABO/HLA-incompatible blood or blood products
- C. Maternal death or serious disability associated with labor or delivery in a low-risk pregnancy while being cared for in a healthcare facility
- D. Patient death or serious disability associated with hypoglycemia, the onset of which occurs while the patient is being cared for in a healthcare facility
- E. Death or serious disability (kernicterus) associated with failure to identify and treat hyperbilirubinemia in neonates
- F. Stage 3 or 4 pressure ulcers acquired after admission to a healthcare facility
- G. Patient death or serious disability due to spinal manipulative therapy
- H. Artificial insemination with the wrong donor sperm or wrong egg

5. ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS

- A. Patient death or serious disability associated with an electric shock while being cared for in a healthcare facility
- B. Any incident in which a line designated for oxygen or other gas to be delivered to a patient contains the wrong gas or is contaminated by toxic substances
- C. Patient death or serious disability associated with a burn incurred from any source while being cared for in a healthcare facility
- D. Patient death or serious disability associated with a fall while being cared for in a healthcare facility
- E. Patient death or serious disability associated with the use of restraints or bedrails while being cared for in a healthcare facility