



# 2010 National Patient Safety Goals Hospital Program

## 2010 National Patient Safety Goals Manual (Includes Rationales and Implementation Expectations)

- Goal 1      Improve the accuracy of patient identification.
  - 1.01      Use at least two patient identifiers when providing care, treatment or services.
  - 1.03      Eliminate transfusion errors related to (patient) misidentification.
- Goal 2      Improve effectiveness of communication among caregivers.
  - 2.03      Report critical results of tests and diagnostic procedures on a timely basis.
- Goal 3      Improve the safety of using medications.
  - 3.04      Label all medications, medicine containers (for example, syringes, medicine cups, basins), or other solutions on and off the sterile field.
  - 3.05      Reduce the likelihood of patient harm associated with the use of anticoagulation therapy.
- Goal 7      Reduce the risk of health care associated infections.
  - 7.01      Comply with current World Health Organization (WHO) Hand Hygiene Guidelines or Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Hand Hygiene Guidelines.
  - 7.03      Implement evidenced-based practices to prevent health care associated infections due to multiple drug-resistant organisms in acute care hospitals.
  - 7.04      Implement evidence-based to prevent central line-associated bloodstream infections.
  - 7.05      Implement best practices for preventing surgical site infections.
- Goal 8      Accurately and completely reconcile medications across the continuum of care.
  - 8.01      A process exists for comparing the patients current medications with those ordered for the patient while under the care of the organization.

- 8.02 When a patient is referred to or transferred from one organization to another, the complete and reconciled list of medications is communicated to the next provider of service and the communication is documented. Alternatively, when a patient leaves the organizations care to go directly to his or her home, the complete and reconciled list of medications is provided to the patient's known primary care provider, or the original referring provider, or a known next provider of service.
- 8.03 When a patient leaves the organization's care, a complete and reconciled list of the patient's medications is provided directly to the patient and, as needed, the family and the list is explained to the patient and/or family.
- 8.04 In settings where medications are used minimally, or prescribed for a short duration, modified medication reconciliation processes are performed.
- Goal 9 Reduce the risk of patient harm resulting from falls.
- 9.02 Reduce the risk of falls.
- Goal 14 Prevent health care-associated pressure ulcers (decubitus ulcers).
- Goal 15 The organization identifies safety risks inherent in its patient population.
- 15.01 Identify patients at risk for suicide. [Applicable to psychiatric hospitals and patients being treated for emotional or behavioral disorders in general hospitals-NOT APPLICABLE TO CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS].
- 15.02 Identify risks associated with home oxygen therapy such as home fires.

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 (Print Name) 2010 National Patient Safety Goals.

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