

NJ Patient Safety List of Reportable Events

Care Management	
Medication Error	Patient death, loss of body part, disability, or loss of bodily function lasting more than seven days or still present at discharge, associated with a medication error (e.g., errors involving the wrong drug, wrong dose, wrong patient/resident, wrong time, wrong rate, wrong preparation, wrong route of administration, etc.)
Wrong Blood Product	Patient death, loss of body part, disability, or loss of bodily function lasting more than seven days or still present at discharge, associated with a hemolytic reaction due to the administration of ABO-incompatible blood or blood products.
Maternal Labor	Maternal death, loss of body part, disability, or loss of bodily function lasting more than seven days or still present at discharge associated with labor or delivery in a low-risk pregnancy while in a health care facility.
Hypoglycemia	Patient death, loss of body part, disability, or loss of bodily function lasting more than seven days or still present at discharge associated with hypoglycemia, the onset of which occurs while the patient is being cared for in the health care facility.
Neonate Hyperbilirubinemia	Death or kernicterus associated with failure to identify and treat hyperbilirubinemia in a neonate while the neonate is a patient in a health care facility.
Pressure Ulcers	Stage III or IV pressure ulcers acquired after admission of the patient/resident to a health care facility. This does not include skin ulcers that develop as a result of an underlying vascular etiology, including arterial insufficiency, venous insufficiency and/or venous hypertension; or develop as a result of an underlying neuropathy, such as a diabetic neuropathy. Also excludes progression from Stage II to Stage III, if Stage II was recognized and documented upon admission.
Spinal	Patient death, loss of body part, disability, or loss of bodily function lasting more than seven days or still present at discharge, associated with spinal manipulative therapy provided in a health care facility.
Other	Other patient care management-related adverse preventable event resulting in patient death, loss of a body part, disability, or loss of bodily function lasting more than seven days or still present at the time of discharge not included within the definitions above.
Environmental	
Electric Shock	Patient death, loss of body part, disability, or loss of bodily function lasting more than seven days or still present at discharge, associated with any shock while being cared for in a health care facility. Excludes events involving planned treatments, such as electric counter shock (heart stimulation).

Wrong Gas	Any incident in which a line designated for oxygen or other gas to be delivered to a patient/resident contains the wrong gas or is contaminated by toxic substances and results in patient/resident death, loss of body part, disability or loss of bodily function lasting more than seven days or still present at discharge.
Burn	Patient death, loss of body part, disability, or loss of bodily function lasting more than seven days or still present at discharge, associated with a burn incurred from any source while in a health care facility.
Fall	Patient death, loss of body part, disability, or loss of bodily function lasting more than seven days or still present at discharge, associated with a fall while in a health care facility.
Restraints	Patient death, loss of body part, disability, or loss of bodily function lasting more than seven days or still present at discharge, associated with the use of restraints or bedrails while in a health care facility.
Other	Other environmentally-related adverse preventable events resulting in patient/resident death, loss of a body part, disability, or loss of bodily function lasting more than seven days or still present at the time of discharge not included within the definitions above.
Product/Device	
Contaminated Drugs/Devices/Biologics	Patient death, loss of body part, disability, or loss of bodily function lasting more than seven days or still present at discharge, associated with use of generally detectable contaminated drugs, devices, or biologics provided by the health care facility, regardless of the source of contamination and/or product.
Malfunction	Patient death, loss of body part, disability, or loss of bodily function lasting more than seven days or still present at discharge, associated with use or function of a device (including new single-use device or a reprocessed single-use device) in patient/resident care in which the device is used or functions other than as intended. This includes and is not limited to catheters, drains, and other specialized tubes, infusion pumps, and ventilators. Indicate whether the device was new or had been reprocessed.
Air Embolism	Intravascular air embolism that occurs while the patient/resident is in the facility. However, this does not include deaths or disability associated with neurosurgical procedures known to present a high risk of intravascular air embolism.
Other	Other product or device-related adverse preventable event resulting in patient death, loss of a body part, disability, or loss of bodily function lasting more than seven days or still present at the time of discharge not included within the definitions above.

Patient Protection

Infant discharge	Discharge of an infant to the wrong person, excluding patient/resident abductions.
Elopement	Any patient death, loss of body part, disability, or loss of bodily function lasting more than seven days associated with patient/resident elopement.
Suicide\Attempted Suicide	Patient suicide or attempted suicide while in a health care facility. However, this does not include deaths or disability resulting from self-inflicted injuries that were the reason for admission to the health care facility.
Other	Other patient/resident protection-related adverse preventable event resulting in patient death, loss of a body part, disability, or loss of bodily function lasting more than seven days or still present at the time of discharge not included within the definitions above.

Surgical

Wrong Site	Surgery initiated (whether or not completed) on the wrong body part.
Wrong Patient	A surgical procedure (whether or not completed) intended for a different patient of the facility.
Wrong Procedure	A wrong surgical procedure initiated (whether or not completed) on a patient.
Retained Foreign Object	Retention of a foreign object in a patient after surgery, excluding objects intentionally implanted as part of a planned intervention and objects present prior to surgery that were intentionally retained.
Intra/Post-Op Coma or Death	Intraoperative or postoperative (i.e., within twenty-four hours) coma, death or other serious preventable adverse event for an ASA Class I inpatient or for any ASA Class same day surgery patient or outpatient. Includes all patient deaths, comas or other serious preventable adverse events in situations where anesthesia was administered; the planned surgical procedure may or may not have been carried out.
Other	Other surgery-related adverse preventable event resulting in patient death, loss of a body part, disability, or loss of bodily function lasting more than seven days or still present at the time of discharge not included within the definitions above.