





## CHART RL6:RISK TAXONOMY

<p><b>MEDICATION ERROR</b></p> 	<p>Dose omission            Extra dose            Inadequate pain management            Medication list incorrect            Med reconciliation issue at admission            Med reconciliation issue at discharge            Monitoring error (includes contra-indicated drugs, drug/food interaction, etc)                Clinical (lab value, vital sign)                Contaminated drug/biologic                Deteriorated drug/biologic                Documented allergy                Drug-disease interaction                Drug-drug interaction                Drug-food/nutrient interaction                Other (specify)            Prescription/refill delayed            Unauthorized drug            Wrong                Drug                Dosage form                Dose/over dosage                Dose/under dosage                Duration                Patient                Rate (IV)                Route                Strength/concentration                Technique                Time            Other (specify)</p>
<p><b>ADVERSE DRUG REACTION (not a medication error)</b></p> 	<p>Arrhythmia            Dizziness            Hematologic problem            Hypotension            Mental status changes            Nephrotoxicity            Skin reaction (rash, blister, itching, hives)            Other (specify)</p>
<p><b>EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES/DEVICES</b></p> 	<p>Broken item(s)            Disconnected            Electrical problem            Equipment malfunction            Equipment misuse            Equipment not available            Equipment safety situation                Failed test of standard procedure                Preventive maintenance inadequate/not performed                Other (specify)            Equipment wrong or inadequate            Inadequate supplies            Medical device problem            Outdated item(s)            Sterilization problem            Other (specify)</p>
<p><b>FALL</b></p> 	<p>Ambulating            Assisted sit / fall            Found on floor            From stretcher            Grounds of facility            Hallways of facility            In Exam Room/from exam table            Lying in bed            Sitting at side of bed            Sitting in chair/wheelchair            Toileting            Transferring            Other (specify)</p>

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ERROR RELATED TO  
PROCEDURE/TREATMENT/TEST



- Dietary
  - Foreign body in food
  - Incorrect diet
  - NPO patient given food
  - Patient allergy to diet
  - Other (specify)
- Laboratory test problem
  - Mislabeled specimen
  - Result missing or delayed
  - Specimen delivery problem
  - Specimen label incomplete/missing
  - Specimen quality problem
  - Test ordered, not performed
  - Test not ordered
  - Wrong patient
  - Wrong result
  - Wrong test ordered
  - Wrong test performed
  - Other (specify)
- Radiology/imaging test problem
  - Delay in scheduling
  - Film unavailable/inadequate
  - Incorrect reading
  - MRI safety violation
  - Not completed
  - Not ordered
  - Ordered, not performed
  - Report unavailable/delayed
  - Unanticipated radiation exposure
  - Wrong patient
  - Wrong procedure
  - Wrong side (L vs. R)
  - Wrong site
  - Other (specify)
- Referral/consult problem
  - Delay in scheduling
  - Delay in service
  - Report unavailable/delayed
  - Other (specify)
- Respiratory care
  - Medical gas problem
  - Missed treatment
  - Self/unplanned extubation
  - Unplanned/emergent intubation following procedure/treatment/test
  - Ventilator alarms inaudible
  - Ventilator alarms not set properly
  - Ventilator settings wrong/changed without authorization
  - Other (specify)
- Surgery/invasive procedure problem
  - Break in sterile technique
  - Consent missing/inadequate
  - Count incomplete/not performed
  - Count incorrect - Equipment
  - Count incorrect - Needles
  - Count incorrect - Sponges
  - Foreign body in patient
  - ID missing/incorrect
  - Preparation inadequate/wrong
  - Procedure cancelled/not perform
  - Procedure delayed
  - Procedure not completed
  - Procedure not ordered
  - Unintended laceration or puncture
  - Wrong patient
  - Wrong procedure
  - Wrong side (L vs. R)
  - Wrong site
  - Other (specify)
- Other (specify)




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**COMPLICATION OF  
PROCEDURE/TREATMENT/TEST**



- Anesthesia event
  - Aspiration
  - Cardiopulmonary arrest
  - Death
  - Intubation trauma
  - Myocardial infarction
  - Stroke
  - Use of reversal agents
  - Other (specify)
- Cardiopulmonary arrest outside ICU
- Catheter or tube problem
- Complication following spinal manipulative therapy
- Complication following surgery or invasive procedure
  - Acute renal failure
  - Cardiopulmonary arrest
  - Death
  - Deep venous thrombosis (DVT)
  - Intravascular air embolism
  - Myocardial infarction
  - Pneumothorax
  - Pulmonary embolism (PE)
  - Removal of tube or other medical device by patient
  - Stroke or other neurologic deficit
  - Unplanned return to OR
  - Unplanned transfer to ICU
  - Wound dehiscence
  - Other (specify)
- Emergency Department
  - Discrepancy between ED interpretation of X-ray/EKG and final reading
  - Left before visit completed
  - Left without being seen
  - Patient in 302 process eloped with injury
  - Unplanned return to ED within 48 hours requiring admission
  - Other (specify)
- Extravasation of drug or radiologic contrast
- Healthcare-Acquired Infection
  - Antibiotic-associated diarrhea
  - Antibiotic resistant organism
  - Healthcare-associated pneumonia
  - Intravascular catheter infection
  - Sepsis 48 hours post-admission
  - Urinary tract infection (UTI)
  - Wound or surgical site infection
  - Other (specify)
- IV site complication (phlebitis, bruising, infiltration, etc.)
- Maternal complication
  - Death
  - DVT (Deep Venous Thrombosis)
  - Infection
  - Intrapartum fetal death
  - PE (Pulmonary Embolism)
  - Seizure
  - Unanticipated blood transfusion
  - Unplanned transfer to ICU
  - Uterine rupture
  - Other (specify)
- Neonatal complication
  - Apgar < 5 at 5 minutes
  - Birth injury or trauma
  - Neonatal death
  - Undiagnosed or untreated hyperbilirubinemia
  - Unplanned transfer to NICU
  - Other (specify)
- Onset of hypoglycemia during care
- Other (specify)

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<p><b>TRANSFUSION</b></p> 	<p>Apparent transfusion reaction            Consent missing/inadequate            Event related to blood product administration            Event related to blood product dispensing or distribution            Event related to blood product sample collection            Incomplete documentation on the transfusion record            Mismatched unit            Special product need not issued            Special product need not requested            Wrong component issued            Wrong component requested            Wrong patient requested            Wrong patient transfused            Other (specify)</p>
<p><b>SKIN INTEGRITY</b></p> 	<p>Abrasion            Blister            Burn (electrical, chemical, thermal)            Laceration/cut            Pressure Injury                Stage 1                Stage 2                Stage 3                Stage 4                Unstageable                Deep Tissue            Rash/hives            Skin tear            Venous stasis ulcer            Other (specify)</p>
<p><b>OTHER</b></p> 	<p>Against Medical Advice (AMA)            Combative/violent behavior            Confidentiality            Consent problem            Contraband            Death or injury during inpatient elopement            Death or injury involving seclusion            Delay in service            Deviation from policy/procedure            Dissatisfied patient/family            Electric shock to patient            Identification of patient/site            Inappropriate discharge            Inappropriate physician conduct            Other unexpected death            Readmission within 24 hours d/c            Restraint/Seclusion                Death in restraints                Death within 24 hrs of removal                Death within 1 wk of removal                Injury in restraints            Patient Self-Harm                Anorexia/bulimia                Ingestion of foreign object or substance                Self-mutilation                Suicide attempt - Injury                Suicide - Death                Other (specify)            Unanticipated transfer to higher level of care                Intra-facility transfer to higher acuity unit                Inter-facility transfer to higher acuity facility/unit                Other (specify)            Other (specify)</p>

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### INFRASTRUCTURE FAILURE



Administration/Management  
 Care ordered/provided by one impersonating a licensed HCW  
 Discharge of pt. to wrong family  
 Elopement/AWOL - no injury  
 Error in patient billing/records  
 Failure to report Health Department reportable diseases  
 Incomplete/incorrect order entry information  
 Missing or incorrect patient ID  
 Receipt of a strike notice  
 Other (specify)

Capacity  
 Boarding patient > 6 hours after discharge order  
 Patient receiving care in area not designated for care  
 Use of unlicensed beds for patient care  
 Other (specify)

Criminal/Potentially Criminal or Illegal activity  
 Consensual sexual activity  
 Disappearance of child from pediatrics  
 Disappearance of infant from nursery  
 Drug diversion/theft  
 Lost/damaged patient property  
 Misappropriation of pt./res property  
 Narcotics discrepancy  
     Solved  
     Unsolved  
 Theft of patient/visitor property  
 Violence/Abuse/Neglect  
     Assault by patient  
     Assault by staff  
     Assault by visitor  
     Confrontational behavior  
     Malnutrition or dehydration  
     Patient/resident neglect  
     Sexual assault/rape  
     Suicide attempt - no injury  
     Threat by patient  
     Verbal abuse  
     Other (specify)  
 Other (specify)

Emergency Services/Response  
 Activation of Internal or External Emergency Plan  
 EMTALA violation  
 Hospital in divert status  
 Other (specify)

Physical Plant/Utilities/Service Disruption  
 Disruption due to adverse man-made conditions or disaster  
 Disruption due to adverse natural conditions or disaster  
 Fire Safety  
     Activation of fire response plan  
     Fire alarm or sprinkler system out of service 4 hours or more  
     Fire on facility grounds  
 Interruption of utility service/unplanned power failure  
 Interruption or termination of any clinical service  
 Unplanned EMR downtime  
 Other (specify)

### EMPLOYEE AFFILIATE ISSUE



Burn  
 Caught in/on/or in-between  
 Exposure to blood/body fluid  
 Fall/slip/trip  
 Illness at work  
 Needle stick  
 Other sharps issue  
 Overexertion  
 Repetitive motion injury  
 Skin tear/cut  
 Strain/sprain  
 Struck against/contact with  
 Struck by/contact by  
 Other (specify)