



EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES/DEVICES

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 Outdated item(s)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)



TRANSFUSION

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)



OTHER/MISCELANEOUS

Against Medical Advice (AMA)
 Combative/violent behavior
 Contraband
 Deviation from policy/procedure
 Dissatisfied patient/family (* non-feedback sites only)
 Electric shock to patient
 Identification of patient/site
 Inappropriate discharge
 Other unexpected death
 Restraint/Seclusion
 Death in restraints
 Death within 24 hrs 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)



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)



INFRASTRUCTURE FAILURE

Administration/Management
 Care ordered/provided by one impersonating a licensed HCW
 Confidentiality
 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
 boarding patients after transfer orders received
 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
 Narcotics discrepancy—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)



Event Reporting System

RL6:RISK

TAXONOMY



FALL

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)



MEDICATION ERROR

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)



ADVERSE DRUG REACTION (not a medication error)

Arrhythmia
Dizziness
Hematologic problem
Hypotension
Mental status changes
Nephrotoxicity
Skin reaction (rash, blister, itching, hives)
Other (specify)



SKIN INTEGRITY

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)



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
 Mislabelled 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
 Consent missing/inadequate
 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)



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 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)