

Reviews of Serious Adverse Clinical Events

When a review of a serious adverse clinical event has been carried out by an enterprise, a copy of the report should be attached to the incident on STARSWeb and an email sent to the relevant CIS Clinical Risk Adviser as a matter of course.

List of serious adverse events

(Adapted from The National Quality Forum's List of the 28 "Never Events")

Surgical Events

- Surgery performed on the wrong body part
- Surgery performed on the wrong patient
- Wrong surgical procedure performed on a patient
- Unintended retention of a foreign object in a patient after surgery or other procedure, including retained vaginal swabs and tampons.
- Unexpected Intra-operative or immediately postoperative death.
- Unplanned return to operating suite.

Product or Device Events

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

Patient Protection Events

- Patient suicide, or attempted suicide, resulting in serious adverse outcome while being cared for in a health care facility
- Patient death or serious adverse outcome associated with patient absconding.
- Infant discharged to the wrong person

Care Management Events

- Patient death or serious adverse outcome associated with high alert drugs as determined by Drugs & Therapeutic Committees, pharmacy etc.
- Patient death or serious adverse outcome 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)
- Patient death or serious adverse outcome associated with a haemolytic reaction due to the administration of ABO/HLA-incompatible blood or blood products
- Maternal death.
- Serious adverse outcome associated with labour or delivery.
- Death or serious adverse outcome associated with delayed diagnosis.
- Death or serious disability (kernicterus) associated with failure to identify and treat hyperbilirubinaemia in neonates
- Hospital Related death reportable to the Coroner
- Patient death or serious adverse outcome due to spinal manipulative therapy

Environmental Events

- 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
- Patient death or serious adverse outcome associated with a burn incurred from any source while being cared for in a health care facility
- Patient death or serious adverse outcome associated with a fall while being cared for in a health care facility
- Patient death or serious adverse outcome associated with the use of restraints or bedrails while being cared for in a health care facility