

## Joint Commission 2013 National Patient Safety Goals

Goal	Elements of Performance
<u><b>Identify Patients Correctly</b></u>  <b>NPSG.01.01.01</b>  <b>NPSG.01.03.01</b>	<p>Use at least <b>two patient identifiers</b> (full name and date of birth) when administering medication, blood products, providing treatments or procedures or collecting blood samples.</p> <p><b>Label containers</b> used for blood or other specimens in the presence of the patient...</p> <p><b>Eliminate transfusion errors</b> related to patient misidentification. Use a two person verification process.</p>
<u><b>Improve Staff Communication</b></u>  <b>NPSG.02.03.01</b>	<p><b>Report critical results</b> of tests and diagnostic procedures on a timely basis. Develop written procedures for managing critical results of tests and diagnostic procedures, including by whom and to whom critical results are reported.</p>
<u><b>Use Medications Safety</b></u>  <b>NPSG.03.04.01</b>  <b>NPSG.03.05.01</b>  <b>NPSG.03.06.01</b>	<p><b>Label all medication containers</b> and other solutions, on and off the sterile field, in perioperative and other procedural settings. Medication containers include syringes, medication cups and basins.</p> <p>Reduce the likelihood of patient harm associated with the use of <b>anticoagulant therapy</b>.</p> <p>Maintain and <b>communicate accurate patient information</b> through medication reconciliation, a process used to identify and resolve medication discrepancies.</p>
<u><b>Prevent Infections</b></u>  <b>NPSG.07.01.01</b>  <b>NPSG.07.03.01</b>  <b>NPSG.07.04.01</b>  <b>NPSG.07.05.01</b>  <b>NPSG.07.06.01</b>	<p>Comply with the World Health Organization (WHO) <b>hand hygiene guidelines</b> or Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. Set goals for improving compliance with hand hygiene guidelines.</p> <p>Implement evidence based practices to <b>prevent health care-associated infections</b> due to multidrug- resistant organisms. This applies to, but is not limited to, methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), clostridium difficile (CDI), vancomycin-resistant enterococci (VRE) and multidrug-resistant gram-negative bacteria.</p> <p>Implement evidence-based practices to <b>prevent central line-associated bloodstream infections</b>.</p> <p>Implement evidence-based practices for <b>preventing surgical site infections</b>.</p> <p>Implement evidence-based practices to <b>prevent indwelling catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI)</b>.</p>
<u><b>Identify Patient Safety Risks</b></u> <b>NPSG.15.01.01</b>	<p><b>Identify patients at risk for suicide.</b></p>
<u><b>Prevent Surgical Mistakes</b></u> <u><b>The Universal Protocol</b></u>  <b>UP.01.01.01</b> <b>UP.01.02.01</b> <b>UP.01.03.01</b>	<p><b>Conduct a preprocedure verification process</b></p> <p><b>Mark the procedure site.</b></p> <p><b>Perform a time-out</b> before the procedure.</p>