

Surgical or Invasive Procedure Events

1. Surgeries or invasive procedures involving a surgery on the wrong site, wrong patient, wrong procedure.
2. Foreign object retained after surgery.
3. Post-operative death of an ASA Class 1 Patient.
4. Surgical site infections following a spinal procedure, shoulder procedure, elbow procedure, laparoscopic gastric bypass, gastroenterostomy, laparoscopic gastric restrictive surgery or cardiac implantable electronic device.
5. Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) or Pulmonary Embolism (PE) after total knee replacement or after hip replacement.
6. Iatrogenic Pneumothorax with venous catheterization.
7. Patient death or severe harm associated with intravascular air embolism that occurs while being cared for in a health care facility

Patient Protection Events

1. Discharge or release of a patient of any age, who is unable to make decisions, to someone other than an authorized person.
2. Patient suicide, attempted suicide or self-harm that results in severe harm, while being cared for in a health care facility.
3. Patient death or severe harm associated with patient elopement.

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Texas Preventable Adverse Events by Category

Environmental Events

1. Any incident in which systems designated for oxygen or other gas to be delivered to a patient contains no gas, wrong gas, or are contaminated by toxic substances.
2. Patient death or severe harm associated with use of physical restraints or bedrails while being cared for in a health care facility.
3. Patient death or severe harm associated with an electric shock while being cared for in a health care facility.
4. Patient death or severe harm associated with a burn incurred from any source while being cared for in a health care facility.

Potential Criminal Events

1. Abduction of a patient of any age.
2. Sexual abuse or assault of a patient within or on the grounds of a health care facility.
3. Patient death or severe harm resulting from a physical assault that occurs within or on the grounds of a health care facility.
4. Any instance of care ordered by or provided by someone impersonating a physician, nurse, pharmacist or other licensed health care provider.

Product or Device Events

1. Patient death or severe harm associated with the use of contaminated drugs/devices or biologics provided by the health care facility.
2. Patient death or severe harm associated with the use or function of a device in patient care, in which the device is used or functions other than as intended.

Care Management Events

1. Patient death or severe harm associated with a fall in a health care facility resulting in a fracture, dislocation, intracranial injury, crushing injury, burn or other injury.
2. Patient death or severe harm associated with unsafe administration of blood or blood products.
3. Patient death or severe harm resulting from the irretrievable loss of an irreplaceable biological specimen.
4. Patient death or severe harm resulting from failure to follow up or communicate laboratory, pathology or radiology test results.
5. Perinatal death or severe harm (maternal or neonate) associated with labor or delivery in a low-risk pregnancy while being cared for in a health care facility.
6. Stage III, Stage IV or Unstageable pressure ulcer acquired after admission/presentation to a health care facility.
7. Artificial insemination with the wrong donor sperm or wrong egg.
8. Poor glycemic control: hypoglycemic coma.
9. Poor glycemic control: diabetic ketoacidosis.
10. Poor glycemic control: nonketotic hyperosmolar coma.
11. Poor glycemic control: secondary diabetes with ketoacidosis.
12. Poor glycemic control: secondary diabetes with hyperosmolarity.
13. Patient death or severe harm associated with a medication error.

Radiological Event

1. Patient death or severe harm associated with the introduction of a metallic object into the MRI area.