

2010 National Patient Safety Goals

Ambulatory Health Care

Goal 1: Improve the accuracy of patient identification

NPSG.01.01.01: Use at least two [patient] identifiers when providing [care, treatment and services].

NPSG.01.03.01: Eliminate transfusion errors related to patient misidentification.

Goal 2: Improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers (LAB)

NPSG.02.03.01: Report critical results of tests and diagnostic procedures on a timely basis.

Goal 3: Improve the safety of using medications

NPSG.03.04.01: Label all medications, medication Containers, other solutions on and off the sterile field in Perioperative and other procedural settings.

Note: Medication containers include syringes, medicine cups, and basins

NPSG.03.05.01: Reduce the likelihood of patient harm associated with the use of anticoagulation therapy.

Note: The requirement applies only to organizations that provide anticoagulation therapy and /or long-term anticoagulation prophylaxis (for example, atrial fibrillation) where the clinical expectation is that the patient's laboratory values for coagulation will remain outside normal values. This requirement does not apply to routine situations in which short-term prophylactic anticoagulation is used for venous thrombo-embolism prevention (for example, related to procedures of organization and the clinical expectation is that the [patient]'s laboratory values for coagulation will remain within, or close to, normal values.

Goal 7: Reduce the risk of health care associated infections

NPSG.0701.01: Comply with current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) hand hygiene guidelines.

NPSG.07.05.01: Implement best practices for preventing surgical site infections.

Goal 8: Accurately and completely reconcile medications across the continuum of care

NPSG.08.01.01: A process exists for comparing the patient's current medications with those ordered for The patient while under the care of the organization.

Note: This standard is not in effect at this time.

NPSG.08.02.01: When a patient is referred or transferred from One organization to another, the complete and reconciled list of medications is communicated to the next provider of service and the communication is documented. Alternatively, when a patient leaves the organization's care directly to his or her home, the complete and reconciled list of medications is provided to the patient's known primary care provider, or the original referring provider, or a known next provider of service.

Note 1: When the next provider of service is unknown or when no known formal relationship is planned with a next provider, giving the [patient] and, as needed, the family the list of reconciliation medications is sufficient.

Note 2: This standard is not in effect at this time.

NPSG.08.03.01: When a [patient] leaves the organization's care, a complete and reconciled list of the patient's medications is provided directly to the patient, and the patient's family as needed, and the list is explained to the patient and/or family.

Note: This standard is not in effect at this time.

NPSG.08.04.01: In settings where medications are used minimally, or prescribed for a short duration, modified medication reconciliation processes are performed.

Note 1: This requirement does not apply to organization's that do not administer medications. It may be important for health care organization's to know which types of medications their patient's are taking because these medications could affect the [care, treatment, and services] provided.

Note 2: This standard is not in effect at this time.

Goal 15: The organization identifies safety risks inherent in its patient population. (BHC)

NPSG.15.01.01: Identify patient's at risk for suicide

Universal protocol for preventing wrong site, wrong procedure, wrong patient surgery

UP.01.01.01: Conduct a preprocedure verification process

UP.01.02.01: Mark the procedure site

UP.01.03.01: A time-out is performed before the procedure

Note: Many of the 2009 NPSGs have been put into standards and are still in effect.