



2011 Joint Commission National Patient Safety Goals

HAP = Hospital LTC = Long-Term Care BHC = Behavioral Health Care OME = Home Care AHC = Ambulatory Care LAB = Laboratories X = Active

HAP	LTC	BHC	OME	AHC	LAB		
Goal 1 – Improve the accuracy of patient identification							
X	X	X	X	X	X	1. Use at least two identifiers when providing care, treatment and services.	NPSG.01.01.01
X				X		2. Eliminate transfusion errors related to patient misidentification.	NPSG.01.03.01
Goal 2 – Improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers							
X					X	1. Report critical results of tests and diagnostic procedures on a timely basis.	NPSG.02.03.01
Goal 3 – Improve the safety of using medications							
X				X		1. Label all medications, medication containers, and other solutions on and off the sterile field in perioperative and other procedural settings.	NPSG.03.04.01
X	X			X		2. Reduce harm associated with anticoagulation therapy.	NPSG.03.05.01
X	X	X	X	X		3. Maintain and communicate accurate patient medication information	NPSG.03.06.01
Goal 7 – Reduce the risk of health care-associated infections							
X	X	X	X	X	X	1. Comply with hand-hygiene guidelines of CDC or WHO.	NPSG.07.01.01
X						2. Prevent infections due to multi-drug-resistant organisms.	NPSG.07.03.01
X	X					3. Prevent central-line-associated blood stream infections.	NPSG.07.04.01
X				X		4. Prevent surgical site infections.	NPSG.07.05.01
Goal 9 – Reduce the risk of patient harm resulting from falls							
	X		X			1. Implement a fall-reduction program.	NPSG.09.02.01
Goal 14 – Prevent health care-associated pressure ulcers							
	X					1. Assess and periodically reassess resident risk for pressure ulcers and take actions to address any identified risks.	NPSG.14.01.01
Goal 15 – The organization identifies safety risk inherent to the patient population							
X		X				1. Identify patients at risk for suicide.	NPSG.15.01.01
			X			2. Identify risks associated with home oxygen therapy.	NPSG.15.02.01
Universal Protocol							
X				X		1. Conduct a pre-procedure verification process.	UP.01.01.01
X				X		2. Mark the procedure site.	UP.01.02.01
X				X		3. Perform a time-out before the procedure.	UP.01.03.01

The Joint Commission announced in December 2010 that Goal 8 will be moving to Goal 3, effective July 1, 2011.

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