

Events that need to be reported to DPH:

Event
SURGICAL OR INVASIVE PROCEDURE EVENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgery or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong body part • Surgery or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong patient • Wrong surgical or other invasive procedure performed on a patient • Unintended retention of a foreign object in a patient after surgery or other invasive procedure • Intraoperative or immediately postoperative/postprocedure death in an ASA Class 1 patient
PRODUCT OR DEVICE EVENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient death or serious injury associated with the use of contaminated drugs, devices, or biologics provided by the healthcare setting • Patient death or serious injury 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 injury associated with intravascular air embolism that occurs while being cared for in a healthcare setting
PATIENT PROTECTION EVENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discharge or release of a patient/resident of any age, who is unable to make decisions, to other than an authorized person • Patient death or serious injury associated with patient elopement (disappearance) • Patient suicide, attempted suicide, or self-harm that results in serious injury, while being cared for in a healthcare setting
CARE MANAGEMENT EVENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient death or serious injury associated with a medication error (e.g., errors involving wrong drug, wrong dose, wrong patient, wrong time, wrong rate, wrong preparation, or wrong route of administration) • Patient death or serious injury associated with unsafe administration of blood products • Maternal death or serious injury associated with labor or delivery in a low-risk pregnancy while being cared for in a healthcare setting • Death or serious injury of a neonate associated with labor or delivery in a low-risk pregnancy • Patient death or serious injury associated with a fall while being cared for in a healthcare setting • Any Stage 3, Stage 4, and unstageable pressure ulcers acquired after admission/presentation to a healthcare setting • Artificial insemination with the wrong donor sperm or wrong egg • Patient death or serious injury resulting from the irretrievable loss of an irreplaceable biological specimen • Patient death or serious injury resulting from failure to follow up or communicate laboratory, pathology, or radiology test results
ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient or staff death or serious injury associated with an electric shock in the course of a patient care process in a healthcare setting • Any incident in which systems designated for oxygen or other gas to be delivered to a patient contains no gas, the wrong gas, or are contaminated by toxic substance • Patient or staff death or serious injury associated with a burn incurred from any source in the course of a patient care process in a healthcare setting • Patient death or serious injury associated with the use of physical restraints or bedrails while being cared for in a healthcare setting
RADIOLOGIC EVENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death or serious injury of a patient or staff associated with the introduction of a metallic object into the MRI area
POTENTIAL CRIMINAL EVENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any instance of care ordered by or provided by someone impersonating a physician, nurse, pharmacist, or other licensed healthcare provider • Abduction of a patient/resident of any age • Sexual abuse/assault on a patient or staff member within or on the grounds of a healthcare setting • Death or serious injury of a patient or staff member resulting from a physical assault (i.e., battery) that occurs within or on the grounds of a healthcare setting