# 2023 National Patient Safety Goals

## Improve the accuracy of patient identification
- Use at least two patient identifiers when providing care, treatment, and services (Name and Date of Birth)
- Label containers used for blood and other specimens in the presence of the patient
- Use distinct methods of identification for newborn patients
  - Standardize practice and establish communication tools among staff

## Improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers
- Report critical results of tests and diagnostic procedures on a timely basis (time result is available to the time result is given to the provider-60 minutes) and evaluate the effectiveness

## Improve the safety of using medications
- Label all medications, med containers (including syringes, med cups and basins), and solutions on and off the sterile field in perioperative and other procedural settings
- Reduce the likelihood of patient harm associated with the use of anticoagulant therapy (this does not apply to short-term prophylactic use)
- Maintain and communicate accurate patient medication information
  - Compare current list and newly ordered medications
  - Provide current medication information to the patient at discharge
  - When the only medication added is of short duration only information about that medication is necessary to be provided to the patient
  - Define the types of medication information (name, dose, route, frequency…) to be collected in non-24 hour settings such as ED, ODS and diagnostic settings

## Improve the Safety of Clinical Alarm Systems
- Leaders establish alarm safety as a priority
- Identify most important alarm signals to manage
- Establish policies and procedures for managing alarm safety
- Educate staff and practitioners about alarm safety

## Reduce the risk of health care associated infections
- Comply with the CDC hand hygiene guidelines and conduct surveillance
  - Set goals for improving compliance

## Identifies safety risks inherent in its population-Identify Patients at risk for suicide
- Conduct a risk assessment and screen all patients treated of behavioral health conditions as their primary reason for care
- Address patient's immediate safety needs, document risk and mitigation plan
- Follow policy addressing training and competency of staff, guidelines for reassessment and monitoring of patient (possibly one-to-one)
- Provide counseling and follow-up care upon discharge per policy
- Monitor implementation and effectiveness

## Universal Protocol (in the OR and Non-OR settings)
- Conduct a pre-procedure verification process
- Mark the procedure site if indicated by the practitioner accountable for the procedure
- Perform and document a Time-Out (final verification) prior to the procedure (active communication)
  - Correct patient
  - Correct site (marked if necessary)
  - Correct procedure

# 2023 National Patient Safety Goals
# Home Health Care

## Improve the accuracy of patient identification
- Use at least two patient identifiers when providing care, treatment, and services (Name and Date of Birth)
- Label containers used for blood and other specimens in the presence of the patient

## Improve the safety of using medications
- Maintain and communicate accurate patient medication information
  - Obtain and update information on current medications
  - Define the medication information to be collected (example: name, dose, route, frequency, purpose)
  - Compare medication information brought to the organization with the medication ordered
  - Provide current medication information to the patient and/or family at discharge
  - Explain the importance of managing their medications

## Reduce the risk of health care associated infections
- Comply with the CDC hand hygiene guidelines and conduct surveillance
  - Set goals for improving compliance
  - Improve compliance

## Reduce the risk of harm resulting from falls
- Assess for falls risk
- Implement interventions to reduce falls
- Educate staff on the fall reduction program
- Educate patient and family on reduction strategies
- Evaluate the effectiveness of fall reduction

## The hospital identifies safety risks inherent in its population
- Identify risk associated with home oxygen therapy
  - Conduct a risk assessment
  - Reevaluate potential fire risks at intervals
  - Inform & educate patient and family about fire risks
  - Assess patient's, family's, and/or caregiver's level of comprehension & document assessment
  - Implement strategies to improve patient and/or family compliance.

# 2023 National Patient Safety Goals
# Behavioral Health Care and Human Services

## Improve the accuracy of patient identification
- Use at least two patient identifiers when providing care, treatment, and services (Name and Date of Birth)
- Label containers used for blood and other specimens in the presence of the patient

## Improve the safety of using medications
- Label all medications, medication containers (including syringes, medicine cups and basins), and other solutions if not used immediately
- Maintain and communicate accurate patient medication information
  - Obtain and update information on current medications
  - Define the medication information to be collected (example: name, dose, route, frequency, purpose)
  - Compare medication information brought to the organization with the medication ordered
  - Provide current medication information to the patient and/or family at discharge
  - Explain the importance of managing their medications

## Reduce the risk of health care associated infections
- Comply with the CDC hand hygiene guidelines and conduct surveillance
  - Set goals for improving compliance
  - Improve compliance

## The hospital identifies safety risks inherent in its population
- Conduct an environmental risk assessment
- Screen all individuals served for suicidal ideation using a valid screening tool
- Use an evidence-based process to conduct a suicide assessment
- Document individuals' overall level of risk for suicide and a plan to mitigate the risk for suicide
- Follow written policies addressing the care of individuals served
- Follow written polies for counseling and follow-up care at discharge
- Monitor implementation and effectiveness of policies for screening, assessment, and management of individuals served