



2010 National Patient Safety Goals

- Goal # 1: Improve the Accuracy of Patient Identification** – *(01.01.01) Use at least two patient identifiers when providing care, treatment and services.*
- Goal # 2: Improve the Effectiveness of Communication Among Caregivers** – *(02.03.01) Report critical results of tests and diagnostic procedures on a timely basis.*
- Goal #3: Improve the Safety of Using Medications** – *(03.05.01) Reduce the likelihood of patient harm associated with the use of anticoagulant therapy.*
- Goal #7: Reduce the Risk of Healthcare-Associated Infections** – *(07.01.01) Comply with either the current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) hand hygiene guidelines or the current World Health Organization (WHO) hand hygiene guidelines. (07.03.01) Implement evidence-based practices to prevent healthcare-associated infections due to multidrug-resistant organisms in acute care hospitals.*
- Goal #8: Accurately and Completely Reconcile Medications Across the Continuum of Care** – *(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 hospital. (08.02.01) When a patient is referred to or transferred from one hospital 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 hospital's care to go directly to his or her home, the complete and reconciled list of medications is provided to the patient's known primary care provider, the original referring provider, or a known next provider of service. (08.03.01) When the patient leaves the hospital's care, a complete and reconciled list of the patient's medications is provided directly to the patient and, as needed, the family, and the list is explained to the patient and/or family.*
- Goal #15: The Organization Identifies Safety Risks Inherent in its Patient Population** - *(15.01.01) Identify patients at risk for suicide.*