

# National Patient Safety Goals - 2018

## IDENTIFY PATIENTS CORRECTLY

Use at least **Two Patient Identifiers** when providing care, treatment or services (patient name & date of birth).

Make sure that the correct patient gets the correct blood when they get a blood transfusion.

## IMPROVE STAFF COMMUNICATION

Get important test results to the right person on time.

## USE MEDICINES SAFELY

Label all medications / medication containers (e.g. syringes, medicine cups, basins), or other solutions on and off the sterile field in peri-operative and other procedural settings.

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

Record and pass along correct information about a patient's medicines. Find out what medicines the patient is taking. Compare those medicines to new medicines given to the patient.

## USE ALARMS SAFELY

Ensure that alarms on medical equipment are heard and responded to on time.

## PREVENT INFECTION

Comply with current World Health Organization (WHO) or CDC Hand Hygiene Guidelines.

Use proven guidelines to prevent infections that are difficult to treat.

Use proven guidelines to prevent infection of the blood from central lines.

Use proven guidelines to prevent infection after surgery.

Use proven guidelines to prevent infections of the urinary tract that are caused by catheters.

## IDENTIFY PATIENT SAFETY RISKS

Identify individuals at risk for suicide.

## PREVENT MISTAKES IN SURGERY

Make sure that the correct surgery is done on the correct patient and the correct place on the patient's body.

Mark the correct place on the patient's body where the surgery is to be done.

Pause before the surgery to make sure that a mistake is not being made.