

2024 Behavioral Health Care National Patient Safety Goal

(Each-T-Read)

Identifying a patient

NPSG.01.01.01

Use a reliable way to identify individual patients. For example, use the individual's name and date of birth. This is done to make sure that each individual patient gets the correct medicine and treatment.

Use safe prescribing

NPSG.03.06.01

Record and act along correct information about an individual's medicine. Find out what medicine the individual is taking. Compare the medicine to the medicine given to the individual. Give the individual the medicine they need to take. Tell the individual what information about the medicine they need to take. Tell the individual what information about bringing their up-to-date list of medicine to see the primary care doctor.

Prevent infection

NPSG.07.01.01

Use the hand cleaning guideline from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the World Health Organization. Set goals for improving hand cleaning.

Identify and reduce risk factors

NPSG.15.01.01

Reduce the risk for suicide.

Improve care coordination

NPSG.16.01.01

Improve health care coordination and patient safety. For example, health care providers in the ambulatory care setting and a patient care site should improve health care coordination.

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Improve staff communication	
NPSG.02.03.01	Get important test results to the right staff person on time.
Use medicines safely	
NPSG.03.04.01	Before a procedure, label medicines that are not labeled. For example, medicines in syringes, cups and basins. Do this in the area where medicines and supplies are set up.
NPSG.03.05.01	Take extra care with patients who take medicines to thin their blood.
NPSG.03.06.01	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. Give the patient written information about the medicines they need to take. Tell the patient it is important to bring their up-to-date list of medicines every time they visit a doctor.
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Identify patient safety risks	
NPSG.15.01.01	Reduce the risk for suicide.
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NPSG.16.01.01	Improving health care equity is a quality and patient safety priority. For example, health care disparities in the patient population are identified and a written plan describes ways to improve health care equity.
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UP01.01.01	Make sure that the correct surgery is done on the correct patient and at the correct place on the patient's body.
UP01.02.01	Mark the correct place on the patient's body where the surgery is to be done.
UP01.03.01	Pause before the surgery to make sure that a mistake is not being made.

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