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HOSPITAL NATIONAL PATIENT SAFETY GOALS

Goal 1 Identify Patient Correctly

Use at least two ways to identify the patient. For example, use the patient's name and date of birth.



This is done to make sure that the patient gets the correct medicine and treatment.

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

Goal 3 Use Medicine Safely

1. Before a procedure, label all medicines that are not labeled. For example, medicines in syringes, cups, and basins. Do this in the area where medicines and supplies are kept.
2. Take extra care with patients who take medicines to thin their blood.
3. Record and pass along correct information about a patient's medicines. Find out what medicines the patient is taking.
4. Make sure the patient knows which medicine to take when they are at home.
5. Tell the patient it is important to bring their up-to-date list of medicines every time they visit a doctor.



Goal 2 Improve Staff Communication

Get important test results to the right staff person on time.



Goal 6 Use Alarm Safely



Make improvements to ensure that alarms on medical equipment are heard and responded to on time.

Goal 15 Identify Patients' Safety Risks

Find out which patients are most likely to commit suicide.



Goal 7 Prevent Infection

Use the hand cleaning guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to improve hand cleaning. Use proven guidelines to:

1. Prevent infections that are difficult to treat
2. Prevent infections of the blood from central lines
3. Prevent infections after surgery
4. Prevent infections of the urinary tract that are caused by catheters



UNIVERSAL PROTOCOL Prevent Mistakes in Surgery

1. Make sure that the correct surgery is done on the correct patient and at the correct place on the patient's body.
2. Mark the correct place on the patient's body where the surgery is to be done.
3. Pause before the surgery to make sure that a mistake is not being made.

