

# 2010 Hospital National Patient Safety Goals

The purpose of the National Patient Safety Goals is to improve patient safety. The Goals focus on problems in healthcare safety and how to solve them.

## Improve the accuracy of patient identification

- Use of Two Patient Identifiers
- Eliminating Transfusion Errors

## Improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers.

- Timely Reporting of Critical Test and Critical Results

## Improve the safety of using medications.

- Labeling Medications
- Reducing Harm from Anticoagulation Therapy

## Reduce the risk of healthcare-associated infections.

- Meeting Hand Hygiene Guidelines
- Preventing Multidrug-Resistant Organism Infections
- Preventing Central Line – Associated Blood Stream Infections
- Preventing Surgical Site Infections

## Accurately and completely reconcile medications across the continuum of care.

- Comparing Current and Newly Ordered Medications
- Communicating Medications to the Next Provider
- Providing a Reconciled Medication List to the Patient
- Settings in which Medications Are Minimally Used

## The organization identifies safety risks inherent in its patient population.

- Identifying Individuals at Risk for Suicide

## Universal Protocol

- Conducting a Pre-Procedure Verification Process
- Marking the Procedure Site
- Performing a Time-Out