

# PRESENTATION ON SENTINEL EVENT (CQI 9)



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**DEFINITIONS OF SENTINEL EVENT:** Sentinel Event is an unexpected Event happening at the hospital which involving death or serious physical damage (loss of limb or function) or psychological injury, or “the risk there of”.

“Risk there of” is defined as any variation in a process for which a recurrence carries a significant chance of an adverse outcome



# NABH 4<sup>th</sup> Edition (Standard & Objective Element)

## Standard

CQI.9.	Sentinel events are intensively analysed.
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## Objective Elements

- a. The organisation has defined sentinel events. \*

**Interpretation:** The sentinel events relating to system or process deficiencies that are relevant and important to the organisation must be clearly defined. The list of the identified and relevant sentinel events shall be documented. Refer to glossary for definition of "sentinel events".

- b. The organisation has established processes for intense analysis of such events.

**Interpretation:** The established processes should include reporting the occurrence of such events on standardised incident report forms.

- c. Sentinel events are intensively analysed when they occur.

**Interpretation:** Root-cause analysis of all such events should be carried out by a multi-disciplinary committee taking inputs from the units/ discipline/departments concerned. All sentinel events shall be analysed within 24-working hours of occurrence.

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- d. Corrective and preventive actions are taken based on the findings of such analysis.

**Interpretation:** The findings and recommendations arrived at after the analysis should be communicated to all personnel concerned to correct the systems and processes to prevent recurrences. Any change in the policy or procedure is reflected as an amendment in the organisation's documentation.

# LIST OF SENTINAL EVENTS :-

## SURGICAL EVENTS:-

- Surgery performed on the wrong body part
- Surgery performed on the wrong patient.
- Wrong surgical procedure performed on the wrong patient.
- Patient death during or immediately post surgical procedure.
- Retained swab or instruments in the patient discovered immediately post surgical procedure
- Damage to structure (eg. Ureter, bowel, vessel).
- Delayed or missed diagnosis (eg. ectopic pregnancy).
- Failed procedures (eg. abortion, sterilization)
- Unplanned return to theater.



## DEVICE OR PRODUCT EVENTS:

Patient death or serious disability associated with the –

- The use of contaminated drug, devices or products.
- The use or function of a device in a manner other than the devices intended use.
- The failure or breakdown of a device or medical equipment.



## PATIENT PROTECTION EVENTS:

- Discharge of an infant to the wrong person.
- Patient death or serious disability associated or elopement from the health care facility.
- Patient suicide, attempted suicide or deliberate self harm resulting in serious disability.
- Intentional injury to a patient by a staff member, another patient, visitors or others.
- Any incident in which a line designated for oxygen or other care to be delivered to a patient contains wrong gas or is contaminated by toxic substances.
- Nosocomial infection or disease causing patient death or serious disability.



Signs of Hospital Acquired

Headache

Rashes

Severe coughing

## ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS:

Patient death or serious disability while in HCO associated with-

- Burn from any source.
- A slip, trip or fall.
- An electrical shock.
- Restraint.



## CARE MANAGEMENT EVENTS :

- Patient death or serious disability associated with hemolytic reaction due to administration of ABO- Incompatible blood or blood products.
- Maternal death or serious disability associated with labour delivery or delivery in low risk pregnancy.
- Medication error leading to the death or any serious disability of patient due to incorrect administration of drugs.
  - Omission.
  - Wrong Dosage.
  - Wrong Dose preparation
  - Wrong time.
  - Wrong rate of administration.
  - Wrong administration technique.
  - Wrong patient
- Patient death or serious disability associated with avoidable delay.
  - in treatment.
  - in response to abnormal test results.



## CRIMINAL EVENTS:

- Any criminal instance of care by or provided by an individual impersonating a clinical member of staff (Doctor /Nurse).
- Abduction of patient.
- Sexual assault on a patient within or on grounds of the health care.
- Death or significant injury of a patient or staff member resulting from a physical assault or other crime that occurs within the grounds of the health care organization.



### OTHER EVENTS :

- Maternal death ( due to any cause)/ Death on the OT table.
- Blood loss  $> 1500$  ml
- Caesarian section followed by hysterectomy.
- Anaesthesia related complication.
- Pulmonary embolism
- Neonatal death.

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# Efficient vector compression

## PROCEDURE FOR IDENTIFYING AND RESPONDING TO SENTINEL EVENTS

- **Reporting Mechanism:** If any individual in the Hospital (including, but not limited to, any individual employed by the Hospital, any individual who independently contracts with the Hospital to provide health care services to patients at the Hospital, any member of the Hospital's Medical Staff, and any allied health care professional) discovers, witnesses, has knowledge of or otherwise becomes aware of any unexpected occurrence that is a possible Sentinel event must report to safety committee or any senior official of the hospital

**Completion of Root Cause Analysis and Action Plan:** The committee shall investigate and understand the causes that underlie the event within seventy-two (72) hours and complete a thorough and credible Root cause analysis and resulting Action Plan describing the Hospital's risk reduction strategies, within 15 days of the known occurrence of the Sentinel Event.

**Report:** The committee shall after completing the Root Cause Analysis and Action Plan, produce full documentation of the Root Cause Analysis and Action Plan to head of the Hospital. The head of the hospital shall subsequently direct the Root Cause Analysis and Action Plan to be reported to and thoroughly reviewed by the Hospital's other relevant committees if deems appropriate

## Sentinel Events reported, collected and analyzed within the defined timeframe

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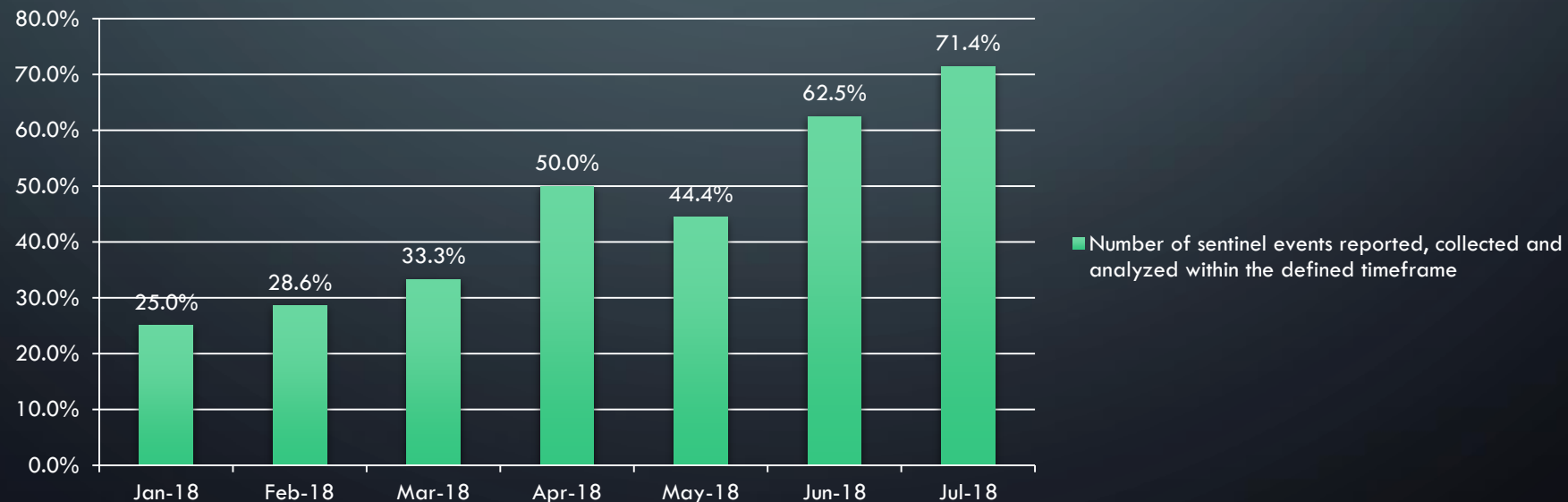
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