

Home Care National Patient Safety Goals 2012

Note: Gaps in the numbering indicate that the goal is inapplicable to the program or has been retired, usually because the requirements were integrated into the standards.



Goal 1: Identify patients correctly.

1A. Use at least two ways to identify patients. For example, use the patient's name and date of birth. This is done to make sure that each patient gets the medicine and treatment meant for them.

Goal 3: Use medicines safely.

8F. 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. Make sure the patient knows which medicines to take when they are at home. Tell the patient it is important to bring their up-to-date list of medicines every time they visit a doctor.

Goal 7: Prevent infection.

7A. Use the hand cleaning guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the World Health Organization. Set goals for improving hand cleaning. Use the goals to improve hand cleaning.

Goal 9: Prevent patients from falling.

9B. Find out which patients are most likely to fall. For example, is the patient taking any medicines that might make them weak, dizzy or sleepy? Take action to prevent falls for these patients.

Goal 15: Identify patient safety risks.

15B. Find out if there are any risks for patients who are getting oxygen. For example, fires in the patient's home.



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