

CLER Pathway 1: Patient Safety

Do you know our hospital's patient safety goals and measures? Here is a selection from NMH's **Exceptional Care Dashboard**:

Hospital Goal	What You Can Do
Communication of critical results within 30 minutes	You must return a call/page from the lab to confirm receipt of critical results
Hand Hygiene (# of Areas Achieving 95%)	Required both entering and leaving patient rooms/treatment areas
Falls with Injury (# of Units at or better than nursing benchmark)	Evaluate patient fall risk and plan fall prevention with the nurse
Length of Stay (% Long LOS cases)	Plan discharge early and coordinate with nurse and social worker
30 day readmissions	Focus on excellent discharge teaching; write thorough discharge instructions; assure follow up appointments are made before discharge
Inpatient medication reconciliation at discharge	Perform accurate discharge medicine recommendation for every patient; validate with the patient family
UHC Mortality Observed/Expected	Document accurate comorbidities so that expected mortality risk models are valid
Likelihood to Recommend	Use AIDET in all communications; listen; confirm patient/family understand; elicit questions; follow through on commitments for more information or clarified plans.



Report ALL adverse events and near misses! Your reports are the source of NMH's monthly M&Ms

When in doubt, **report the event!** Regardless of patient impact, Risk Management still wants to hear about near misses to prevent a future serious adverse events.

Near Misses:

 Events or situations that could have resulted in accident, injury, or illness but did not by chance or timely intervention

Unexpected, unintended occurrences, mishaps and errors that may or may not

involve patient harm

How do I report?

NMH Incident reporting:



Where to find on NMI:





Other Patient Safety initiatives, directives, and activities

Stay Informed!

- Patient Safety Culture
 - Your suggestions and ideas improve patient safety and advancing safer systems!
- Root Cause Analyses Participation
- Identify opportunities to improve systems through NETS, your program directors, patient care managers, quality committees and improvement teams.
 - While anonymous reports are effective, if you use your name in your NETS report and you will <u>receive direct follow up</u>
- Patients share concerns and ideas! Encourage them to contact Patient Representatives (63112) or online:
 - https://ww2.nmh.org/contact/feedback/give
- Always always practice hand hygiene!
- And of course, stay up to date on your vaccinations
 - Corporate Health: 64457



