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Identifying and definitional attributes

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Description: Health care safety is measured by how effectively harm, or the risk of harm, to

patients is minimised; for example, by measuring the frequency of healthcare-related infections (such as *Staphylococcus aureus*, or 'golden staph') or rate of seclusion in mental health services. By avoiding or reducing the risk of harm in the health system, adverse or unanticipated events in hospital can be prevented.

Indicators in this framework

Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.2.1—Adverse events treated in hospitals, 2020
Health, Standard 13/10/2021

Australian Health Performance Framework: P12.2.1–Adverse events treated in hospitals, 2019
 Health, Superseded 13/10/2021