

Establishment—type of sentinel event, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Type of sentinel event
METEOR identifier:	758582
Registration status:	Health , Standard 20/12/2022
Definition:	The type of sentinel event that occurs in an establishment, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Establishment—type of sentinel event
Value Domain:	Type of sentinel event code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility
	2	Infant discharge to the wrong family
	3	Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage
	4	Maternal death associated with pregnancy, birth or puerperium
	5	Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs
	6	Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function
	7	Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure
	8	Suicide of patient in an inpatient unit

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: ACSQHC (Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care) 2018. Australian sentinel events list (version 2) - Development and specifications. Canberra: ACSQHC. Viewed 22 June 2022, <https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/australian-sentinel-events-list-version-2-development-and-specifications>

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Guide for use: A sentinel event is a particular type of serious incident that is wholly preventable and has caused serious harm to, or the death of, a patient.

Collection methods: To be classified as a sentinel event, a strict set of criteria need to be met:

- The event should not have occurred where preventive barriers are available
- The event is easily recognised and clearly defined
- There is evidence the event has occurred in the past

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Establishment—type of sentinel event, code N\[N\] Health](#), Standard 07/09/2023

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Sentinel events NBEDS 2004–2019 Health](#), Standard 20/12/2022
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