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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 20/12/2022 |
| Definition: | The type of [**sentinel event**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/754857) that occurs in an establishment, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Establishment—type of sentinel event](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/758562) |
| Value Domain: | [Type of sentinel event code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/758559) |

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| 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 |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Comments: | Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions. |

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| 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>  PC (Productivity Commission) (2022) Report on Government Services. Canberra: PC. Viewed 22 June 2022, <https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services> |

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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]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/774605)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 07/09/2023 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Sentinel events NBEDS 2004–2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/759410)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 20/12/2022  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2004  ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019 |