

Establishment—type of sentinel event, code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Type of sentinel event
METEOR identifier:	774605
Registration status:	Health , Standard 07/09/2023
Definition:	The type of sentinel events 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[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Surgery or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong site resulting in serious harm or death
	2	Surgery or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong patient resulting in serious harm or death
	3	Wrong surgical or other invasive procedure performed on a patient resulting in serious harm or death
	4	Unintended retention of a foreign object in a patient after surgery or other invasive procedure resulting in serious harm or death
	5	Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO incompatibility resulting in serious harm or death
	6	Suspected suicide of a patient in an acute psychiatric unit or acute psychiatric ward
	7	Medication error resulting in serious harm or death
	8	Use of physical or mechanical restraint resulting in serious harm or death
	9	Discharge or release of an infant or child to an unauthorised person
	10	Use of an incorrectly positioned oro- or naso- gastric tube resulting in serious harm or death

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
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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: Supersedes [Establishment—type of sentinel event, code N Health](#), Standard 20/12/2022

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Sentinel events NBEDS 2019-Health](#), Standard 07/09/2023
Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation in Indicators: **Used as Disaggregation**
[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 2.2.3–Sentinel events, 2021 Health](#), Standard 07/09/2023