

# Patient Safety Goals

The purpose of the Joint Commission's Patient Safety Goals is to promote specific improvements in patient safety.


**Goal 1** Patient Identification

Improve the accuracy of patient identification.




**Goal 5** Reconcile Medications

Accurately and completely reconcile medications across the continuum of care.




**Goal 9** Pressure Ulcers

Prevent health care-associated pressure ulcers (decubitus ulcers).



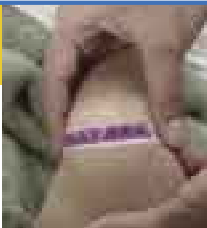
**Goal 2** Improve Communication

Improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers.




**Goal 6** Reduce Falls

Reduce the risk of patient harm resulting from falls.



**Goal 10** Changes in Patient Condition

Improve recognition and response to changes in a patient's condition.




**Goal 3** Medication Safety

Improve the safety of using medications.



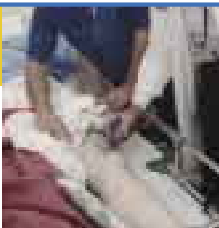
**Goal 7** Surgical Fires

Reduce the risk of surgical fires.



**Goal 11** Universal Protocol for Preventing Wrong-site, Wrong-person, Wrong-procedure Surgery

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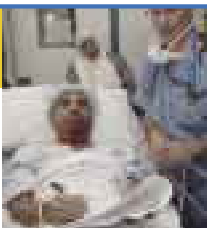
**Goal 4** Health Care-Associated Infections

Reduce the risk of health care-associated infections.



**Goal 8** Patient Involvement

Encourage patients' active involvement in their own care as a patient safety strategy.



Patient safety is our **TARGET**