National Patient Safety Goals
Home Care & Hospice

Goal 1:
Identify patients correctly

01.01.01 Use at least two ways to identify patients. For example, use the patient's name and date of birth. This is done to make sure that each patient gets the correct medicine and treatment.

Goal 3:
Use medicines safely

03.06.01 Record and pass along correct information about a patient's medicines. Find out what medicines the patient is taking. Compare those medicines to new medicines given to the patient. Make sure the patient knows which medicines to take when he or she is at home. Tell patients it is important to bring their up-to-date list of medicines every time they visit a doctor.

Goal 7:
Prevent infection

07.01.01 Use the hand cleaning guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the World Health Organization. Set goals for improving hand cleaning. Use the goals to improve hand cleaning.

Goal 9:
Prevent patients from falls

09.02.01 Find out which patients are most likely to fall. For example, is the patient taking any medicines that might make him or her weak, dizzy, or sleepy? Take action to prevent falls for these patients.

Goal 15:
Identify patient safety risks

15.02.01 Find out if there are any risks for patients who are getting oxygen. For example, fires in the patient's home, etc.

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