

Adverse Events

Recent reform legislation as well as closer scrutiny by major health insurers have been less tolerant of serious patient care errors . Private insurers beginning in 2008 have signaled their intolerance by not paying for deficient care (Never Events) in those instances.

707.21	pressure ulcer
977.9	severe allergic reaction
998.4	retention of a foreign object in a patient
996.62	inflammatory reaction due to other vascular device
999.31	unspecified infection due to central venous catheter
999.32	bloodstream infection due to central venous catheter
E856.	accidental poisoning by antibiotics
E876.5	Wrong surgical procedure on a patient
E884.2	Patient death associated with a fall

Never Event occurrences in their coded format, included as multiple diagnoses, are important data element inclusions within a facility's Business Intelligence system.

The extended discharge record containing adverse event data elements brings analyses beyond just quality of care aspects. Risk management issues and financial calculations based upon statistics bring more extensive analyses by getting at unrecognized associations with Never Events such as order/test/med profiling and forecasting negative patient revenues.

