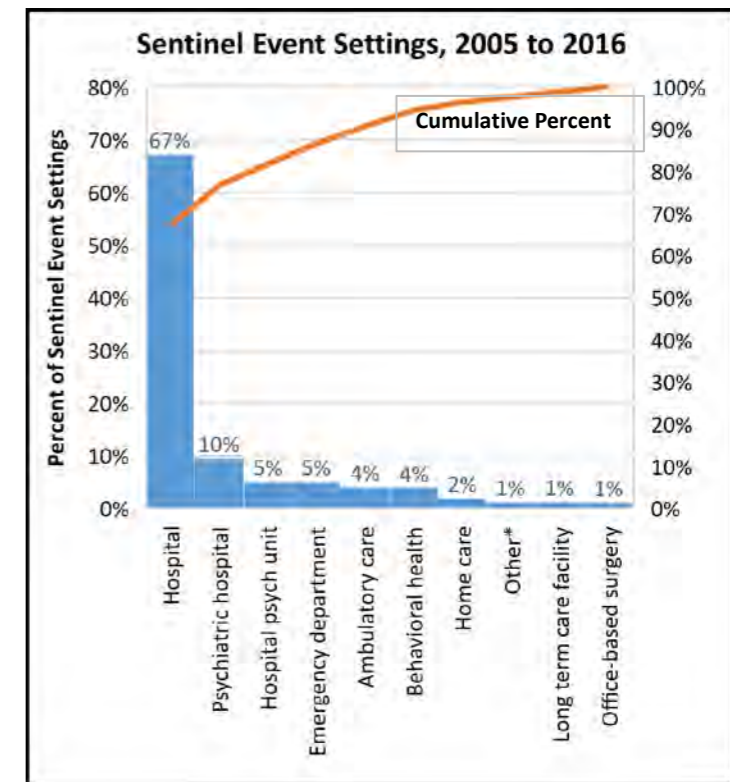
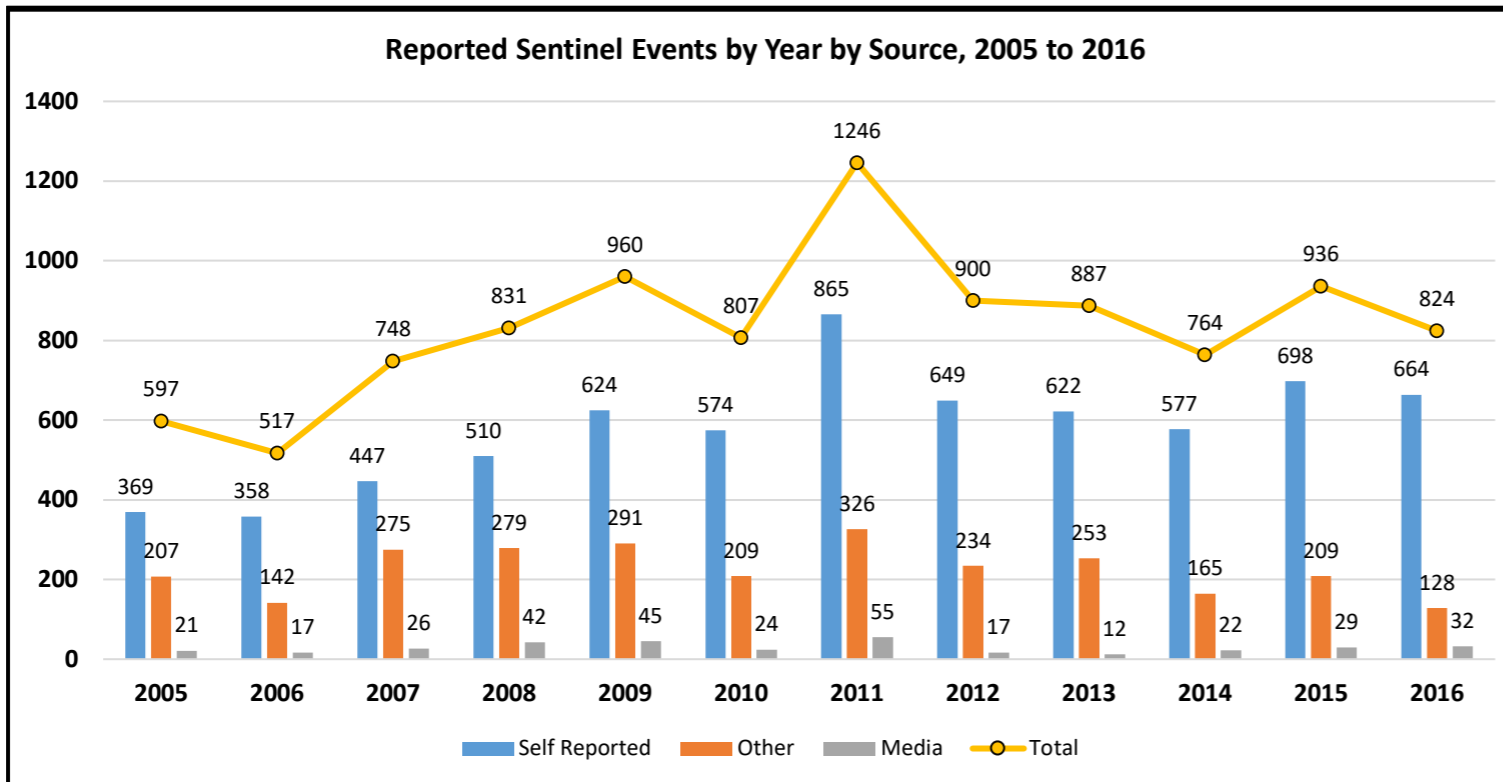


## Summary Data of Sentinel Events Reviewed by The Joint Commission

Data Limitations: The reporting of most sentinel events to The Joint Commission is voluntary and represents only a small proportion of actual events. Therefore, these data are not an epidemiologic data set and no conclusions should be drawn about the actual relative frequency of events or trends in events over time.

Total number of Sentinel Events reviewed by The Joint Commission 1995 through 2016 12946



Type of Sentinel Event	2014	2015	2016	2005 to 2016
Anesthesia-Related Event	6	7	4	108
Criminal Event	47	47	32	442
Delay In Treatment	79	83	54	1068
Dialysis-Related Event	2	0	7	19
Elopement	6	7	9	103
Fall	93	95	92	869
Fire	10	26	15	150
Infant Abduction	0	3	2	29
Infant Discharge to Wrong Family	0	0	1	4
Infection-Related Event	12	13	2	170
Inpatient Drug Overdose	8	13	13	121
Maternal Death	11	6	7	125
Med Equipment-Related	9	14	10	238
Medication Error	20	47	33	476
Op/Post-op Complication	53	82	45	920
Other Unanticipated Event**	73	58	47	632
Perinatal Death/Injury	35	43	23	362
Radiation Overdose	4	4	4	46
Restraint Related Event	2	7	7	124
Self-Inflicted Injury	5	21	17	100
Severe Maternal Morbidity	0	0	9	9
Severe Neonatal Hyperbilirubinemia	0	2	0	8
Suicide	84	98	87	1013
Transfer-Related Event	2	1	2	30
Transfusion Error	7	9	5	127
Unassigned***	4	3	70	77
Unintended Retention of a Foreign Body	116	123	120	1231
Utility System Failure	0	1	1	9
Ventilator Death	3	3	2	54
Wrong-patient, wrong-site, wrong-procedure	73	120	104	1281
Total Incidents Reviewed	764	936	824	9945

Sentinel Event Outcome 2005 through 2016	#	%
Patient death	5536	53.6%
Permanent harm	110	1.1%
Permanent loss of function	830	8.0%
Severe temporary harm	398	3.9%
Psychological impact	340	3.3%
Unexpected additional care	2713	26.3%
Unassigned***	52	0.5%
Unknown	6	0.1%
Other	345	3.3%
Total patients impacted****	10330	100.0%

\*Other settings include: Disease Specific Care, Diagnostic Imaging, Hospice Care

\*\*Other unanticipated event includes: Asphyxiation, Burn, Choked on food, Drowned, Found unresponsive

\*\*\*Category unassigned at the time of report.

\*\*\*\*Multiple patients may be impacted by a single event.

