

Sentinel Event Alert #53: Managing risk during the transition to new ISO tubing connector standards

Joint Commission requirements relevant to the use of tubing

HOSPITALS

Environment of Care (EC)

EC.02.04.01: The hospital manages medical equipment risks.

EC.02.04.03 EP 1: Before initial use of medical equipment on the medical equipment inventory, the hospital performs safety, operational, and functional checks.

EC.02.04.03 EP 2: The hospital inspects, tests, and maintains all high-risk equipment. These activities are documented.

EC.02.04.03 EP 3: The hospital inspects, tests, and maintains non-high-risk equipment identified on the medical equipment inventory. These activities are documented.

EC.04.01.01 EP 10: Based on its process(es), the hospital reports and investigates the following: Medical/laboratory equipment management problems, failures, and use errors.

EC.04.01.01 EP 12: The hospital conducts environmental tours every six months in patient care areas to evaluate the effectiveness of previously implemented activities intended to minimize or eliminate environment of care risks.

EC.04.01.01 EP 13: The hospital conducts annual environmental tours in nonpatient care areas to evaluate the effectiveness of previously implemented activities intended to minimize or eliminate risks in the environment.

EC.04.01.01 EP 14: The hospital uses its tours to identify environmental deficiencies, hazards, and unsafe practices.

EC.04.01.01 EP 15: Every 12 months, the hospital evaluates each environment of care management plan, including a review of the plan's objectives, scope, performance, and effectiveness.

EC.04.01.03: The hospital analyzes identified environment of care issues.

EC.04.01.05: The hospital improves its environment of care.

Human Resources (HR)

HR.01.05.03: Staff participate in ongoing education and training.

Leadership (LD)

LD.04.04.05: The hospital has an organizationwide, integrated patient safety program within its performance improvement activities.

Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services (PC)

PC.02.01.01: The hospital provides care, treatment, and services for each patient.

PC.02.01.19: The hospital recognizes and responds to changes in a patient's condition. **Note:** Hospitals are not required to create "rapid response teams" or "medical emergency teams" in order to meet this

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standard. The existence of these types of teams does not mean that all of the elements of performance are automatically achieved.

AMBULATORY CARE

Environment of Care (EC)

EC.02.04.01: The organization manages medical equipment risks.

EC.02.04.03 EP 1: Before initial use of medical equipment on the medical equipment inventory, the organization performs safety, operational, and functional checks.

EC.02.04.03 EP 2: The organization inspects, tests, and maintains all life-support equipment. These activities are documented.

EC.02.04.03 EP 3: The organization inspects, tests, and maintains non-life-support equipment identified on the medical equipment inventory. These activities are documented.

EC.04.01.01 EP 14: The organization monitors environmental deficiencies, hazards, and unsafe practices.

EC.04.01.01 EP 15: Every 12 months, the organization evaluates each environment of care management plan, including a review of the plan's objectives, scope, performance, and effectiveness.

EC.04.01.03: The organization analyzes identified environment of care issues.

EC.04.01.05: The organization improves its environment of care.

Human Resources (HR)

HR.01.05.03: Staff participate in ongoing education and training.

Leadership (LD)

LD.04.04.05: The organization has an organizationwide, integrated patient safety program.

Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services (PC)

PC.02.01.01: The organization provides care, treatment, or services for each patient.

PC.02.01.09: The organization plans for and responds to life-threatening emergencies.

HOME CARE

Environment of Care (EC)

EC.02.01.01 EP 2: The organization identifies potential safety and security risks in the patient's home.

EC.02.01.01 EP 3: The organization takes action to minimize identified safety and security risks. **Note:** In the patient's home, actions may be limited to education.

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EC.04.01.01 EP 12: In buildings where patients receive care, treatment, or services, every six months the organization conducts environmental tours in patient care areas to evaluate the performance of activities intended to minimize risks in the environment of care.

EC.04.01.01 EP 17: The organization identifies, reports within the organization, and investigates equipment management problems, failures, and use errors for equipment provided to the patient.

EC.04.01.01 EP 18: The organization investigates any incident or injury in which equipment or supplies may have contributed to the incident or injury. **Note:** The investigation includes all necessary information, pertinent conclusions about what happened, and whether changes in systems or processes are needed. The organization considers possible links between the items and services furnished and the adverse event.

EC.04.01.03: The organization analyzes identified environment of care issues.

EC.04.01.05: The organization improves its environment of care.

Human Resources (HR)

HR.01.05.03: Staff participate in ongoing education and training.

Leadership (LD)

LD.04.04.05: The organization has an organizationwide, integrated patient safety program.

Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services (PC)

PC.02.01.01: The organization provides care, treatment, or services for each patient.

PC.02.03.01: The organization provides patient education and training based on each patient's needs and abilities.

NURSING CARE CENTERS

Environment of Care (EC)

EC.02.04.01: The organization manages medical equipment risks.

EC.02.04.03 EP 1: Before initial use of medical equipment, the organization performs safety, operational, and functional checks.

EC.02.04.03 EP 2: The organization inspects, tests, and maintains all life-support equipment. These activities are documented.

EC.02.04.03 EP 3: The organization inspects, tests, and maintains non-life-support equipment. These activities are documented.

EC.04.01.01 EP 10: The organization internally reports and investigates the following: Medical equipment management problems, failures, and use errors.

EC.04.01.01 EP 12: The organization conducts environmental tours every six months in patient and resident care areas to evaluate the effectiveness of previously implemented activities intended to minimize or eliminate risks in the environment of care.

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EC.04.01.01 EP 13: The organization conducts annual environmental tours in nonresident care areas to evaluate the effectiveness of previously implemented activities intended to minimize or eliminate risks in the environment.

EC.04.01.01 EP 14: The organization uses its tours to identify environmental deficiencies, hazards, and unsafe practices.

EC.04.01.03: The organization analyzes identified environment of care issues.

EC.04.01.05: The organization improves its environment of care.

Human Resources (HR)

HR.01.05.03: Staff participate in education and training.

Leadership (LD)

LD.04.04.05: The organization has an organizationwide, integrated patient and resident safety program.

Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services (PC)

PC.02.01.01: The organization provides care, treatment, and services for each patient or resident.

PC.02.01.19: *For organizations that elect Joint Commission Post-Acute Care Certification option:*

The organization recognizes and responds to changes in a patient's condition. **Note:** Organizations are not required to create rapid response teams or medical emergency teams in order to meet this standard. The existence of these types of teams does not mean that all of the elements of performance are automatically achieved.