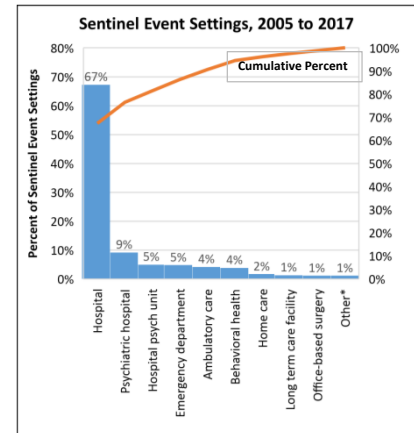
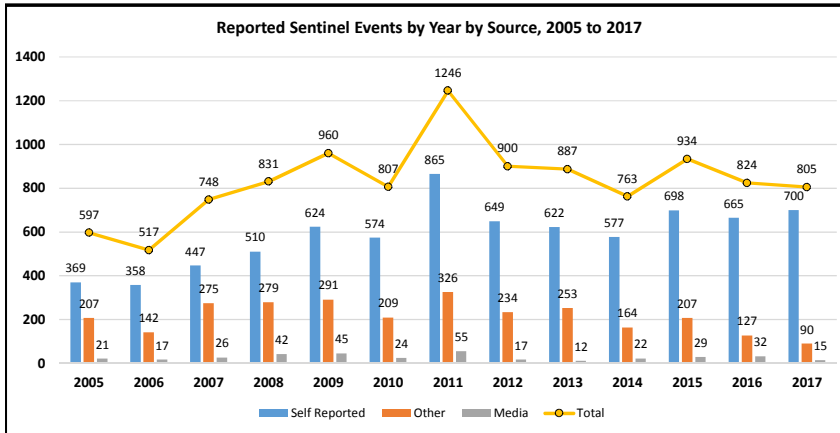


Summary Data of Sentinel Events Reviewed by The Joint Commission

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 2017

13688



| Type of Sentinel Event | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| Anesthesia-Related Event | 6 | 7 | 6 | 4 |
| Criminal Event | 47 | 47 | 33 | 37 |
| Delay In Treatment | 79 | 83 | 62 | 66 |
| Dialysis-Related Event | 2 | 0 | 7 | 1 |
| Elopement | 6 | 7 | 9 | 12 |
| Fall | 93 | 95 | 102 | 114 |
| Fire | 10 | 26 | 16 | 16 |
| Infant Abduction | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Infant Discharge to Wrong Family | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Infection-Related Event | 12 | 13 | 7 | 3 |
| Inpatient Drug Overdose | 8 | 13 | 13 | 8 |
| Maternal Death | 11 | 6 | 7 | 5 |
| Med Equipment-Related | 9 | 14 | 10 | 9 |
| Medication Error | 20 | 47 | 35 | 32 |
| Op/Post-op Complication | 53 | 82 | 50 | 19 |
| Other Unanticipated Event** | 73 | 58 | 51 | 60 |
| Perinatal Death/Injury | 35 | 43 | 27 | 17 |
| Radiation Overdose | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Restraint Related Event | 2 | 7 | 7 | 4 |
| Self-inflicted Injury | 5 | 21 | 17 | 18 |
| Severe Maternal Morbidity | 0 | 0 | 10 | 15 |
| Severe Neonatal Hyperbilirubinemia | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Suicide | 84 | 98 | 90 | 89 |
| Transfer-Related Event | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Transfusion Error | 7 | 9 | 5 | 5 |
| Unassigned*** | 3 | 0 | 0 | 54 |
| Unintended Retention of a Foreign Body | 116 | 123 | 126 | 116 |
| Utility System Failure | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Ventilator Death | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Wrong-patient, wrong-site, wrong-procedure | 73 | 120 | 121 | 95 |
| Total Incidents Reviewed | 763 | 934 | 824 | 805 |

| Sentinel Event Outcome 2005 through 2017 | # | % |
|--|-------|--------|
| Patient death | 5826 | 52.1% |
| Permanent harm | 143 | 1.3% |
| Permanent loss of function | 845 | 7.6% |
| Severe temporary harm | 619 | 5.5% |
| Psychological impact | 357 | 3.2% |
| Unexpected additional care | 2881 | 25.7% |
| Unassigned*** | 44 | 0.4% |
| Unknown | 5 | 0.0% |
| Other | 469 | 4.2% |
| Total patients impacted**** | 11189 | 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.

