

# 2021 Laboratory National Patient Safety Goals

The purpose of the National Patient Safety Goals is to improve patient safety. The goals focus on problems in health care safety and how to solve them.

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## Identify patients correctly

NPSG.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.

## Improve staff communication

NPSG.02.03.01

Get important test results to the right staff person on time.

## Prevent infection

NPSG.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.



This is an easy-to-read document. It has been created for the public. The exact language of the goals can be found at [www.jointcommission.org](http://www.jointcommission.org).