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Assisted Living Community 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.

Identify patients correctly

NPSG.01.01.01

Use at least two ways to identify residents. For example, use the resident's name and date of birth. This is done to make sure that each resident gets the correct medicine and treatment.

Use medicines safely

NPSG.03.06.01

Record and pass along correct information about a resident's medicines. Find out what medicines the resident is taking. Compare those medicines to new medicines given to the resident. Give the resident written information about the medicines they need to take. Tell the resident it is important to bring their up-to-date list of medicines every time they visit a doctor.

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.

Prevent patients from falling

NPSG.09.02.01

Find out which residents are most likely to fall. For example, is the resident taking any medicines that might make them weak, dizzy or sleepy? Take action to prevent falls for these residents.