Sentinel Event Data

General Information

2Q 2016 Update
Data Limitations

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Top 10 Frequently Reviewed Sentinel Event Types, 2013 to 2015

- Unintended Retention of a Foreign Body
- Wrong-patient, wrong-site, wrong-procedure
- Fall
- Suicide
- Delay In Treatment
- Other Unanticipated Event
- Op/Post-op Complication
- Criminal Event
- Perinatal Death/Injury
- Medication Error

Legend:
- Gray: 2015
- Orange: 2014
- Blue: 2013