



Reporting Sentinel Events and the Method of Root Cause Analysis

Webinar T2556

Tuesday, February 2, 2010
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (CST)

Overview

The Joint Commission defines a sentinel event as “an unexpected occurrence involving death or serious physical or psychological injury, or the risk thereof. Serious injury specifically includes loss of limb or function. The phrase, “or the risk thereof” includes any process variation for which a recurrence would carry a significant chance of a serious adverse outcome. Such events are called “sentinel” because they signal the need for immediate investigation and response.” Since January 1995, there have been 6,428 sentinel events reported to The Joint Commission. This was updated September 20, 2009. It is critical that these errors be significantly reduced. Learn from a former Joint Commission surveyor how to be in compliance with The Joint Commission and also how to decrease these very serious errors.

Target Audience

CEO, COO, CNO, CMO, Nursing Leadership, Clinical Leadership, The Joint Commission Coordinator, Performance Improvement Director and Staff, Safety Officer and Personnel, and Risk Managers

Program Topics

- Definitions and responsibilities
- Goals and standards, including survey process
- What to do - the process
- RCA
- Case examples

Objectives

At the completion of this program, the participant will be able to:

1. Describe the difference between reportable and non-reportable sentinel events
2. Identify the two expectations of the Joint Commission (TJC) if it becomes aware of a reportable sentinel event
3. Describe four characteristics of a thorough and credible root cause analysis (RCA)
4. Describe the methods of submitting RCA and an action plan
5. Identify sentinel events through case review

Faculty

Susan Shepard, MSN, MA, RN, CPHRM has over 30 years of leadership experience in acute care hospitals, ambulatory care systems, health maintenance organizations, and conducting comprehensive evaluations for provision of healthcare. She has expertise in change leadership, utilization management, complex organizations, managed care and wellness, staff development, and strategic vision development and implementation, and multidisciplinary collaboration. For the past seven years, she provided quality and risk management and consulting services in the medical malpractice industry. She spent seven years as a nurse and administrator surveyor for The Joint Commission and was a highly acclaimed speaker for Shared Visions New Pathways, Ambulatory Care, and the AHA Continuous Readiness Program for Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas.

Susan Shepard received her Masters in Nursing Administration from Medical Colleges of Virginia – Virginia Commonwealth University. She also holds a Master of Arts in Management from Webster University, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from St. Louis University. She holds the rank of Colonel (retired) in the U.S. Air Force, Nurse Corps.

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