

2011 Behavioral Health Care

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 clients correctly

NPSG.01 .01.01

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

Use medicines safely

NPSG.03.06.01

Record and pass along correct information about a client's medicines. Find out what medicines the client is taking. Compare those medicines to new medicines given to the client. Make sure the client knows which medicines to take when they are at home. Tell the client 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.

Identify client safety risks

NPSG.15.01 .01

Find out which clients are most likely to try to commit suicide.