

Patient Safety Guidelines

Clinical Safety Practices***

	Baystate Medical Center (Internal Measurement)
Improve accuracy of patient identification	●
Effectiveness of communication	●
Improve safety using medications	▲
Improve safety of infusion pumps	▲
Reduce health care related infections	●
Accurately and completely reconcile medications across continuum	●
Reduce risk of patient harm resulting from falls	●
Create a healthcare culture of safety	●
Critical care by certified intensivists (Baystate Medical Center)	▲
Pharmacists should actively participate in the medication process	▲
Verbal order read back to prescriber	●
Standardized abbreviations used only	●
Written documentation- for life-sustaining treatment	●
Computerized Physician Order Entry system	▲
Protocol to prevent wrong site surgery	▲
Beta-blockers for high risk patients undergoing surgery	▲
Evaluate each patient and put in methods to prevent pressure ulcers	▲
VTE prophylaxis for appropriate patients	▲
Evaluate each patient for risk of aspiration	▲
Protocol to prevent CVC infections	▲
Surgical Site infection prevention protocol	▲
Contrast-induced media renal failure prevention	●
Evaluate patients; put in measures to prevent IUC related infections	●
Standardized methods for labeling, packaging and storing medications	●
Identify all high alert drugs and improve safety in use	▲
Improve infusion pump safety (ensure free-flow protection)	▲
Improve effectiveness of clinical alarms	●
Anticoagulation for patients with Atrial Fibrillation	●
Critical test results	●
Prevention of mislabeled radiographs	●
Tourniquet – Ischemia/Thrombosis Prevention	▲
Flu Vaccination for Health care workers	●

Full Adherence ▲ Partial Adherence ● Poor Adherence ▼

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