

Never Events

Never Events:

Never events are defined and distinguished from other events as being adverse events that are **serious, largely preventable, should not happen to any patient and need to be reported.** These events should be managed in accordance with the [Patient Safety Policy Suite](#).

Next Steps

It is a **requirement** for all identified AHS Never Events to undergo a mandatory, formal initial assessment supported by local Patient Safety Staff (Timeline). The factors influencing the decision to proceed or not proceed to a Quality Assurance Review or other system learning process must be documented.

Benefits:

- Consistent documentation of factors influencing the decision to proceed or not proceed to a Quality Assurance Review
- System analysis and spread of improvements across AHS
- Analysis of event to determine if it should be added to list of never events

Patient Safety will connect with zone quality leaders to ensure they are aware of the event and an initial assessment is underway.

