



## TEN STEPS TO HOLDING HOSPITALS ACCOUNTABLE:

### FILING Joint Commission Sentinel Event Reports

#### **STEP 1: Read about The Joint Commission and what they do**

The Joint Commission is an accrediting body that accredits over 22,000 health care organizations in the United States. Joint Accreditation is a rigorous, financially, and time-consuming process. Joint Commission is the organization that sets quality standards and evaluates the hospital's performance based on the quality and safety standards. Once a hospital is "joint-commission accredited," every hospital goes through periodic onsite compliance reviews to be sure th institution is meeting expectations to maintain this "Gold Standard" of care.

Loss of accreditation signifies a severe departure from safety and quality standards and results in significant operational and financial consequences. As such, Joint Commission accredited organizations are highly motivated to avoid safety/ quality care violations.

Sentinel Event Safety Violations can trigger investigations of hospitals and could, if severe violations are found, lead to loss of Joint Commission accreditation. Loss of their JCAH "Gold Seal" is a huge concern to hospitals and health systems, and can result in loss of contracts, loss of revenue, loss of prestige, and significant negative publicity – none of which hospital executives want to see happen.

Take the action NOW to file a Sentinel Event if you or a loved one experienced an injury (see examples below) or death of a family member in any JCAH-accredited health care facility. YOUR voice can make a difference. Together, "WeThePeople" can hold these institutions accountable for wrongful deaths and injuries such as vaccine complications.

#### **STEP 2: Check your hospital or health care facility to see if they are accredited by the Joint Commission**

It is easy to verify which hospitals are joint commission accredited and verify the date of their last compliance onsite evaluation.

Go to <https://www.qualitycheck.org/>

Enter your hospital or health care facility name. If the organization is listed with the JCAH gold award emblem at qualitycheck.org, this indicates the organization meets Joint Commission standards and has been through the accrediting process.

**STEP 3: Read about the Sentinel Event Report options available** A *sentinel event is a patient safety/ quality of care event that affects patient and results in:*

- Death
- Permanent harm
- Severe temporary harm and intervention required to sustain life



**These events are called "sentinel" because they are so serious they signal the need for immediate investigation and response.** Each accredited organization is strongly encouraged, but not required, to report sentinel events to The Joint Commission.

Individual community members who experience patient safety events leading to death or harm in Joint Commission accredited facilities can also report these events to the Joint Commission.

In 2021, out of the many thousands of hospital deaths on COVID protocols, injuries due to vaccine complications from COVID shots provided on site at participating hospitals, and other injuries, ***there were only 1,197 reports of sentinel events were filed for all of the hospitals across the United States accredited by the Joint Commission!***

Of those 1,197 Sentinel event reports, 89 percent were voluntarily reported by the health care facilities for the reasons shown in this list. Note that out of these top ten most common sentinel events reported in 2021, the category of "death" was not included except for patient suicide:

- Fall
- Delay in treatment
- Unintended retention of a foreign object
- Wrong surgical site
- Patient suicide
- Assault/rape/sexual assault of a patient
- Patient self-harm
- Fire
- Medication management
- Clinical Alarm Response

#### **STEP 4: Check your loved one's medical situation for a reportable Sentinel Event**

There are many circumstances that COVID-19 patients experience within Joint Commission accredited hospitals that fit the definition of sentinel events. **Here are the criteria directly from the Joint Commission Hospital sentinel event policy:**

1. **Homicide** of any patient receiving care, treatment, and services while on site at the organization or while under the care or supervision of the organization: **EXAMPLES:**

- Patients denied treatment for bacterial pneumonia
- Patients denied food and hydration without medical reason
- Patients administered excessive amounts of sedatives



- Patients forced into the use of Remdesivir other EUA products without informed consent
- Patients given Remdesivir/ EUAs against their will
- Patients placed on ventilation without the consent
- Patients placed on ventilation against their will
- Patients issued Do Not Resuscitate status without consent or under coercion

2. **Physical assault** (leading to death, permanent harm, or severe harm) of any patient receiving care, treatment, and services while on site at the organization or while under the care or supervision of the organization. **EXAMPLES:**

- Patients denied access to basic hygiene
- Patients denied access to advocacy/ medical power of attorney
- Patients physically restrained without legal grounds
- Patients denied access to food and hydration
- Patients confined to prolonged solitary confinement
- Patients denied access to FDA approved medications
- Patients subjected to medical procedures and treatments without consent and/or against expressed wishes

3. **Surgery or other invasive procedure** performed at the wrong site, on the wrong patient, or that is the wrong procedure for a patient regardless of the type of procedure or the magnitude of the outcome. **EXAMPLE:** Patients who experienced unwanted intubation or being put on a ventilator without consent.

4. **Abduction of any patient** receiving care, treatment, and services. **EXAMPLES:**

- Patients denied the ability to leave the facility upon request
- Patients denied access to an advocate, and/or designated healthcare medical power of attorney representative
- Patients denied access to legal representation such as their own attorney
- Patient denied access to use of their communication devices

## **STEP 5: FILE A SENTINEL EVENT REPORT**

Joint Commission sentinel events can be reported by members of joint commission accredited facilities or individuals within the community. The process can be done online or prepared and mailed to the joint commission. Sentinel event reporting triggers the Joint Commission to initiate a process of review, investigation, and remediation with the facility in question.

## **STEP 6: KEEP PAPER & ELECTRONIC RECORDS OF YOUR REPORT**

It is CRUCIAL to keep copies of the report you filed online. Follow these steps:



- Take a Screenshots of your online report prior to submitting online.
- Document the date and time stamp of your report when submitted
- Download and save to your own computer a copy of the report you submitted.
- Print a copy for paper files in your possession
- You will receive an incident number of your report – write this case number down and keep it with your paper copies.

### **STEP 7: Submit a copy of your report (electronic or PDF) to Truth for Health Foundation VIA our website reporting database.**

Truth for Health Foundation is maintaining a confidential database of ALL Sentinel Event Reports provided to us. Please click here to add your report to our database: <https://www.truthforhealth.org/report-sentinel-event/>

With your consent, we will publish your report online, *without your identifying information*, for the following purposes:

- Assisting as an Advocate for those have filed reports
- Providing reports to the PUBLIC for transparency and accurate information on the damages, improve hospital safety, help stop the deaths and hold hospitals accountable.
- Develop litigation approaches needed to further hold hospitals accountable for damages and deaths.

### **STEP 8: Check updates on line using your case number.**

You should expect to receive updates regarding your complaint and may also be contacted by the Joint Commission related to your filing.

### **STEP 9: Share this information with your friends and families members**

- Sign up for our email alerts and newsletters
- Share our educational programs, seminars, and ACTION TOOLS with everyone in your social, church and community networks
- Donate to support our lawsuits to hold hospitals accountable. Truth for Health Foundation is committed to engaging the best attorneys possible to help us defend human and civil rights secured by law. We need your help – WeThePeople are David against Goliath, but with God on our side, we shall prevail against this assault on life and medical freedom

### **STEP 10: JOIN OUR CRUSADE OF THOSE SPEAKING OUT!**

- If you lost a loved one in the COVID protocols such as remdesivir/and other experimental drugs, overuse of sedatives and narcotics, ventilator damage, or euthanasia practices,





- If you or a family member had a COVID shot injury or complication or a death after receiving the injection at a Joint Commission accredited health care facility
- If you want to help others who have had an injury or death

Then please contact Truth for Health Foundation to join our crusade to stop the injuries and deaths. [Info@TruthForHealth.org](mailto:Info@TruthForHealth.org)

## **RESOURCES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

<https://www.TruthForHealth.org> for **FACT SHEETS, VIDEO TUTORIALS, and adding your report to our database**

<https://www.jointcommission.org/resources/sentinel-event/sentinel-event-policy-and-procedures/>

<https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/patient-safety-outcomes/10-most-common-sentinel-events-of-2021-joint-commission.html>

[https://www.jointcommission.org/-/media/tjc/documents/resources/patient-safety-topics/sentinel-event/sentinel-event-policy/camh\\_24\\_se\\_all\\_current.pdf](https://www.jointcommission.org/-/media/tjc/documents/resources/patient-safety-topics/sentinel-event/sentinel-event-policy/camh_24_se_all_current.pdf)

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