

**Serious Reportable Event Reporting - Nova Scotia Health and IWK**  
**Q2-Q4 2024-25**

		Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>1. SURGICAL EVENTS</b>				
1a	Surgery performed on the wrong body part or the wrong patient or conducting the wrong procedure.	0	2	2
1b	Unintended retention of a foreign object in a patient after surgery or other procedure.	0	1	2
1c	Death during or immediately after surgery of an ASA Class I or II patient.	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2. PRODUCT OR DEVICE EVENTS</b>				
2a	Patient death or serious harm associated with the use of improperly sterilized instruments or equipment, or contaminated drugs, devices, or biologics provided by NSHA/IWK.	0	0	0
2b	Patient death or serious disability associated with the use or function of a device in patient care in which the device is used or functions other than as intended.	0	0	0
2c	Patient death or serious harm associated with intravascular air embolism that occurs while being cared for by NSHA/IWK.	0	0	0
2d	The wrong tissue, biological implant or blood product was given to a patient.	0	1	0
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>3. PATIENT PROTECTION EVENTS</b>				
3a	Discharge or release of a patient of any age, who does not have decision-making capacity in regard to decisions about the patient's personal care, to the care of someone who does not have custody of the patient, or decision-making authority in regard to medical or personal care of the patient.	0	0	0
3b	Patient under the highest level of observation leaves a secured facility without the knowledge of staff.	0	0	0
3c	Patient suicide, or attempted suicide that resulted in death or serious harm, in instances where suicide-prevention protocols were to be applied to patients under the highest level of observation while being cared for by NSHA/IWK	1	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>4. CARE MANAGEMENT EVENTS</b>				
4a	Patient death or serious harm associated with a medication or fluid error including but not limited to errors involving the wrong drug, wrong dose, wrong patient, the wrong time, the wrong rate, the wrong preparation, or the wrong route of administration.	0	1	0
4b	Patient death or serious harm associated with the delay or improper administration of blood or blood products	0	0	0
4c	Maternal death or serious harm while being cared for by NSHA/IWK	0	0	1
4d	Full-term fetal or neonatal death or serious harm associated with labour or delivery while being cared for by NSHA/IWK.	1	0	0
4e	Patient death or serious harm as a result of failure to identify and treat metabolic disturbances.	0	0	0
4f	Stage 3 or 4 pressure ulcers or unstageable pressure injuries acquired after admission to a facility of NSHA/IWK.	1	70	28
4g	Patient death or serious harm, related to diagnosis, as a result of the treatment provided or not provided. *	3	3	5
4h	Patient death or serious harm due to a failure to inquire whether a patient has a known allergy to medication, or due to administration of a medication where a patient's allergy had been identified.	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>5. ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS</b>				
5a	Patient death or serious harm associated with electric shock while being cared for by NSHA/IWK.	0	0	0
5b	Any incident in which a line designated for oxygen or other gas to be delivered to a patient contains the wrong gas or is contaminated by toxic substances.	0	5	2
5c	Patient death or serious harm associated with a burn incurred from any source while being cared for by NSHA/IWK.	0	0	0
5d	Patient death associated with a fall while being cared for by NSHA/IWK.*	4	1	3
5e	Patient death or serious harm associated with the use or lack of restraints or bedrails while being cared for in a facility.	0	1	0
5f	Patient death or serious harm due to uncontrolled movement of a ferromagnetic object in an MRI area	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6. REGULATORY AND POTENTIAL CRIMINAL EVENTS</b>				
6a	Any instance of care ordered by or provided by someone impersonating a licensed healthcare provider.	3	0	0
6b	Abduction of a patient of any age.	0	0	0
6c	Sexual abuse or assault of a patient that occurs on or in the property owned or controlled by the NSHA/IWK.	0	1	0
6d	Patient death or serious harm from a physical assault that occurs on or in the property owned or controlled by the NSHA/IWK.	0	0	0
6e	Any sexual or physical assault of a patient perpetrated by an employee, member of the medical staff, volunteer, student, or an individual under contract with a NSHA/IWK.	0	0	1
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>44</b>