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The Role of Nurses in Preventing Sentinel Events

This first-ever copublication from The Joint Commission and the American Nurses Association arms frontline nurses, nurse executives, and nurse managers with practical, customer-centric strategies for identifying and preventing the most common sentinel events in hospitals, ambulatory care, behavioral health care, home care, and nursing care centers.

Written for nurses working in a variety of health care settings, *Front Line of Defense: The Role of Nurses in Preventing Sentinel Events, Third Edition*, identifies the root causes of common sentinel events within the systems and processes of any health care environment. This book takes a deep look into what nurses really need to know and provides practical tips to help them fulfill their mission of improving health care quality and patient safety. Also featured are The Joint Commission's standards and National Patient Safety Goals and how these relate to nurses' daily work.

This collaborative effort features the work of The Joint Commission and that of the American Nurses Association to celebrate all nurses as advocates for patient safety.

Key Topics:

- ▶ Surgical errors and the role of nurses in ensuring patient safety in perioperative care
- ▶ Medication errors and the role of nurses in interacting with prescribers and pharmacists in ensuring safe medication use systems
- ▶ The ongoing problem of patient falls and the role of nurses in identifying those at risk and monitoring and preventing such patients from falls
- ▶ Health care-associated infections, and the importance of nurses in preventing and controlling infections
- ▶ The growing problem of suicide and the role of nurses in assessing and identifying those at risk and protecting those patients from self-harm and suicide
- ▶ The role of nurses in ensuring maternal and perinatal safety
- ▶ The effect of workplace violence on nurses and strategies to mitigate and prevent such violence
- ▶ The most recent data reported to The Joint Commission about common sentinel events, including contributing factors, root cause analyses, and prevention strategies

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Key Features:

- ▶ Connections to Joint Commission standards and National Patient Safety Goals
- ▶ Real-world examples of sentinel events, near misses, and close calls, all relevant to the nurse's perspective
- ▶ Sidebars offering in-depth analyses on timely topics
- ▶ Practical infographics, figures, and tables

Audience:

- ▶ All levels of nurses in all types of health care settings

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Settings: Hospitals, ambulatory care, behavioral health care, home care, and nursing care centers



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