



Appendix 1

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Appendix 1 - Severity Assessment Code (SAC) November 2005

		Serious	Major	Moderate	Minor	Minimum
CLINICAL CONSEQUENCE	Patient	<p>Patients with Death unrelated to the natural course of the illness and differing from the immediate expected outcome of the patient management or:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Suspected suicide² ■ Suspected homicide² <p>or any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The National Sentinel Events ■ Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part ■ Suspected suicide in hospital ■ Retained instruments ■ Unintended material requiring surgical removal ■ Medication error involving the death of a patient ■ Intravascular gas embolism ■ Haemolytic blood transfusion ■ Maternal death associated with labour and delivery ■ Infant discharged to the wrong family 	<p>Patients suffering a Major permanent loss of function (sensory, motor, physiologic or psychological) unrelated to the natural course of the illness and differing from the expected outcome of patient management or any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Suffering significant disfigurement as a result of the incident ■ Patient at significant risk due to being absent against medical advice ■ Threatened or actual physical or verbal assault of patient requiring external or police intervention 	<p>Patients with Permanent reduction in bodily functioning (sensory, motor, physiologic, or psychological) unrelated to the natural course of the illness and differing from the expected outcome of patient management or any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Increased length of stay as a result of the incident ■ Surgical intervention required as a result of the incident 	<p>Patients requiring increased level of care including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Review and evaluation ■ Additional investigations ■ Referral to another clinician 	<p>Patients with No injury or increased level of care or length of stay</p>
	Staff	Death of staff member related to work incident or suicide, or hospitalisation of 3 or more staff	Permanent injury to staff member, hospitalisation of 2 staff, or lost time or restricted duty or illness for 2 or more staff or pending or actual WorkCover prosecution, or threatened or actual physical or verbal assault of staff requiring external or police intervention	Medical expenses, lost time or restricted duties or injury / illness for 1 or more staff	First aid treatment only with no lost time or restricted duties	No injury or review required
	Visitors	Death of visitor or hospitalisation of 3 or more visitors	Hospitalisation of up to 2 visitors related to the incident / injury or pending or actual WorkCover prosecution	Medical expenses incurred or treatment of up to 2 visitors not requiring hospitalisation	Evaluation and treatment with no expenses	No treatment required or refused treatment
	NS	Complete loss of service or output	Major loss of agency / service to users	Disruption to users due to agency problems	Reduced efficiency or disruption to agency working	Services: No loss of service
CORPORATE CONSEQUENCE	Financial	Loss of assets replacement value due to damage, fire etc > \$1M, loss of cash/investments/assets due to fraud, overpayment or theft > \$100K or WorkCover claims > \$100K	Loss of assets replacement value due to damage, fire etc \$100K-\$1M, loss of cash/investments/assets due to fraud, overpayment or theft \$10K-\$100K or WorkCover claims \$50K-\$100K	Loss of assets replacement value due to damage, fire etc \$50K to \$100K or loss of cash/investments/assets due to fraud, overpayment or theft to \$10K	Loss of assets replacement value due to damage, fire etc to \$50K	No financial loss
	Environment	Toxic release off-site with detrimental effect. Fire requiring evacuation	Off-site release with no detrimental effects or fire that grows larger than an incipient stage	Off-site release contained with outside assistance or fire incipient stage or less	Off-site release contained without outside assistance	Nuisance releases

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