



June 8, 2017

Rick Combs  
Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau  
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Carson City, NV 89701-4747

Re: Annual Patient Safety Report per NRS 439.877  
SMRMC

Dear Director Combs:

Pursuant to NRS 439.877 Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center (SMRMC), is required to annually submit to your office a summary of its Patient Safety Committee Activities including information relating to the development, revision and usage of patient safety checklists and patient safety policies and a summary of the annual review conducted for the prior 12 month period. The following information is being provided in conformity with this requirement.

**Establishment of Patient Safety Checklists:** Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 439.877 the Patient Safety Committee adopted Patient Safety Checklists. These checklists are reviewed and modified as necessary based upon outcome and performance data on a yearly basis. Currently, SMRMC utilizes and monitors compliance with checklists covering numerous patient areas. These include Hand Hygiene, Patient Identification, Code Blue Cart Inspection, Central Line Insertion, (etc.) Checklist.

**Adoption of Policies, Procedures and Protocols:** In conjunction with the checklists, SMRMC has developed and implemented policies, procedures and protocols to ensure compliance with the letter and intent of the checklists. A list of the current policies covering the above- referenced checklists include, but are not limited to the following:

**Patient Safety**

- Patient Safety Checklists
- Patient Safety Plan

**Hand Hygiene and Infection Control**

- Hand Hygiene DIP-108
- Hand Hygiene Surveillance Tool
- Hand Hygiene, Disinfecting and Sterilizing Agents DIP-220
- Transmission-Based Isolation Precautions (Airborne, Contact, Droplet & Protective Environment) DIP-302
- Foley Catheter Insertion Checklist



# Saint Mary's Health Network

- Patient identification
- Patient Identification and Sample Labeling CP- 122

## Fall Prevention

- Falls Reduction Policy #319A

## Patient Discharge

- Interdisciplinary Planning For Care And Discharge of The Inpatient CP 850
- Environmental Services Discharge Patient Room Cleaning Check List

## Emergency Carts

- Code Blue Cart Procedures CP-909 Patient Identification and Sample Labeling CP- 122

## Stroke Alert

- Stroke Alert Activation
- tPA Neurological Flow Sheet
- Code Neuro

**Patient Safety Compliance:** During the calendar year 2017 the hospital Patient Safety Officer in conjunction with the hospital Quality Management and Risk Management Departments and Nursing leadership conducted reviews of staff and physician compliance with established patient safety checklists, including the ones referenced above. These reviews included direct surveillance, clinical process reviews and root cause analysis.

**Patient Safety Committee:** On June 8, 2017 the Patient Safety Committee meet and reviewed the above listed policies and checklists.

If you have any questions regarding the hospital's patient safety checklists or its quality programs, please feel free to contact me at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

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