



June 27, 2017

Mr. Rick Combs
 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau
 401 S. Carson Street
 Carson City, NV 89701-4747

Re: Annual Patient Safety Report per NRS 439.877 - North Vista Hospital

Dear Director Combs:

Pursuant to NRS 439.877 North Vista Hospital (NVH), 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, NVH utilizes and monitors compliance with checklists covering numerous patient areas. These include Hand Hygiene, Patient Identification, Code Blue Code Purple, Central Line Insertion, (etc.) Checklist.

Adoption of Policies, Procedures and Protocols: In conjunction with the checklists, NVH 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
- Performance Improvement Plan
- Q15 Checklist
- Suicide Risk Assessment

Hand Hygiene and Infection Control

- Hand Hygiene
- Hand Hygiene Surveillance Tool
- Transmission-Based Isolation Precautions (Airborne, Contact, Droplet & Protective Environment)
- Foley Catheter Insertion Checklist

Patient identification

- SBAR

Fall Prevention

- Falls Prevention Program Policy
- Falls Checklist – Risk Assessment (EPIC)
- Falls Huddle Form
- Post Fall Patient Interview form

Patient Discharge

- Discharge Checklist
- Environmental Services Discharge Patient Room Cleaning Check List

Emergency Carts

- Code Blue Procedures Checklist
- Code Purple Checklist

Sepsis Alert

- Sepsis Alert

EVS

- EVS Daily Checklist

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 March 27, 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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CEO