



UTAH DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH**

# **Patient Safety Surveillance and Improvement Program (PSSIP)**

Annual Patient Safety Report for Events Reported in  
Utah, CY 2021

April 28, 2022

# MISSION & VISION



The Utah Department of Health's mission is to protect the public's health through preventing avoidable illness, injury, disability, and premature death; assuring access to affordable, quality health care; and promoting healthy lifestyles.

Our vision is for Utah to be a place where *all* people can enjoy the best health possible, where *all* can live and thrive in healthy and safe communities.



# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



**Healthiest People** – The people of Utah will be among the healthiest in the country.

**Optimize Medicaid** – Utah Medicaid will be a respected innovator in employing health care delivery and payment reforms that improve the health of Medicaid members and keep expenditure growth at a sustainable level.

**A Great Organization** – The UDOH will be recognized as a leader in government and public health for its excellent performance. The organization will continue to grow its ability to attract, retain, and value the best professionals and public servants.



# ABOUT THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE STATISTICS

## Office of Health Care Statistics oversight includes:

- **Collect:** We collect and produce data that are relevant and useful to our stakeholders
- **Analyze:** We create valuable enhancements to our data resources and our systems have the analytic capacity to transform them into useful information
- **Disseminate:** We make the data and information we collect and produce available to the *right people* at the *right time* for the *right purposes*



# ABOUT THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE STATISTICS

## Responsible for the following data series:

- **Healthcare Facilities Data:** Includes all institutional “patient encounters” that are provided in the State of Utah by qualifying licensed facilities
- **Surveys of Customer Satisfaction with Health Plans (CAHPS):** Health plans (commercial and Medicaid, medical and dental) conduct annual surveys of their members (Required by statute - implemented by rule)
- **Self-reported Quality Metrics for Health Plans (HEDIS):** Quality of care measures - Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS), which is developed and maintained by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).
- **All Payer Claims Database:** Includes claims paid on behalf of Utah residents for the majority of health plans, Medicaid, Medicare Advantage, and third party administrators including PBMs.
- **Patient Safety Surveillance and Improvement Program (PSSIP):** A reporting mechanism which captures patient safety events (injuries, death or other adverse events) associated with healthcare delivery and administration of anesthesia, which fosters conversations on how to minimize adverse patient safety events in Utah.



The rules that apply are:

**R429-1:** Patient Safety Surveillance and Improvement Program (PSSIP)

**R429-2:** Health Care Facility Patient Safety Program

**R429-3:** Adverse Events from the Administration of Sedation or Anesthesia;  
Recording and Reporting (repealed on July 1, 2022)

# VISION, MISSION, AND OBJECTIVES FOR UTAH'S PSSIP



## Vision

Safe patients through collaborative event reporting and patient safety improvement solutions

## Mission

Improve patient safety through transparent and nationally-consistent standards for reporting adverse patient safety events, assessment of those events, exploration of best practices and use of quantitative and qualitative data to educate and promote statewide patient safety improvement solutions.

## Objectives

- Public accountability and transparency through event reporting
- Adherence to national standards of event-reporting
- Healthcare facilities have processes in place to identify and report all reportable adverse events
- Agreement on which patient safety events should be reported
- Educated stakeholders and statewide patient safety improvement solutions based on quantitative and qualitative data from event reporting
- Quarterly meetings with all healthcare systems represented

# ADMIN RULE SURVEY RESULTS & DISCUSSION



71.4% of the responses from facilities said yes to including the F level in our R429-1 rule

64.3% of the responses from facilities want to include the definition of the maternal and child health adverse events in our R429-1 rule

Additional suggestions:

- Reporting on harm to behavioral health patients related to delays in placement, as well, as autistic patients. As well, a reporting method for harm related to equity (prisoners, minorities, psych issues) would be a fabulous addition.
- Errors when users have bypassed safety guardrails as in barcoding for vasoactive, analgesic, paralytic medications
- Harm levels E-I
- Nonconsensual sexual contact with a patient, staff member, or visitor and if those need to be aligned with the definitions of consensual from DCFS.
- Guidance on "Major Surgery" "Minor Surgery" to help zero in on "intervention to sustain life" and "permanent harm".



# TODAY'S PRESENTER



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# IN THIS REPORT



- Reported Patient Safety Events in Utah, 2011-2021
  - Contributing factors
  - Actions taken
  - Patient outcomes
- Reported demographic information for patient safety events, CY 2021
- Major takeaways

# DISCLAIMER



*These data in this report are not considered representative of patient safety events in Utah and no conclusions should be drawn about the actual relative frequency of events or trends in events over time.*

# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2012-2021



**Table 1: Reported Patient Safety Events, 2012-2021**

Occurrence Category	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Percent
Surgical Event	42	36	32	34	40	42	24	33	43	37	362	35.9%
Care Management Event	39	20	31	14	30	43	43	41	49	78	388	33.6%
Patient Protection Event	11	8	16	10	19	14	21	20	21	27	166	15.4%
Product Device Event	0	4	0	2	3	5	9	10	10	12	55	5.1%
Unknown	5	4	2	6	6	1	8	7	5	2	46	4.3%
Criminal Event	4	3	2	1	1	2	7	4	2	4	30	2.8%
Environmental Event	0	1	2	1	5	1	4	1	6	3	24	2.2%
Not Sentinel Event	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	5	0.5%
Radiological Event	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>1081</b>	

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Top 3 occurrence categories (**Surgical, Care Management, and Patient Protection events**), accounted for **84.9%** of all events reported over the last decade

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2012-2021



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Top 3 contributing factors (**communication, human errors, and process breakdowns**), accounted for **43.3%** of all events reported over the last decade

**Table 2: Reported Patient Safety Events: Contributing Factors, 2012-2021**

Contributing Factors	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Percent
Communication	50	28	33	27	30	41	46	44	72	42	413	17.2%
Human Factors	30	22	16	20	23	30	40	54	67	65	367	15.3%
Process Breakdowns	16	11	17	18	28	24	31	32	53	31	261	10.9%
Procedural Compliance	28	6	15	15	13	21	17	27	24	12	178	7.4%
Other	18	15	21	14	9	15	18	11	19	28	168	7.0%
Patient Assessment	23	10	13	8	11	17	12	14	17	10	135	5.6%
Availability of Info	16	7	10	15	11	21	7	4	7	10	108	4.5%
Equipment - List Equipment used	16	13	8	5	9	7	8	7	12	11	96	4.0%
Failure to recognize changes	14	7	6	6	11	15	10	8	11	7	95	4.0%
Orientation / Competency / Training	10	9	6	3	10	11	11	15	11	14	100	4.2%
Care Planning	13	2	10	4	5	8	11	13	13	11	90	3.7%
Organization Culture	9	2	7	2	12	6	10	12	12	3	75	3.1%
Lack of Monitoring	10	2	2	4	9	8	8	13	16	11	83	3.5%
Environ. Safety / Security	9	5	7	7	6	11	8	6	7	10	76	3.2%
Device Breakdowns	4	4	0	3	5	6	3	3	6	8	42	1.7%
Continuum of Care	7	0	0	0	1	3	14	7	8	4	44	1.8%
Leadership	4	2	0	0	1	1	9	8	5	2	32	1.3%
Staffing	2	0	5	3	2	5	1	6	5	13	42	1.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>2405</b>	

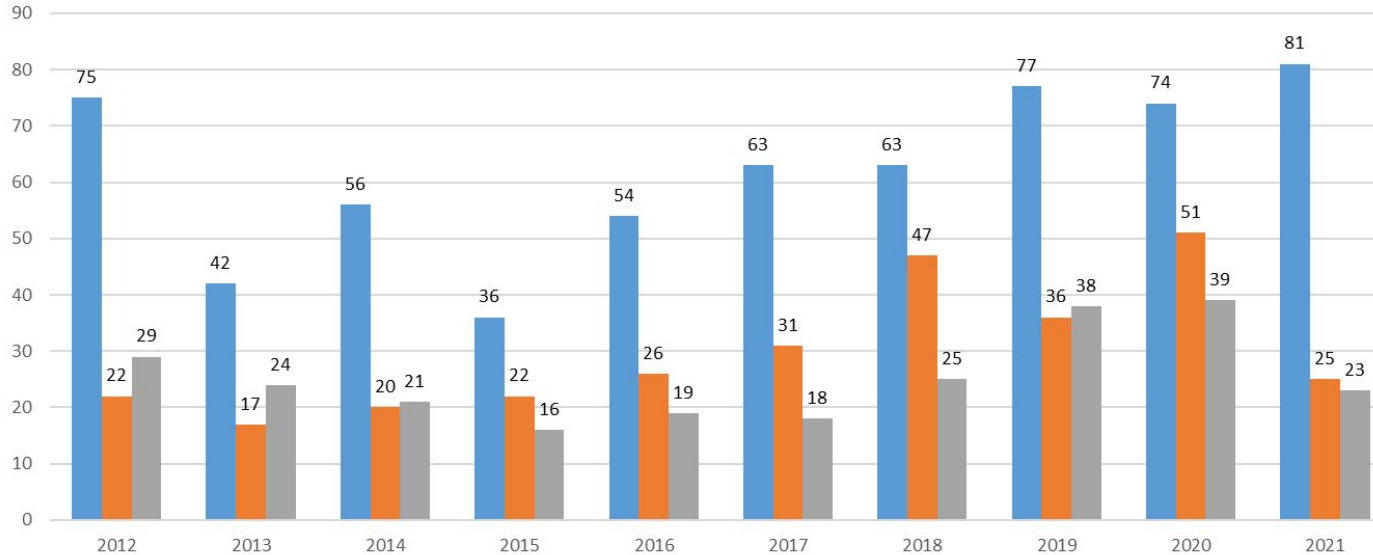
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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2012-2021



## Top Three Actions Taken for Patient Safety Events by Year, 2012-2021

■ Education   ■ Work Flow Process Redesign   ■ Policy & Procedure Addition / Revision



Top 3 actions taken (**Education, Workflow & Process Redesign, and Policy & Procedure Revision**), accounted for **68.3%** of all events reported over the last decade.

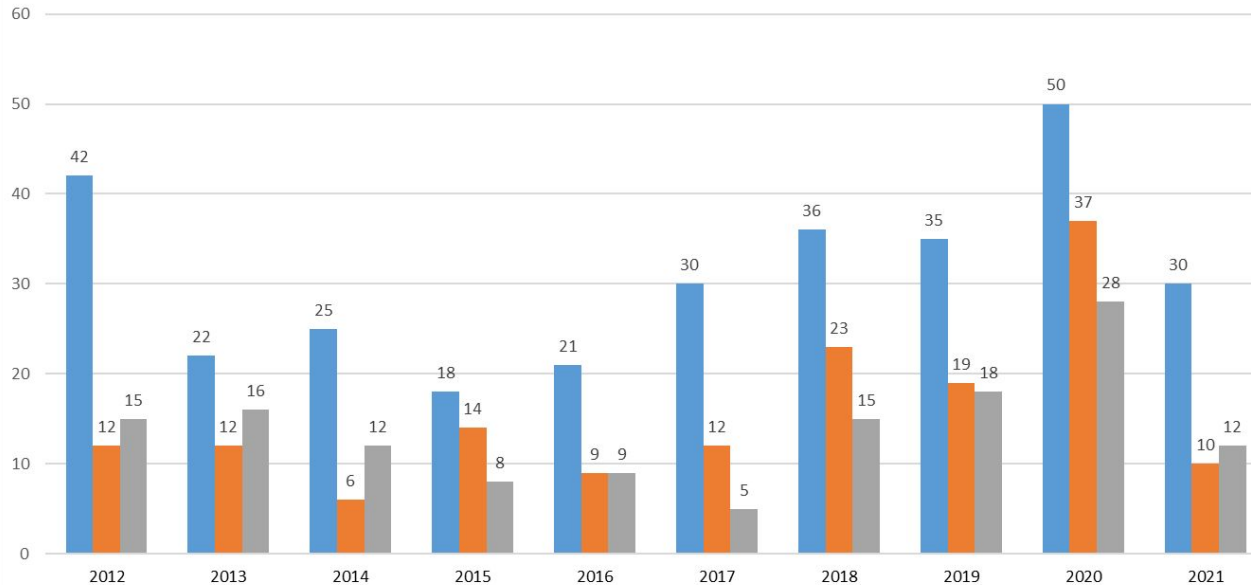
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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2012-2021



## Top Three Actions Taken for Communication Issues, 2012-2021

■ Education   ■ Work Flow Process Redesign   ■ Policy & Procedure Addition / Revision



For events where the contributing factor was **“communication issues”**, the top action taken is **“education”**. The top 3 actions taken for communication issues reported make up **71.5%** of all actions taken for patient safety events where communication was a driver.

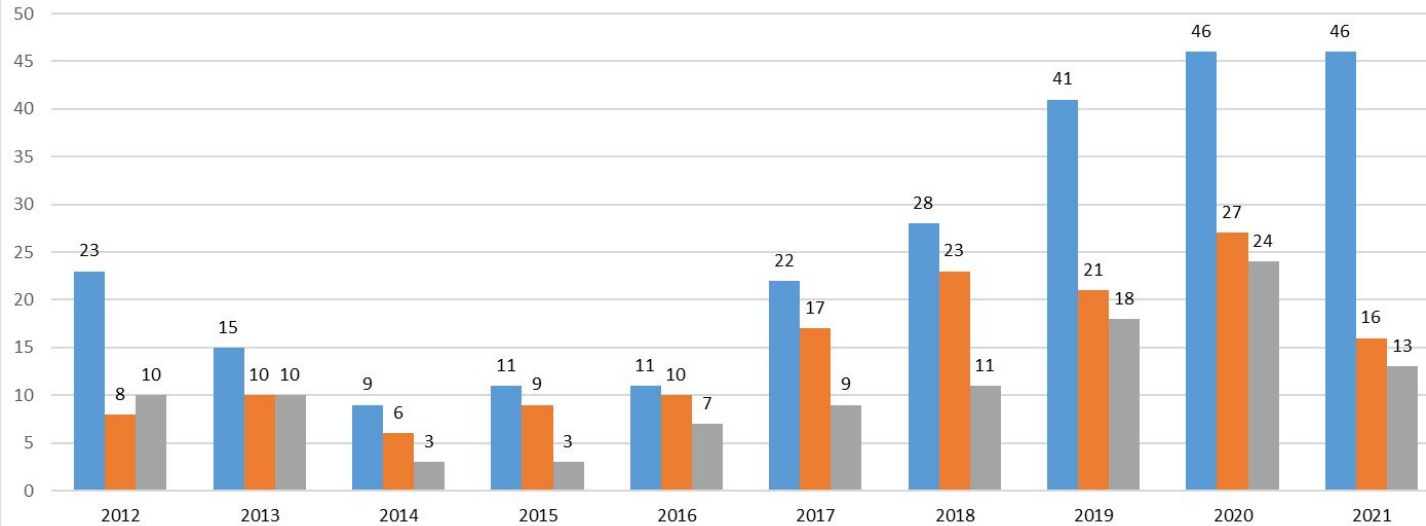
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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2012-2021



## Top Three Actions Taken for Reported Human Factor Safety Events: 2012-2021

■ Education   ■ Work Flow Process Redesign   ■ Policy & Procedure Addition / Revision



For events where the contributing factor was **“human factors”**, the top action taken is **“education”**. The top 3 actions taken for events caused by human factors make up **68.1%** of all actions taken for human factors reported over the last decade.

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- Safety story sharing in department and workgroup meetings
- Informing patients of policies (ex. Smoking is prohibited in facilities)
- Whiteboard reminders for staff
- Reminders during rounds
- Reviewing proper procedures with staff involved in incident
- Adding signs for patients about hazards
- Ensuring proper communication among support staff when transferring patients
- Shift change reminders
- Dissemination process developed for personnel who didn't attend rounds
- Review of medication ordering process with personnel
- Review of patient safety expectations
- Mandatory documentation trainings for personnel who chart

# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2012-2021



## Legend

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When observing **surgical events** reported over the last 10 years, **communication, human factors, and process breakdowns** come are the top 3 contributing factors, which make up **54.0%** of all contributing factors reported for surgical events over the last decade.

**Table 6: Reported Surgical Safety Events: Contributing Factors 2012-2021**

Contributing Factors	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Percent
Communication	22	16	16	16	14	21	13	19	29	15	181	21.0%
Human Factors	9	16	9	10	10	14	11	22	26	20	147	17.1%
Process Breakdowns	13	11	11	14	12	11	8	15	27	14	136	15.8%
Procedural Compliance	18	4	9	9	6	12	9	8	8	5	88	10.2%
Availability of Info	7	5	4	8	6	10	4	2	2	3	51	5.9%
Equipment - List Equipment used	7	9	4	3	1	3	2	2	5	0	36	4.2%
Other	4	2	7	7	3	5	0	1	3	3	35	4.1%
Orientation / Competency / Training	3	5	1	2	3	6	3	2	5	9	39	4.5%
Organization Culture	3	2	4	1	3	2	2	4	4	0	25	2.9%
Patient Assessment	4	2	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	2	21	2.4%
Failure to recognize changes	2	4	3	2	1	3	1	2	2	0	20	2.3%
Care Planning	2	1	4	3	3	1	1	2	5	1	23	2.7%
Device Breakdowns	3	3	0	2	3	1	1	0	0	1	14	1.6%
Leadership	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	4	2	1	13	1.5%
Staffing	1	0	1	1	2	2	0	2	2	2	13	1.5%
Continuum of Care	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	8	0.9%
Lack of Monitoring	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	6	0.7%
Environ. Safety / Security	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	0.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>860</b>	

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2012-2021



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In the last 10 years of **care management events** reported, the top 3 contributing factors were **communication, human factors, and process breakdowns**, which made up **37.1%** of all contributing factors reported for care management

**Table 7: Reported Care Management Safety Events: Contributing Factors 2012-2021**

Contributing Factors	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Percent
Communication	19	5	10	6	9	10	18	12	22	23	134	14.8%
Human Factors	11	2	5	3	7	10	18	16	23	30	125	13.8%
Process Breakdowns	1	0	2	3	8	11	17	7	15	13	77	8.5%
Other	11	9	7	3	2	7	8	4	7	20	78	8.6%
Patient Assessment	14	2	4	6	8	11	7	8	11	7	78	8.6%
Failure to recognize changes	9	0	0	3	10	7	6	3	6	7	51	5.6%
Lack of Monitoring	5	1	1	1	6	7	4	5	7	6	43	4.7%
Environ. Safety / Security	5	2	4	3	3	7	1	3	2	0	30	3.3%
Procedural Compliance	5	0	2	3	4	5	5	8	10	6	48	5.3%
Orientation / Competency / Training	5	2	2	0	6	4	5	9	6	4	43	4.7%
Care Planning	9	0	3	0	2	6	4	7	5	6	42	4.6%
Availability of Info	8	1	3	4	3	5	2	1	5	4	36	4.0%
Equipment	7	1	2	1	4	4	2	2	4	6	33	3.6%
Organization Culture	4	0	1	0	7	4	6	6	4	0	32	3.5%
Continuum of Care	3	0	0	0	1	2	6	3	2	2	19	2.1%
Staffing	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	3	2	8	18	2.0%
Leadership	1	2	0	0	1	0	3	4	1	0	12	1.3%
Device Breakdowns	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	7	0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>906</b>	

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2012-2021



**Table 7.3: Patient Outcomes for Reported Patient Safety Events, 2012-2021**

Patient Outcomes	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Percent
Patient Death	15	6	11	7	6	16	27	23	25	21	157	19.2%
Temp Harm - Req non-life threatening Intervention	8	8	6	11	14	19	17	16	22	33	154	18.8%
No Harm	6	4	4	4	6	24	13	15	14	18	108	13.2%
Intervention to Sustain Life	7	1	0	1	4	8	21	22	15	20	99	12.1%
Temp Harm - Reg Hospitalization	1	2	6	3	7	11	5	14	18	29	96	11.8%
Additional Monitoring/Treatment to Prevent Harm	1	3	7	2	6	13	13	9	9	12	75	9.2%
Permanent Patient Harm	0	0	0	1	4	9	11	14	19	15	73	8.9%
Near Miss (event stopped prior to reaching patient)	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	10	3	19	2.3%
Unsafe Conditions	0	0	0	0	3	3	6	0	2	3	17	2.1%
Determined not to be a Sentinel Event	0	2	0	0	1	3	1	0	2	1	10	1.2%
Other	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	2	9	1.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>817</b>	

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**Patient death** is the top patient outcome reported for patient safety events over the last 10 years.

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2012-2021



**Table 7.1: Reported Care Management Safety Events, 2012-2021**

Care Management Safety Events	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Percent
Fall	13	7	13	6	6	11	7	14	15	27	119	28.9%
Pressure Ulcers	14	2	7	2	5	4	10	5	9	12	70	17.0%
Medication Error	3	1	1	2	7	8	10	8	9	16	65	15.8%
Labor of Delivery	1	1	4	1	5	4	3	10	12	17	58	14.1%
Infant Death	1	5	7	2	5	1	11	4	2	3	41	10.0%
Other	5	2	0	2	1	14	7	4	10	1	46	11.2%
Irretrievable Loss	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	1	7	1.7%
Failure to Follow Up	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	5	1.2%
Neonatal Hyperbilirubinemia	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>412</b>	

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When observing **care management events** reported over the last 10 years, the top event detail reported was a **fall**, followed by **pressure ulcers**, which made up **61.7%** of all event details provided for care management.

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2012-2021



**Table 7.4: Reported Surgical Procedure Safety Events, 2012-2021**

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Percent
Unintended Retained Foreign Object	21	21	15	15	22	24	8	9	10	8	153	43.5%
Wrong Body Part	16	10	7	9	12	9	5	11	13	11	103	29.3%
Incorrect Surgery Or Procedure	0	2	0	1	0	5	9	5	11	7	40	11.4%
Other	6	3	3	5	3	5	3	1	2	2	33	9.4%
Intraoperative/Postoperative Death	0	0	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	12	3.4%
Wrong Patient	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	2	2	1	11	3.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>352</b>	

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When observing **surgical procedure events** reported over the last 10 years, the top item reported under event details was **unintended retained foreign object in patient**, followed by **wrong body part**. These two event details make up **72.7%** of all surgical procedure event details reported in the last decade.

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, 2012-2021



**Table 7.5: Reported Patient Protection Safety Events, 2012-2021**

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Percent
PATIENT SUICIDE or unsuccessful attempt	2	4	3	5	11	5	15	12	13	6	76	45.0%
UNEXPECTED DEATH	7	3	8	3	5	5	8	7	7	8	61	36.1%
OTHER	1	1	4	1	3	3	1	0	2	1	17	10.1%
ELOPEMENT	2	0	1	1	0	4	1	2	2	2	15	8.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>169</b>	

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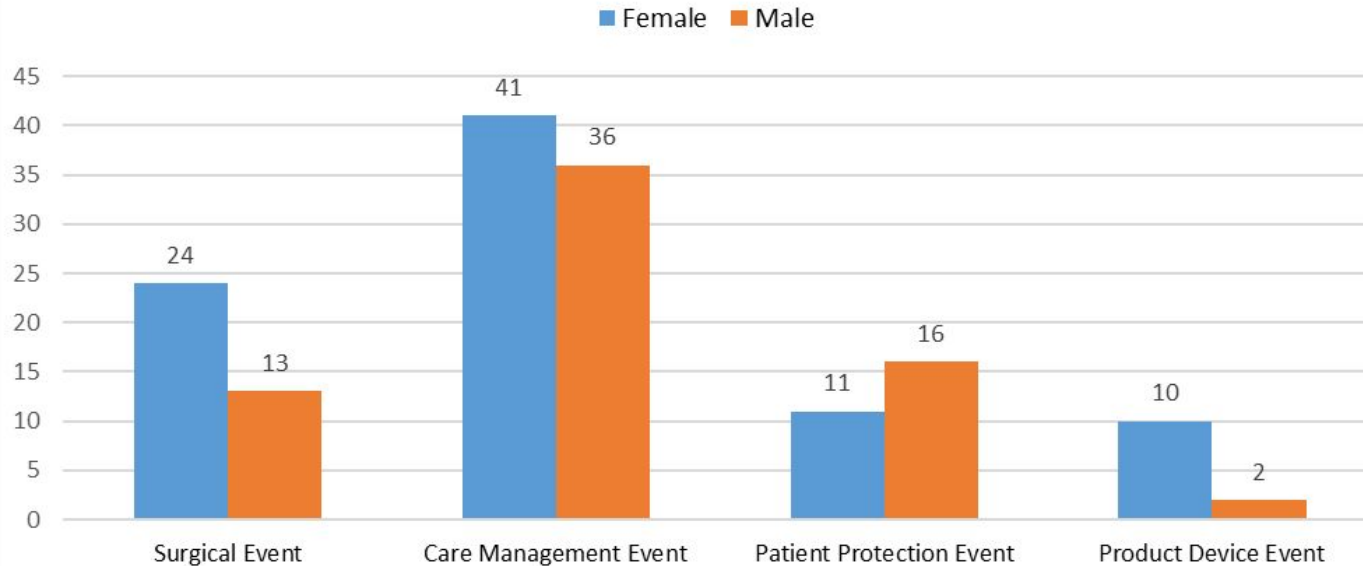
**Patient suicide or unsuccessful attempt** is the top reported detail for patient protection events. This and **unexpected death** made up **81.1%** of all event details provided for patient protection events over the last 10 years

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, DEMOGRAPHICS, 2021



## Top Four Reported Patient Safety Events by Sex, 2021



There are more reported **care management events** for those who identified as “female” compared to those who identified as “male” in **2021**

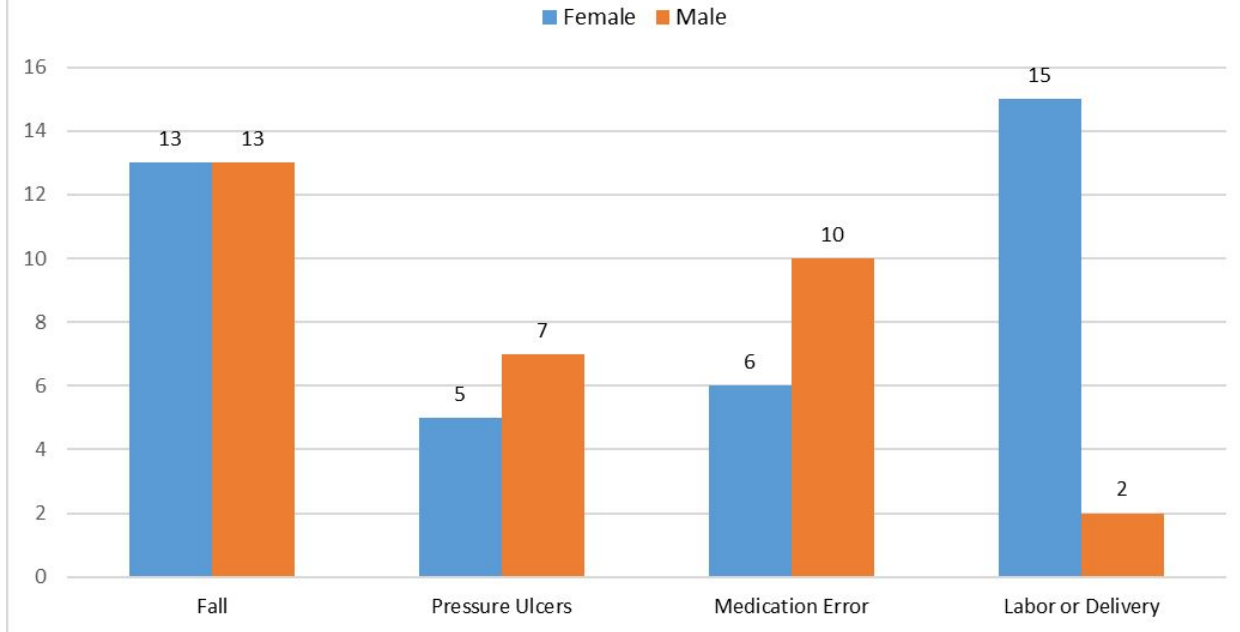
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Top Four Reported Care Management Safety Events by Sex, 2021



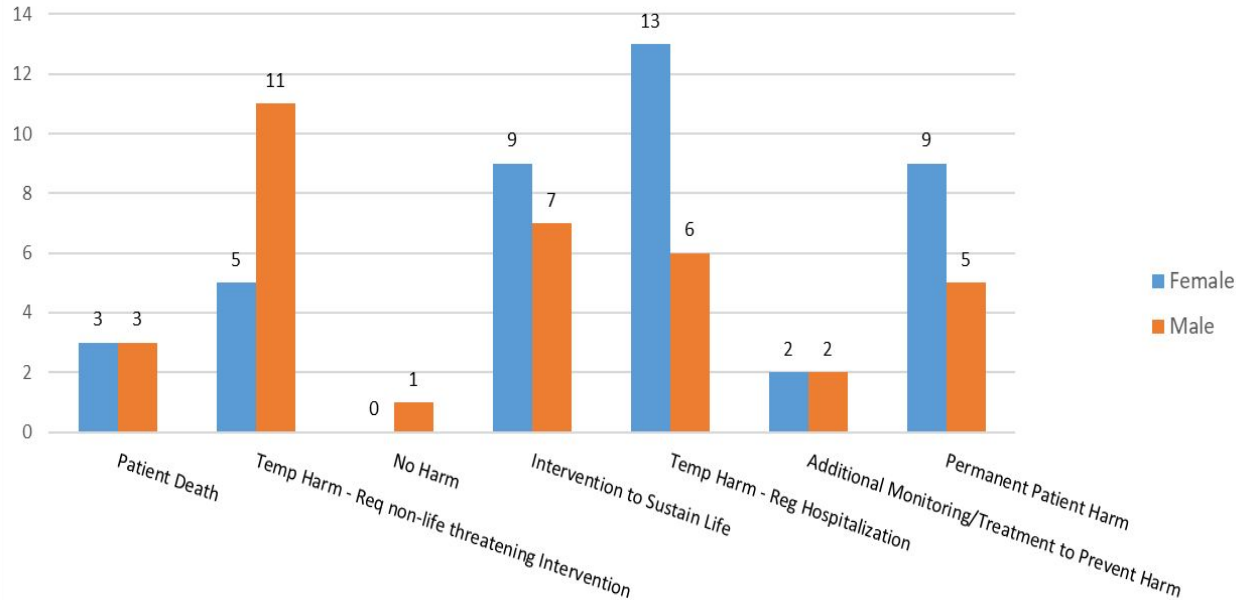
There are more reported **labor and delivery events** for those who identified as “female” compared to those who identified as “male” in **2021** and the same number of falls for both “male” and “female” identified patients.

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, DEMOGRAPHICS, 2021



Top Patient Outcomes for Reported Patient Safety Events by Sex, 2021



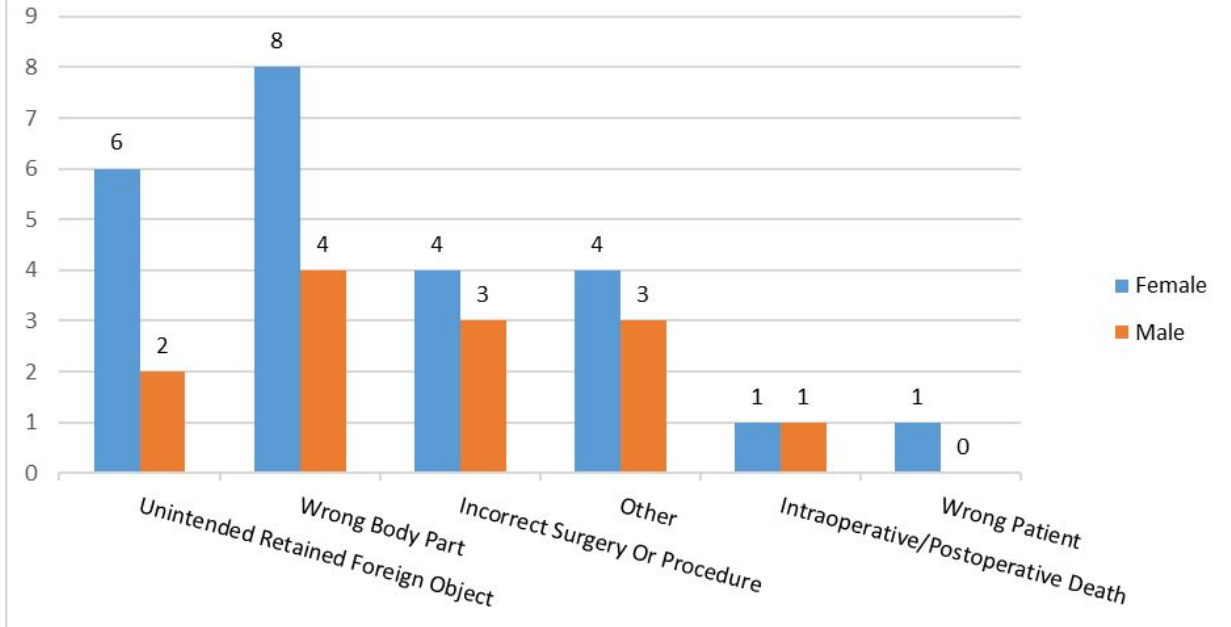
There are more reported **temporary harm events requiring hospitalization** for those who identified as “female” compared to those who identified as “male” in **2021**, whereas there were more reported **temporary harm events that required non-life threatening intervention** for “males” compared to “females” in **2021**.

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, DEMOGRAPHICS, 2021



### Reported Surgical Procedure Safety Events by Sex, 2021



There were more reported **surgical patient safety events** for those who identified as “female” than those identified as “male” in **2021**.

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, DEMOGRAPHICS, 2021

## Reported Patient Safety Events by Race, Oct - Dec 2021

Occurrence Category	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Black	Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	white	Other	Unknown
Surgical Event	0	1	0	0	5	0	3
Care Management Event	0	0	0	1	15	1	4
Patient Protection Event	0	0	0	0	6	2	0
Product Device Event	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Criminal Event	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Environmental Event	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Not Sentinel Event	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Radiological Event	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	0	1	28	4	10

There were more reported **patient safety events** for those who identified as “white” compared to other races in **Oct - Dec of 2021.**

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, DEMOGRAPHICS, 2021

## Reported Care Management Safety Events by Race, Oct - Dec 2021

Care Management Event	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Black	Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	white	Other	Unknown
Fall	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Pressure Ulcers	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Medication Error	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Labor or Delivery	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
INFANT DEATH	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IRRETRIEVABLE LOSS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FAILURE TO FOLLOW UP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEONATAL HYPERBILIRUBINEMIA,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	1	15	1	1

There were more reported **care management events** for those who identified as “white” compared to other races in **Oct - Dec of 2021.**

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, DEMOGRAPHICS, 2021

## Patient Outcomes for Reported Patient Safety Events by Race, Oct - Dec 2021

Patient Outcomes	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Black	Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	white	Other	Unknown
Patient Death	0	0	0	0	3	1	1
Temp Harm - Req non-life threatening Intervention	0	1	0	1	7	0	1
No Harm	0	0	0	0	3	0	1
Intervention to Sustain Life	0	0	0	0	3	1	3
Temp Harm - Reg Hospitalization	0	0	0	0	6	2	1
Additional Monitoring/Treatment to Prevent Harm	0	0	0	0		0	2
Permanent Patient Harm	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Near Miss (event stopped prior to reaching patient)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsafe Conditions	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Determined not to be a Sentinel Event	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	0	1	0	1	28	4	10

There were more reported **temporary harm events that required non-life threatening intervention** for those who identified as “white” compared to other races in **Oct - Dec of 2021**.

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, DEMOGRAPHICS, 2021

## Reported Surgical Procedure Safety Events by Race, Oct - Dec 2021

Surgical Procedure Safety Events	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Black	Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	white	Other	Unknown
Unintended Retained Foreign Object	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Wrong Body Part	0	1	0	0	3	0	2
Incorrect Surgery Or Procedure	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intraoperative/Postoperative Death	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wrong Patient	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	0	1	0	0	5	0	3

There were more reported **surgical procedure safety events** for those who identified as “white” compared to other races in **Oct - Dec of 2021.**

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, DEMOGRAPHICS, 2021



## Reported Patient Protection Safety Events, Oct- Dec 2021

There were more reported **patient protection safety events** for those who identified as “white” compared to other races in **Oct - Dec of 2021.**

	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Black	Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	white	Other	Unknown
Patient Suicide	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Unexpected Death	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Other	0	0	0	0	4	1	1
Elopement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	6	2	1

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, DEMOGRAPHICS, 2021

## Reported Patient Safety Events by Ethnicity, 2021

Occurrence Category	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Unknown
Surgical Event	1	6	1
Care Management Event	4	14	3
Patient Protection Event	2	5	2
Product Device Event	0	1	2
Unknown	0	0	0
Criminal Event	0	1	0
Environmental Event	1	0	0
Not Sentinel Event	0	0	0
Radiological Event	0	0	0
Total	8	27	8

There were more reported **patient safety events** for those who were identified as “non-hispanic” compared to other races in **2021**.

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, DEMOGRAPHICS, 2021

## Reported Care Management Safety Events by Ethnicity, 2021

Care Management Event	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Unknown
Fall	1	5	1
Pressure Ulcers	0	1	0
Medication Error	0	4	0
Labor or Delivery	3	0	1
Infant Death	0	3	0
Other	0	1	1
Irretrievable Loss	0	0	0
Failure to Follow Up	0	0	0
Neonatal Hyperbilirubinemia	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>

There were more reported **care management events** for those who were identified as “non-hispanic” compared to other races in **2021**.

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, DEMOGRAPHICS, 2021

## Patient Outcomes for Reported Patient Safety Events by Ethnicity, 2021

Patient Outcomes	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Unknown
Patient Death	1	3	1
Temp Harm - Req non-life threatening Intervention	2	9	2
No Harm	0	3	1
Intervention to Sustain Life	2	3	2
Temp Harm - Reg Hospitalization	0	5	0
Additional Monitoring/Treatment to Prevent Harm	1	0	1
Permanent Patient Harm	1	3	0
Near Miss (event stopped prior to reaching patient)	0	0	0
Unsafe Conditions	0	0	1
Determined not to be a Sentinel Event	0	0	0
Other	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>

The top reported patient outcome, **temporary harm requiring non-life threatening intervention**, occurred the most among those who were identified as “non-hispanic” in **2021**.

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## Reported Surgical Procedure Safety Events by Ethnicity, 2021

Surgical Procedure Safety Events	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Uknown
Unintended Retained Foreign Object	0	1	0
Wrong Body Part	0	4	1
Incorrect Surgery Or Procedure	1	1	0
Other	0	0	0
Intraoperative/Postoperative Death	0	0	0
Wrong Patient	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	1	6	1

There were more reported **surgical procedure events** for those who were identified as “non-hispanic” compared to other races in **2021**.

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, DEMOGRAPHICS, 2021



## Reported Patient Protection Safety Events, Ethnicity 2021

Patient Protection Safety Events	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Unknown
Patient Suicide	0	1	0
Unexpected Death	1	1	0
Other	1	3	2
Elopement	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	2	5	2

There were more reported **patient protection safety events** for those who were identified as “non-hispanic” compared to other races in **2021**.

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, DEMOGRAPHICS, 2021



## Reported Patient Safety Events by Age, 2021

Occurrence Category	0-14	15-24	25-64	65+	unknown
Surgical Event	4	3	22	9	1
Care Management Event	10	4	41	20	3
Patient Protection Event	0	1	11	15	0
Product Device Event	1	1	8	1	1
Unknown	1	0	1	0	0
Criminal Event	0	1	3	0	0
Environmental Event	1	1	1	0	0
Not Sentinel Event	0	0	0	1	0
Radiological Event	0	0	0	0	0
Total	17	11	87	46	5

The age group that experienced the most reported **patient safety events** in **2021** were those who were identified as aged **25-64**.

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, DEMOGRAPHICS, 2021



## Reported Care Management Safety Events by Age, 2021

Care Management Event	0-14	15-24	25-64	65+	unknown
Fall	2	1	9	14	2
Pressure Ulcers	0	0	7	3	1
Medication Error	0	0	11	1	0
Labor or Delivery	2	2	15	0	0
Infant Death	2	0	0	0	0
Other	1	0	0	0	0
Irretrievable Loss	0	0	0	1	0
Failure to Follow Up	0	0	0	0	0
Neonatal Hyperbilirubinemia	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	7	3	42	19	3

The age group that experienced the most **care management safety** events in **2021** were those who identified as aged **25-64**.

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, DEMOGRAPHICS, 2021



## Patient Outcomes for Reported Patient Safety Events by Age, 2021

Patient Outcomes	0-14	15-24	25-64	65+	unknown
Patient Death	1	0	13	7	0
Temp Harm - Req non-life threatening Intervention	1	1	20	13	0
No Harm	2	1	10	5	0
Intervention to Sustain Life	5	1	11	3	0
Temp Harm - Reg Hospitalization	2	3	14	9	3
Additional Monitoring/Treatment to Prevent Harm	1	1	5	5	1
Permanent Patient Harm	5	2	7	3	0
Near Miss (event stopped prior to reaching patient)	0	0	1	1	1
Unsafe Conditions	0	2	2	0	0
Determined not to be a Sentinel Event	0	0	1	0	0
Other	0	0	3	0	0
<b>Total</b>	17	11	87	46	5

The top reported patient outcome, **temporary harm requiring non-life threatening intervention**, was reported the most among those aged **25-64** in **2021**.

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, DEMOGRAPHICS, 2021



## Reported Surgical Procedure Safety Events by Age, 2021

Surgical Procedure Safety Events	0-14	15-24	25-64	65+	unknown
Unintended Retained Foreign Object	1	0	5	2	0
Wrong Body Part	2	0	6	3	1
Incorrect Surgery Or Procedure	0	0	5	2	0
Other	1	1	3	2	0
Intraoperative/Postoperative Death	0	0	2	0	0
Wrong Patient	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	4	1	22	9	1

The age group that experienced the most reported **surgical procedure events** in **2021** were those who identified as aged **25-64**.

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# PATIENT SAFETY EVENTS IN UTAH, DEMOGRAPHICS, 2021



## Reported Patient Protection Safety Events, Age 2021

Patient Protection Safety Events	0-14	15-24	25-64	65+	unknown
Patient Suicide	0	0	5	1	0
Unexpected Death	0	0	2	6	0
Other	0	1	3	7	0
Elopement	0	0	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	0	1	11	15	0

The top reported **patient protection events**, “unexpected death” and “other”, were reported the most for those aged **65 and older**.

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# MAJOR TAKEAWAYS



		2012-2021	2021
<b>Top 3 Reported Patient Safety Events</b>	Care Management Events	36.0%	48.2%
	Surgical Events	33.5%	23.7%
	Patient Protection Events	15.4%	18.7%
<b>Top 3 Reported Contributing Factors to Patient Safety Events</b>	Communication	17.2%	14.2%
	Human Factors	15.3%	21.8%
	Process Breakdowns	10.9%	9.2%
<b>Top 3 Reported Actions Taken to Address Patient Safety Events</b>	Education	36.3%	36.3%
	Workflow Process Redesign	17.3%	15.7%
	Policy & Procedure Addition / Revision	14.7%	10.8%

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# MAJOR TAKEAWAYS



- Falls are most common care management event in 2021 as well as over the last 10 years
- Among patient outcomes, temporary harm is the highest for 2021 whereas patient death occurs the most over the last decade
- “Patient suicide or unsuccessful attempt” is the highest type of reported patient protection event for the last decade, whereas “unexpected death” & “other” were reported the most in 2021
- “Wrong body part” is the most reported type of surgical procedure event in 2021 and in the last decade “unintended retained foreign object” was the top event
- While communication and human factors being top drivers of patient events, education is consistently the top corrected action taken

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# QUESTIONS?



Thank you!

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