

# What's New in the Patient Safety World

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### Joint Commission National Patient Safety Goals 2023

Joint Commission's National Patient Safety Goals® (NPSG's) for 2023 became effective on July 1, 2023 ([TJC 2023](#)). The 2023 NPSG's are in the following categories:

- Identify patients correctly
- Improve staff communication
- Use medicines safely
- Use alarms safely
- Prevent infection
- Identify patient safety risks (prevent suicides)
- Improve health care equity
- Prevent mistakes in surgery

The University of Southern California Executive MHA Blog has a nice description of the 2023 NPSG's along with background information about the NPSG's and strategies to meet the goals ([USC 2023](#)).

Joint Commission also provides links to the NPSG's in a simple, [easy-to-read format](#) and the [chapter](#) format.

We refer you to the USC and Joint Commission resources for descriptions of the individual NPSG's in each category.

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<https://healthadministrationdegree.usc.edu/blog/national-patient-safety-goals/>

The Joint Commission. 2023 Hospital National Patient Safety Goals (Easy-to-Read version)

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