

Clinical Error Severity Levels

1	Circumstances or events that have the capacity to be followed by error or harm
2	An event occurred but did not reach the patient
3	An event occurred that reached the patient but was not followed by patient harm
4	An event occurred that was followed by increased patient monitoring and/or minimal patient harm or minor injury
5	An event occurred that was followed by increased treatment or intervention and/or temporary patient harm
6	An event occurred that was followed by initial or prolonged hospitalization and temporary patient harm
7	An event occurred that was followed by permanent patient harm
8	An event occurred that was followed by a near death event
9	An event occurred that was followed by patient death