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The Joint Commission allows healthcare facilities to have accreditation to qualify them for CMS reimbursement. They audit facilities by visiting to observe client care, policies, quality care, safety, and peer review the quality standards from employees. There are national safety goals that help prevent medication errors by labeling medications, ensuring clients' identification by their name and date of birth, and ensuring report from nurses is straightforward and done promptly. A medication reconciliation process is essential for safe medication administration. Developing a list of current meds, viewing medication ordered in the hospital, comparing those lists together, making clinical decisions based on the lists, and communicating the new list to the client and caregivers is an essential part of nursing.

Sentinel events are unfortunate events that result in permanent harm, death, rape, assault, severe, temporary harm, and many more problems. Nurses who experience sentinel events perceive them differently and can sometimes harm their nursing perception of themselves. Some nurses can experience the perception of failing at their job and have emotional trauma, negative feelings, and behaviors that can affect their personal life and job (Stone, 2019). In a study, each participant described a large amount of distress and especially posttraumatic distress (Stone, 2019). Not only should the sentinel event be investigated, but the nurses must receive support from the leadership and risk management team.

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