

Achieving National Patient Safety Goals®

The Joint Commission® (TJC) introduced its National Patient Safety Goals® program in 2002, with several updates since then. NPSGs are a series of actions that TJC-accredited hospitals are required to take in order to prevent errors and maintain patient safety.¹

The 2018 NPSGs include 15 safety focus areas.² This flyer explores opportunities where Sizewise products, training, and clinical support can help achieve a safer environment for patients and caregivers.

NPSG	Improve the safety of clinical alarm systems² // NPSG.06.01.01 Make improvements to ensure that alarms on medical equipment are heard and responded to on time.	
Tools Available	Rest Secure System™ helps facilities develop a systematic, coordinated approach to clinical alarm system management by providing a reliable bed exit alarm system. Sizewise clinical and operations teams can provide in-servicing to assist customizing to specific unit needs. Alarm standardization contributes to safe alarm system management.	
Sizewise Solutions	Bari Rehab Platform 2™ and 3™ Behavioral Health Bed™	Evolution™ Rest Secure System™

NPSG	Reduce the risk of health care-associated infections² // NPSG.07.03.01 Use proven guidelines to prevent infections that are difficult to treat.	
Tools Available	Assist in periodic risk assessments and reduce or prevent healthcare-associated infections by assisting with mattress audits. NPT3 top covers provide durability and withstand effective cleaning and disinfecting requirements. Surfaces have sealed-seam construction in addition to MAP Liner™ to protect against fluid egress. Alliance™ bed frame meets requirements for effective cleaning and disinfection between patients in high-turnover environments.	
Sizewise Solutions	Alliance™ NPT3™	Mattress Audit Program

NPSG	Identify patient safety risks² // NPSG.15.01.01 Identify which patients are most at risk for suicide.	
Tools Available	In addition to assessing suicide risk, facilities must establish and maintain safe and suitable treatment areas for behavioral health patients. Sizewise offers two behavioral health bed frames: a fully electric frame for dual-diagnosis patients, and a platform bed for the highest acuity BH need. Additionally, a ligature-resistant foam pressure redistribution mattress is available for both bed types.	
Sizewise Solutions	Behavioral Health Bed™ Behavioral Health Bed™ – Platform	Behavioral Health Mattress™

References

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