

Patient Safety is Everyone's Concern

New Jersey Voluntary Anonymous Reporting System

If you have a patient safety concern , you may without fear of retaliation, notify your Manager/Supervisor, Quality Director or Administrator and expect a response. You may also make an anonymous report through the online Occurrence Reporting System found on the VINE. If you do not feel these mechanisms are satisfactory, you may anonymously contact the Corporate Compliance/Employee Hotline at 1-800-268-0502.

In addition a report may be submitted regarding a specific patient serious injury, pursuant to the Patient Safety Act (P.L. 2004, C.9.) and the Patient Safety Regulations (NJAC 8:43E-10.8), through the voluntary, anonymous, and confidential reporting system that has been developed and is now available. The voluntary anonymous system is designed to allow employees and health care professionals practicing at a health care facility to submit voluntary anonymous reports to the NJ Department of Health regarding preventable adverse events. Please be aware of the following regulatory requirements: Facilities are required to inform employees and health care professionals practicing at the health care facility of their option to file such voluntary anonymous reports.

In order to submit a voluntary anonymous event, the following fields are required: the patient's last name, the facility name at which the event occurred and the type of event. However, persons submitting the event in the voluntary anonymous system are encouraged to complete as many fields as possible. Please note that reports should only be submitted to this reporting system if a specific patient had a serious injury related to healthcare. To submit a voluntary anonymous report about a serious preventable adverse event that resulted in injury to a specific patient, go to the following: www.state.nj.us/health/ps/voluntary_anonymous_reporting.shtml