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Staff Notes to Submitter <i>(if submission returned)</i> :			
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Staff Reviewer Name(s):			
1. CONTACT INFORMATION			
Submitter: Cynthia Lacker, RN, MS, LNCC, CPHRM Organization: Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority Street Address: 5200 Butler Pike City/State/Zip: Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462 Telephone Number: 610-825-6000 x5040 Fax Number: 610-834-1275 Email Address: clacker@ecri.org			
Date of Submission (MM/DD/YY): 06/16/2010			
Is this submission about a currently endorsed SRE or a proposed new SRE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Currently Endorsed <input type="checkbox"/> New Submission <i>(if new submission, skip to section 3a)</i>			
2a. CURRENTLY ENDORSED SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT			
Name of Event: Patient death or serious disability associated with the use of contaminated drugs, devices, or biologics provided by the health care facility			
Suggested Change: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specify the Applicable Care Setting(s) marked below <input type="checkbox"/> Remove Endorsement <input type="checkbox"/> Modify SRE Specifications			
Describe Suggested Modification(s) in specific detail:			
Rationale for removing endorsement or modifying the SRE <i>(include pertinent evidence, data)</i> :			
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Applicable Care Settings (Mark all to which event is relevant) <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) / Nursing home			

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outpatient or Office-based Surgery Center <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ambulatory Practice / Physician Offices <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>Please specify</i>):	
Reviewer Comments/Rationale:	
2b. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for CURRENTLY ENDORSED SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT	
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<i>(for NQF staff use) Identify related endorsed measures N/A</i>	
Reviewer Comments:	
RECOMMENDATION	
Steering Committee: Do you recommend the proposed change? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you recommend the proposed change with modification? <input type="checkbox"/> Specify the modification	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments/Rationale:	
3a. NEW SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT	
The Event is a discrete, auditable, and clearly defined occurrence	Y <input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Proposed New Event:	N <input type="checkbox"/>
3b. PREVENTABLE, SERIOUS, UNAMBIGUOUS	
Brief Description of Event:	
The event is Preventable (<i>Describes an event that could have been anticipated and prepared for, but that occurs because of an error or other system failure</i>)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Briefly summarize the Evidence Base that the event is preventable and provide citations:	
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Definitions:	
Codes and descriptors (if used):	
Instructions for counting events, calculating rates, and providing context for low frequency:	
Reviewer Comments/Rationale:	
3c. ADVERSE, SAFETY SYSTEM PROBLEM, IMPORTANT FOR ACCOUNTABILITY	
Describe the outcome that demonstrates that the event is adverse (<i>Describes a negative consequence of care that results in unintended injury or illness</i>)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
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3d. SETTINGS, DATA SOURCES

Applicable Care Settings (Mark all to which event is relevant)
 Hospital
 Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) / Nursing home
 Outpatient or Office-based Surgery Center
 Ambulatory Practice / Physician Offices
 Other (Please describe):

Data Source Check the source(s) for the information on the SRE.

<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic administrative data/ claims	<input type="checkbox"/> Quality / Risk Management Databases
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<input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy data	<input type="checkbox"/> Special or unique data, specify:
<input type="checkbox"/> Public health data/vital statistics	

Identify the specific data source/data collection instrument (e.g. name of database, clinical registry, collection instrument, etc.); include Web page URL where available:

Data dictionary/code table attached OR at web page URL:

Process(es) to Collect Data
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Reviewer Comments/Rationale:

3e. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for NEW SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT

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(for NQF staff use) Identify related endorsed measures

Reviewer Comments:

RECOMMENDATION

Steering Committee: Do you recommend for endorsement?
 Comments/Rationale:

Y
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Steering Committee Reviewer Name:

4. PRIORITY AREAS

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Consumer Care Need Getting Better Living With Illness Staying Healthy

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Submitter: Erin Graydon Baker Organization: Partners Healthcare Street Address: 115 4th Ave City/State/Zip: Needham/MA/02494 Telephone Number: 781-433-3776 Fax Number: 781-433-3667 Email Address: ergraydonbaker@partners.org	
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Rationale for removing endorsement or modifying the SRE (include pertinent evidence, data): The current definition for serious disability leads to subjective interpretation.	
If modifications are made, are the changes likely to result in a substantial change in the current count of SREs? x <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain: We err on the conservative side due to the current working definition but with exact criteria , we may see a small decrease in reporting.	
(for NQF staff use) The proposed change is justified (Does the rationale justify the proposed change?) Yes	
Applicable Care Settings (Mark all to which event is relevant)	

Y
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If modifications are made, are the changes likely to result in a substantial change in the current count of SREs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain:			
(for NQF staff use) The proposed change is justified <i>(Does the rationale justify the proposed change?)</i>			Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Applicable Care Settings (Mark all to which event is relevant) <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) / Nursing home			

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outpatient or Office-based Surgery Center <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ambulatory Practice / Physician Offices <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>Please specify</i>):		
Reviewer Comments/Rationale:		
2b. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for CURRENTLY ENDORSED SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT		
Provide any additional information that should be considered:		
Susceptibility to Inaccuracies, Errors, or Unintended Consequences <i>Identify susceptibility to inaccuracies, errors, or unintended consequences of the event and describe how these potential problems could be audited.</i>		
(for NQF staff use) Identify related endorsed measures N/A		
Reviewer Comments:		
RECOMMENDATION		
Steering Committee: Do you recommend the proposed change? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you recommend the proposed change with modification? <input type="checkbox"/> Specify the modification		Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments/Rationale:		
3a. NEW SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT		
The Event is a discrete, auditable, and clearly defined occurrence		Y <input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Proposed New Event:		N <input type="checkbox"/>
3b. PREVENTABLE, SERIOUS, UNAMBIGUOUS		
Brief Description of Event:		
The event is Preventable (<i>Describes an event that could have been anticipated and prepared for, but that occurs because of an error or other system failure</i>)		Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Briefly summarize the Evidence Base that the event is preventable and provide citations:		
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The event is Unambiguous (<i>Refers to an event that is clearly defined and easily identified</i>)		Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Definitions: Codes and descriptors (if used): Instructions for counting events, calculating rates, and providing context for low frequency:		
Reviewer Comments/Rationale:		
3c. ADVERSE, SAFETY SYSTEM PROBLEM, IMPORTANT FOR ACCOUNTABILITY		
Describe the outcome that demonstrates that the event is adverse (<i>Describes a negative consequence of care that results in unintended injury or illness</i>)		Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Describe how the event is indicative of a problem in a healthcare facility's safety systems:		Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Describe why the event is important for public credibility or accountability:		Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>

If the event is used in a public reporting initiative (disclosure of performance results to the public at large), provide name of initiative(s), locations, Web page URL(s):

Reviewer Comments/Rationale:

3d. SETTINGS, DATA SOURCES

Applicable Care Settings (Mark all to which event is relevant)
 Hospital
 Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) / Nursing home
 Outpatient or Office-based Surgery Center
 Ambulatory Practice / Physician Offices
 Other (*Please describe*):

Data Source Check the source(s) for the information on the SRE.

<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic administrative data/ claims	<input type="checkbox"/> Quality / Risk Management Databases
<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Clinical Data (<i>e.g., MDS</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Registry data (or database)
<input type="checkbox"/> Incident Reports	<input type="checkbox"/> Reports to External Bodies (states, federal)
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Record including Electronic	<input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory or Accreditation data (FDA, OSHA, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy data	<input type="checkbox"/> Special or unique data, specify:
<input type="checkbox"/> Public health data/vital statistics	

Identify the specific data source/data collection instrument (e.g. name of database, clinical registry, collection instrument, etc.); include Web page URL where available:

Data dictionary/code table attached OR at web page URL:

Process(es) to Collect Data
 Provide additional information about how the data regarding the event are collected. Address verifiability, reliability, and validity, if possible.

Reviewer Comments/Rationale:

3e. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for NEW SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT

Provide any additional information that should be considered:

Susceptibility to Inaccuracies, Errors, or Unintended Consequences
Identify susceptibility to inaccuracies, errors, or unintended consequences of the event and describe how these potential problems could be audited.

(for NQF staff use) Identify related endorsed measures

Reviewer Comments:

RECOMMENDATION

Steering Committee: Do you recommend for endorsement?
 Comments/Rationale:

Y
 N
 A

Steering Committee Reviewer Name:

4. PRIORITY AREAS

(for NQF staff use) Select the most relevant priority area(s), quality domain(s), and consumer need(s).

National Priority Partners Priority Area patient and family engagement population health safety
 care coordination palliative and end of life care overuse

IOM Quality Domain effectiveness efficiency equity patient-centered safety timeliness

Consumer Care Need Getting Better Living With Illness Staying Healthy

(for NQF staff use) Notes on similar/related endorsed SREs and/or Safe Practices:

Steering Committee Reviewer Name:	
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Reviewers: Complete all the yellow and pink highlighted areas of the form. Provide the rationale for your ratings.

(for NQF staff use) NQF Review #:		NQF Project:	
(for NQF staff use) Has all requested information been provided? Yes			
Staff Notes to Submitter <i>(if submission returned)</i> :			
Staff Notes to Reviewers <i>(issues or questions regarding any criteria)</i> :			
Staff Reviewer Name(s):			
1. CONTACT INFORMATION			
Submitter: Julie Apold Organization: Minnesota Alliance for Patient Safety (includes Minnesota Hospital Association, Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Medical Association and over 50 other public-private healthcare organizations). Street Address: 2550 University Avenue W. Suite 350S City/State/Zip: Saint Paul, MN 55114 Telephone Number: 651-641-1121 Fax Number: 651-659-1477 Email Address: japold@mnhospitals.org			
Date of Submission (MM/DD/YY): 6/16/10			
Is this submission about a currently endorsed SRE or a proposed new SRE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Currently Endorsed <input type="checkbox"/> New Submission <i>(If new submission, skip to section 3a)</i>			
2a. CURRENTLY ENDORSED SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT			
Name of Event: Patient death or serious disability associated with the use or function of a device in patient care, in which the device is used for functions other than as intended.			
Suggested Change: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specify the Applicable Care Setting(s) marked below <input type="checkbox"/> Remove Endorsement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modify SRE Specifications			
Describe Suggested Modification(s) in specific detail:			
Modify wording to "...associated with the improper or inappropriate use of a device in patient care" and/or consider one or more separate categories of device-related events: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Associated with use of a device other than as intended or used for a purpose inconsistent with standard of care Using a device incorrectly Improper functioning of a device. The primary purpose of this category needs to be determined and clearly stated.			
Rationale for removing endorsement or modifying the SRE <i>(include pertinent evidence, data)</i> : This category can take on many meanings. What we have debated and struggled with is whether it is intended to capture clearly using a device other than as intended (using a urinary catheter as a chest tube) or the			Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>

<p>improper use of a device (placing a feeding tube in the lung through improper technique). Additional clarification would be appreciated.</p> <p>If modifications are made, <i>are the changes likely to result in a substantial change in the current count of SREs?</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain: <i>Would capture more events if the category included improper use of a device.</i></p> <p>(for NQF staff use) The proposed change is justified (<i>Does the rationale justify the proposed change?</i>) Yes</p>	
<p>Applicable Care Settings (Mark all to which event is relevant)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hospital</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) / Nursing home</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outpatient or Office-based Surgery Center</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ambulatory Practice / Physician Offices</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>Please specify</i>):</p>	
<p>Reviewer Comments/Rationale:</p>	
<p>2b. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for CURRENTLY ENDORSED SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT</p>	
<p>Provide any additional information that should be considered:</p>	
<p>Susceptibility to Inaccuracies, Errors, or Unintended Consequences <i>Identify susceptibility to inaccuracies, errors, or unintended consequences of the event and describe how these potential problems could be audited.</i></p>	
<p>(for NQF staff use) Identify related endorsed measures <i>N/A</i></p>	
<p>Reviewer Comments:</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p>	
<p>Steering Committee:</p> <p>Do you recommend the proposed change? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do you recommend the proposed change with modification? <input type="checkbox"/> Specify the modification</p> <p>Comments/Rationale:</p>	<p>Y <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>N <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>A <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>3a. NEW SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT</p>	
<p>The Event is a discrete, auditable , and clearly defined occurrence</p> <p>Name of Proposed New Event:</p>	<p>Y <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>N <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>3b. PREVENTABLE, SERIOUS, UNAMBIGUOUS</p>	
<p>Brief Description of Event:</p>	
<p>The event is Preventable (<i>Describes an event that could have been anticipated and prepared for, but that occurs because of an error or other system failure</i>)</p>	<p>Y <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>N <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Briefly summarize the Evidence Base that the event is preventable and provide citations:</p>	
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<p>The event is Unambiguous (<i>Refers to an event that is clearly defined and easily identified</i>)</p> <p>Definitions:</p> <p>Codes and descriptors (if used):</p> <p>Instructions for counting events, calculating rates, and providing context for low frequency:</p>	<p>Y <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>N <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Reviewer Comments/Rationale:	
3c. ADVERSE, SAFETY SYSTEM PROBLEM, IMPORTANT FOR ACCOUNTABILITY	
Describe the outcome that demonstrates that the event is adverse (<i>Describes a negative consequence of care that results in unintended injury or illness</i>)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Describe how the event is indicative of a problem in a healthcare facility's safety systems:	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Describe why the event is important for public credibility or accountability:	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
If the event is used in a public reporting initiative (disclosure of performance results to the public at large), <i>provide name of initiative(s), locations, Web page URL(s):</i>	
Reviewer Comments/Rationale:	
3d. SETTINGS, DATA SOURCES	
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Data Source <i>Check the source(s) for the information on the SRE.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic administrative data/ claims <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Clinical Data (<i>e.g., MDS</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Incident Reports <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Record including Electronic <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy data <input type="checkbox"/> Public health data/vital statistics <input type="checkbox"/> Quality / Risk Management Databases <input type="checkbox"/> Registry data (or database) <input type="checkbox"/> Reports to External Bodies (states, federal) <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory or Accreditation data (FDA, OSHA, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Special or unique data, specify:	
Identify the specific data source/data collection instrument (e.g. name of database, clinical registry, collection instrument, etc.); include Web page URL where available:	
Data dictionary/code table attached <input type="checkbox"/> OR at web page URL:	
Process(es) to Collect Data Provide additional information about how the data regarding the event are collected. Address verifiability, reliability, and validity, if possible.	
Reviewer Comments/Rationale:	
3e. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for NEW SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT	
Provide any additional information that should be considered:	
Susceptibility to Inaccuracies, Errors, or Unintended Consequences <i>Identify susceptibility to inaccuracies, errors, or unintended consequences of the event and describe how these potential problems could be audited.</i>	
<i>(for NQF staff use)</i> Identify related endorsed measures	
Reviewer Comments:	
RECOMMENDATION	
Steering Committee: Do you recommend for endorsement? Comments/Rationale:	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Steering Committee Reviewer Name:	

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(for NQF staff use) Has all requested information been provided? Yes	
Staff Notes to Submitter (if submission returned):	
Staff Notes to Reviewers (issues or questions regarding any criteria):	
Staff Reviewer Name(s):	
1. CONTACT INFORMATION	
Submitter: Margaret Driscoll Organization: Children's Hospital Boston Street Address: 300 Longwood Avenue City/State/Zip: Boston, MA 02115 Telephone Number: 617-355-7359 Fax Number: 617-730-0637 Email Address: Margaret.driscoll@childrens.harvard.edu	
Date of Submission (MM/DD/YY): 06/16/10 Is this submission about a currently endorsed SRE or a proposed new SRE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Currently Endorsed <input type="checkbox"/> New Submission (If new submission, skip to section 3a)	
2a. CURRENTLY ENDORSED SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT	
Name of Event: Patient Death or serious disability associated with the use or function of a device in patient care, in which the device is used or functions other than as intended	
Suggested Change: <input type="checkbox"/> Specify the Applicable Care Setting(s) marked below <input type="checkbox"/> Remove Endorsement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modify SRE Specifications	
Describe Suggested Modification(s) in specific detail: Include exclusions or exclusionary language addressing off-label device use for the pediatric population.	
Rationale for removing endorsement or modifying the SRE (include pertinent evidence, data): The efficacy of many medical devices used in pediatric patients has not been studied or approved for use in children. Off-label use of medical devices is frequently the norm versus the exception in pediatrics, including our surgical subspecialties. For example multiple procedures performed in interventional cardiology and interventional radiology. The blanket nature of this standard does not adequately account for the practical limitations inherent in caring for children.	
Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	

<p>If modifications are made, <i>are the changes likely to result in a substantial change in the current count of SREs?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain: (for NQF staff use) The proposed change is justified (<i>Does the rationale justify the proposed change?</i>) <u>Yes</u></p>	
<p>Applicable Care Settings (Mark all to which event is relevant) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) / Nursing home <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient or Office-based Surgery Center <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulatory Practice / Physician Offices <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>Please specify</i>):</p>	
<p>Reviewer Comments/Rationale:</p>	
<p>2b. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for CURRENTLY ENDORSED SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT</p>	
<p>Provide any additional information that should be considered: Off-label device use in the pediatric population may preclude innovation or life saving procedures in patients where alternative treatment options are not available.</p>	
<p>Susceptibility to Inaccuracies, Errors, or Unintended Consequences <i>Identify susceptibility to inaccuracies, errors, or unintended consequences of the event and describe how these potential problems could be audited.</i></p>	
<p>(for NQF staff use) Identify related endorsed measures — <u>N/A</u></p>	
<p>Reviewer Comments:</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p>	
<p>Steering Committee: Do you recommend the proposed change? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you recommend the proposed change with modification? <input type="checkbox"/> Specify the modification Comments/Rationale:</p>	<p>Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>3a. NEW SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT</p>	
<p>The Event is a discrete, auditable , and clearly defined occurrence Name of Proposed New Event:</p>	<p>Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>3b. PREVENTABLE, SERIOUS, UNAMBIGUOUS</p>	
<p>Brief Description of Event:</p>	
<p>The event is Preventable (<i>Describes an event that could have been anticipated and prepared for, but that occurs because of an error or other system failure</i>)</p>	<p>Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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Reviewer Comments/Rationale:	
3c. ADVERSE, SAFETY SYSTEM PROBLEM, IMPORTANT FOR ACCOUNTABILITY	
Describe the outcome that demonstrates that the event is adverse (<i>Describes a negative consequence of care that results in unintended injury or illness</i>)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
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Identify the specific data source/data collection instrument (e.g. name of database, clinical registry, collection instrument, etc.); include Web page URL where available:	
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Reviewer Comments/Rationale:	
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Reviewer Comments:	
RECOMMENDATION	
Steering Committee: Do you recommend for endorsement? Comments/Rationale:	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Steering Committee Reviewer Name:	

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Staff Notes to Reviewers (<i>issues or questions regarding any criteria</i>):	
Staff Reviewer Name(s):	
1. CONTACT INFORMATION	
Submitter: Erin Graydon Baker Organization: Partners Healthcare Street Address: 115 4th Ave City/State/Zip: Needham/MA/02494 Telephone Number: 781-433-3776 Fax Number: 781-433-3667 Email Address: ergraydonbaker@partners.org	
Date of Submission (MM/DD/YY): 06/16/10 Is this submission about a currently endorsed SRE or a proposed new SRE? x <input type="checkbox"/> Currently Endorsed <input type="checkbox"/> New Submission (<i>if new submission, skip to section 3a</i>)	
2a. CURRENTLY ENDORSED SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT	
Name of Event: Device in Patient Care in Which the Device is Used Other than Intended..	
Suggested Change: <input type="checkbox"/> Specify the Applicable Care Setting(s) marked below <input type="checkbox"/> Remove Endorsement x <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modify SRE Specifications	
Describe Suggested Modification(s) in specific detail: Re-define serious disability as" injury requiring extended hospitalization, prolonged loss of function (affecting the ability to perform activities of daily living) for at least 30 days". Change the definition to read "Death or serious disability caused by a device that functions other than intended". Add central monitoring to the list of included devices.	
Rationale for removing endorsement or modifying the SRE (<i>include pertinent evidence, data</i>): The current definition for serious disability leads to subjective interpretation. There are many instances of devices that are used for purposes different than intended (life saving efforts, research) where the patient might die not due to the device but due to condition.	
If modifications are made, <i>are the changes likely to result in a substantial change in the current count of SREs?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes x <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain:	
(for NQF staff use) The proposed change is justified (<i>Does the rationale justify the proposed change?</i>)	
	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>

Yes	
Applicable Care Settings (Mark all to which event is relevant) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) / Nursing home <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outpatient or Office-based Surgery Center <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ambulatory Practice / Physician Offices <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>Please specify</i>):	
Reviewer Comments/Rationale:	
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Provide any additional information that should be considered:	
Susceptibility to Inaccuracies, Errors, or Unintended Consequences <i>Identify susceptibility to inaccuracies, errors, or unintended consequences of the event and describe how these potential problems could be audited. More accurate representation of SRE</i>	
<i>(for NQF staff use) Identify related endorsed measures N/A</i>	
Reviewer Comments:	
RECOMMENDATION	
Steering Committee: Do you recommend the proposed change? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you recommend the proposed change with modification? <input type="checkbox"/> Specify the modification	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
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The event is Serious (<i>Describes an event that can result in death or loss of a body part, disability or loss of bodily function or risk thereof for harm</i>) <i>Please check the appropriate consequence and describe it</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Death or <input type="checkbox"/> risk of death <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of a body part or <input type="checkbox"/> risk of loss Describe: <input type="checkbox"/> Disability or <input type="checkbox"/> risk of disability Describe: <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of bodily function or <input type="checkbox"/> risk of loss Describe:	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
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Reviewer Comments/Rationale:	
3c. ADVERSE, SAFETY SYSTEM PROBLEM, IMPORTANT FOR ACCOUNTABILITY	
Describe the outcome that demonstrates that the event is adverse (<i>Describes a negative consequence of care that results in unintended injury or illness</i>)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>

Describe how the event is indicative of a problem in a healthcare facility's safety systems:	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Describe why the event is important for public credibility or accountability:	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
If the event is used in a public reporting initiative (disclosure of performance results to the public at large), provide name of initiative(s), locations, Web page URL(s):	
Reviewer Comments/Rationale:	
3d. SETTINGS, DATA SOURCES	
Applicable Care Settings (Mark all to which event is relevant)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) / Nursing home <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient or Office-based Surgery Center <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulatory Practice / Physician Offices <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):	
Data Source Check the source(s) for the information on the SRE.	
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Data dictionary/code table attached <input type="checkbox"/> OR at web page URL:	
Process(es) to Collect Data Provide additional information about how the data regarding the event are collected. Address verifiability, reliability, and validity, if possible.	
Reviewer Comments/Rationale:	
3e. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for NEW SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT	
Provide any additional information that should be considered:	
Susceptibility to Inaccuracies, Errors, or Unintended Consequences <i>Identify susceptibility to inaccuracies, errors, or unintended consequences of the event and describe how these potential problems could be audited.</i>	
(for NQF staff use) Identify related endorsed measures	
Reviewer Comments:	
RECOMMENDATION	
Steering Committee: Do you recommend for endorsement? Comments/Rationale:	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Steering Committee Reviewer Name:	
4. PRIORITY AREAS	
(for NQF staff use) Select the most relevant priority area(s), quality domain(s), and consumer need(s).	
National Priority Partners Priority Area <input type="checkbox"/> patient and family engagement <input type="checkbox"/> population health <input type="checkbox"/> safety <input type="checkbox"/> care coordination <input type="checkbox"/> palliative and end of life care <input type="checkbox"/> overuse	

IOM Quality Domain <input type="checkbox"/> effectiveness <input type="checkbox"/> efficiency <input type="checkbox"/> equity <input type="checkbox"/> patient-centered <input type="checkbox"/> safety <input type="checkbox"/> timeliness
Consumer Care Need <input type="checkbox"/> Getting Better <input type="checkbox"/> Living With Illness <input type="checkbox"/> Staying Healthy
(for NQF staff use) Notes on similar/related endorsed SREs and/or Safe Practices:
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Staff Notes to Submitter <i>(if submission returned)</i> :			
Staff Notes to Reviewers <i>(issues or questions regarding any criteria)</i> :			
Staff Reviewer Name(s):			
1. CONTACT INFORMATION			
Submitter: Cynthia Lacker, RN, MS, LNCC, CPHRM Organization: Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority Street Address: 5200 Butler Pike City/State/Zip: Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462 Telephone Number: 610-825-6000 x5040 Fax Number: 610-834-1275 Email Address: clacker@ecri.org			
Date of Submission (MM/DD/YY): 06/16/2010			
Is this submission about a currently endorsed SRE or a proposed new SRE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Currently Endorsed <input type="checkbox"/> New Submission <i>(if new submission, skip to section 3a)</i>			
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Suggested Change: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specify the Applicable Care Setting(s) marked below <input type="checkbox"/> Remove Endorsement <input type="checkbox"/> Modify SRE Specifications			
Describe Suggested Modification(s) in specific detail:			
Rationale for removing endorsement or modifying the SRE <i>(include pertinent evidence, data)</i> :			
If modifications are made, are the changes likely to result in a substantial change in the current count of SREs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain:			
(for NQF staff use) The proposed change is justified <i>(Does the rationale justify the proposed change?)</i>			Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Applicable Care Settings (Mark all to which event is relevant) <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) / Nursing home			

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outpatient or Office-based Surgery Center <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulatory Practice / Physician Offices <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>Please specify</i>):	
Reviewer Comments/Rationale:	
2b. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for CURRENTLY ENDORSED SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT	
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<i>(for NQF staff use) Identify related endorsed measures N/A</i>	
Reviewer Comments:	
RECOMMENDATION	
Steering Committee: Do you recommend the proposed change? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you recommend the proposed change with modification? <input type="checkbox"/> Specify the modification	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments/Rationale:	
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The Event is a discrete, auditable , and clearly defined occurrence	Y <input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Proposed New Event:	N <input type="checkbox"/>
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Definitions: Codes and descriptors (if used): Instructions for counting events, calculating rates, and providing context for low frequency:	
Reviewer Comments/Rationale:	
3c. ADVERSE, SAFETY SYSTEM PROBLEM, IMPORTANT FOR ACCOUNTABILITY	
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Reviewer Comments/Rationale:

3d. SETTINGS, DATA SOURCES

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Process(es) to Collect Data
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Reviewer Comments/Rationale:

3e. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for NEW SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT

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Reviewer Comments:

RECOMMENDATION

Steering Committee: Do you recommend for endorsement?
 Comments/Rationale:

Y
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Steering Committee Reviewer Name:

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Staff Notes to Submitter <i>(if submission returned)</i> :			
Staff Notes to Reviewers <i>(issues or questions regarding any criteria)</i> :			
Staff Reviewer Name(s):			
1. CONTACT INFORMATION			
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Date of Submission (MM/DD/YY): 6/16/10			
Is this submission about a currently endorsed SRE or a proposed new SRE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Currently Endorsed <input type="checkbox"/> New Submission <i>(If new submission, skip to section 3a)</i>			
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Describe Suggested Modification(s) in specific detail:			
Rationale for removing endorsement or modifying the SRE <i>(include pertinent evidence, data)</i> :			
If modifications are made, are the changes likely to result in a substantial change in the current count of SREs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain:			
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Applicable Care Settings (Mark all to which event is relevant)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hospital			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) / Nursing home			

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outpatient or Office-based Surgery Center <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ambulatory Practice / Physician Offices <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>Please specify</i>):	
Reviewer Comments/Rationale:	
2b. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for CURRENTLY ENDORSED SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT	
Provide any additional information that should be considered:	
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(for NQF staff use) Identify related endorsed measures <i>N/A</i>	
Reviewer Comments:	
RECOMMENDATION	
Steering Committee: Do you recommend the proposed change? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you recommend the proposed change with modification? <input type="checkbox"/> Specify the modification	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments/Rationale:	
3a. NEW SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT	
The Event is a discrete, auditable, and clearly defined occurrence	Y <input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Proposed New Event:	N <input type="checkbox"/>
3b. PREVENTABLE, SERIOUS, UNAMBIGUOUS	
Brief Description of Event:	
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Definitions: Codes and descriptors (if used): Instructions for counting events, calculating rates, and providing context for low frequency:	
Reviewer Comments/Rationale:	
3c. ADVERSE, SAFETY SYSTEM PROBLEM, IMPORTANT FOR ACCOUNTABILITY	
Describe the outcome that demonstrates that the event is adverse (<i>Describes a negative consequence of care that results in unintended injury or illness</i>)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
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Reviewer Comments/Rationale:

3d. SETTINGS, DATA SOURCES

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Process(es) to Collect Data
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Reviewer Comments/Rationale:

3e. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for NEW SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT

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Susceptibility to Inaccuracies, Errors, or Unintended Consequences
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Reviewer Comments:

RECOMMENDATION

Steering Committee: Do you recommend for endorsement?
 Comments/Rationale:

Y
 N
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Steering Committee Reviewer Name:

4. PRIORITY AREAS

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Consumer Care Need Getting Better Living With Illness Staying Healthy

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Staff Reviewer Name(s):			
1. CONTACT INFORMATION			
Submitter: Margaret Driscoll Organization: Children's Hospital Boston Street Address: 300 Longwood Avenue City/State/Zip: Boston, MA 02115 Telephone Number: 617-355-7359 Fax Number: 617-730-0637 Email Address: Margaret.driscoll@childrens.harvard.edu			
Date of Submission (MM/DD/YY): 06/16/10			
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Suggested Change:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Specify the Applicable Care Setting(s) marked below <input type="checkbox"/> Remove Endorsement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modify SRE Specifications			
Describe Suggested Modification(s) in specific detail: Include exclusions or exclusionary language for pediatric patients with congenital heart disease, patients receiving ECMO and pediatric patients undergoing or cranial vault reconstruction.			
Rationale for removing endorsement or modifying the SRE <i>(include pertinent evidence, data)</i> : Related to Cardiac Patients: First, children with congenital heart disease often have sizable intracardiac shunts and thus would be at increased risk for neurological injury from air embolism that otherwise would not be harmful for patients without structural heart defects. Thus, patients with congenital heart disease should be excluded. Second, in our experience, we believe that assigning attributability of death or serious harm in patients who have had suspected intravascular air embolism may be quite difficult given that many of these patients have had open heart surgery requiring deep hypothermic circulatory arrest or have experienced periods of			
			Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>

<p>cardiopulmonary resuscitation. It is often difficult to determine the primary ideology of central nervous system injury in such patients. Thus a temporal association of air embolism does not prove causality in many patients.</p> <p><i>Related to use of ECMO:</i> Patients who require the use of mechanical support devices such as extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) are at increased risk for complications related to intravascular air embolism. Nearly a third of the patients who receive ECMO within our institution have this life saving procedure initiated during cardiopulmonary resuscitation (“rapid response ECMO”). Although every effort is made to prevent air embolism during this procedure, given the urgency with which rapid response ECMO is performed, we believe that these patients should also be excluded.</p> <p><i>Related to Neurosurgical procedures:</i> There is a known risk of death or serious disability associated with intravascular air embolism during neurosurgical procedures. Included in the exclusion categories should be any infant or child undergoing neurosurgical procedures, craniostomy repair or cranial vault reconstruction.</p> <p>If modifications are made, <i>are the changes likely to result in a substantial change in the current count of SREs?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain:</p> <p><i>(for NQF staff use) The proposed change is justified (Does the rationale justify the proposed change?)</i> Yes</p>	
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Reviewer Comments/Rationale:	
2b. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for CURRENTLY ENDORSED SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT	
<p>Provide any additional information that should be considered: In conclusion, we do not regard intravascular air embolism to be always be preventable or an unexpected complication in children with congenital heart disease or in patients who require emergent and life sustaining use of ECMO.</p>	
<p>Susceptibility to Inaccuracies, Errors, or Unintended Consequences <i>Identify susceptibility to inaccuracies, errors, or unintended consequences of the event and describe how these potential problems could be audited.</i></p>	
<i>(for NQF staff use) Identify related endorsed measures N/A</i>	
Reviewer Comments:	
RECOMMENDATION	
<p>Steering Committee: Do you recommend the proposed change? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you recommend the proposed change with modification? <input type="checkbox"/> Specify the modification</p>	<p>Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/></p>
Comments/Rationale:	
3a. NEW SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT	
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Name of Proposed New Event:	

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3e. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for NEW SERIOUS REPORTABLE EVENT	
Provide any additional information that should be considered:	
Susceptibility to Inaccuracies, Errors, or Unintended Consequences <i>Identify susceptibility to inaccuracies, errors, or unintended consequences of the event and describe how these potential problems could be audited.</i>	
<i>(for NQF staff use)</i> Identify related endorsed measures	
Reviewer Comments:	
RECOMMENDATION	
Steering Committee: Do you recommend for endorsement? Comments/Rationale:	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Steering Committee Reviewer Name:	
4. PRIORITY AREAS	
<i>(for NQF staff use)</i> Select the most relevant priority area(s), quality domain(s), and consumer need(s).	
National Priority Partners Priority Area <input type="checkbox"/> patient and family engagement <input type="checkbox"/> population health <input type="checkbox"/> safety <input type="checkbox"/> care coordination <input type="checkbox"/> palliative and end of life care <input type="checkbox"/> overuse	
IOM Quality Domain <input type="checkbox"/> effectiveness <input type="checkbox"/> efficiency <input type="checkbox"/> equity <input type="checkbox"/> patient-centered <input type="checkbox"/> safety <input type="checkbox"/> timeliness	
Consumer Care Need <input type="checkbox"/> Getting Better <input type="checkbox"/> Living With Illness <input type="checkbox"/> Staying Healthy	
<i>(for NQF staff use)</i> Notes on similar/related endorsed SREs and/or Safe Practices:	
Steering Committee Reviewer Name:	