



HAI Board Announcement on Essential Standards of Safety

In order that the operation of HAI (Public Organization) in assessing quality improvement and granting accreditation for healthcare organizations can be carried out smoothly and efficiently in line with the standards defined by HAI Board;

By virtue of Section 18 (4) (i) of The Royal Decree on the Establishment of The Healthcare Accreditation Institute (Public Organization) BE 2552 (2009) and as amended later, coupled with the Resolution of HAI Board in its Meeting No. 11/2019 on 22 November 2019, a relevant announcement is issued as follows.

Article 1: This Announcement shall be titled as “HAI Board Announcement on Essential Standards of Safety.”

Article 2: In this Announcement

“Essential Standards of Safety” means the essential stands of safety defined by HAI Board for taking into account in considering and granting healthcare accreditation for the entire organization in Step-3 and Advanced Accreditation.

Article 3: Essential Standards of Safety covers the following details.

- (1) A surgery performed to a wrong person, on a wrong side, wrong site, or with a wrong procedure.
- (2) Important infections in healthcare organizations according to the contexts of the organizations, in the group of:
 - Surgical Site Infection (SSS)
 - Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia (VAP)
 - Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI)
 - Central-Line Associated Bloodstream Infections (CLABSI)
- (3) Personnel acquire an infection from performing duty.
- (4) The incident of medication error and adverse drug event.
- (5) Blood transfusion to a wrong person, or with a wrong group, a wrong type.
- (6) Error in identifying a patient.
- (7) Diagnostic error
- (8) Error in reporting laboratory/pathological test results
- (9) Screening error at emergency room

Article 4: Healthcare organizations shall proceed with essential standards of safety as follows.

- (1) Have a practical guideline in place to prevent unsafe incidents for patients following the defined essential standards of safety.
- (2) Present the number of the incidents that happen in each year (following the defined essential standards of safety) in the self-assessment form for seeking accreditation.
- (3) For the occurrence of an incident (as detailed in the essential standards of safety) that imposes an impact on patient (severity in E level or higher), healthcare organization shall review and analyze to find the root cause of problem.
- (4) Develop a control and prevention plan for the risks in relation to the essential standards of safety; and have the implementation results of such plan to show to surveyors.

Article 5: This announcement shall come into force from 1 April 2020 onwards.

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