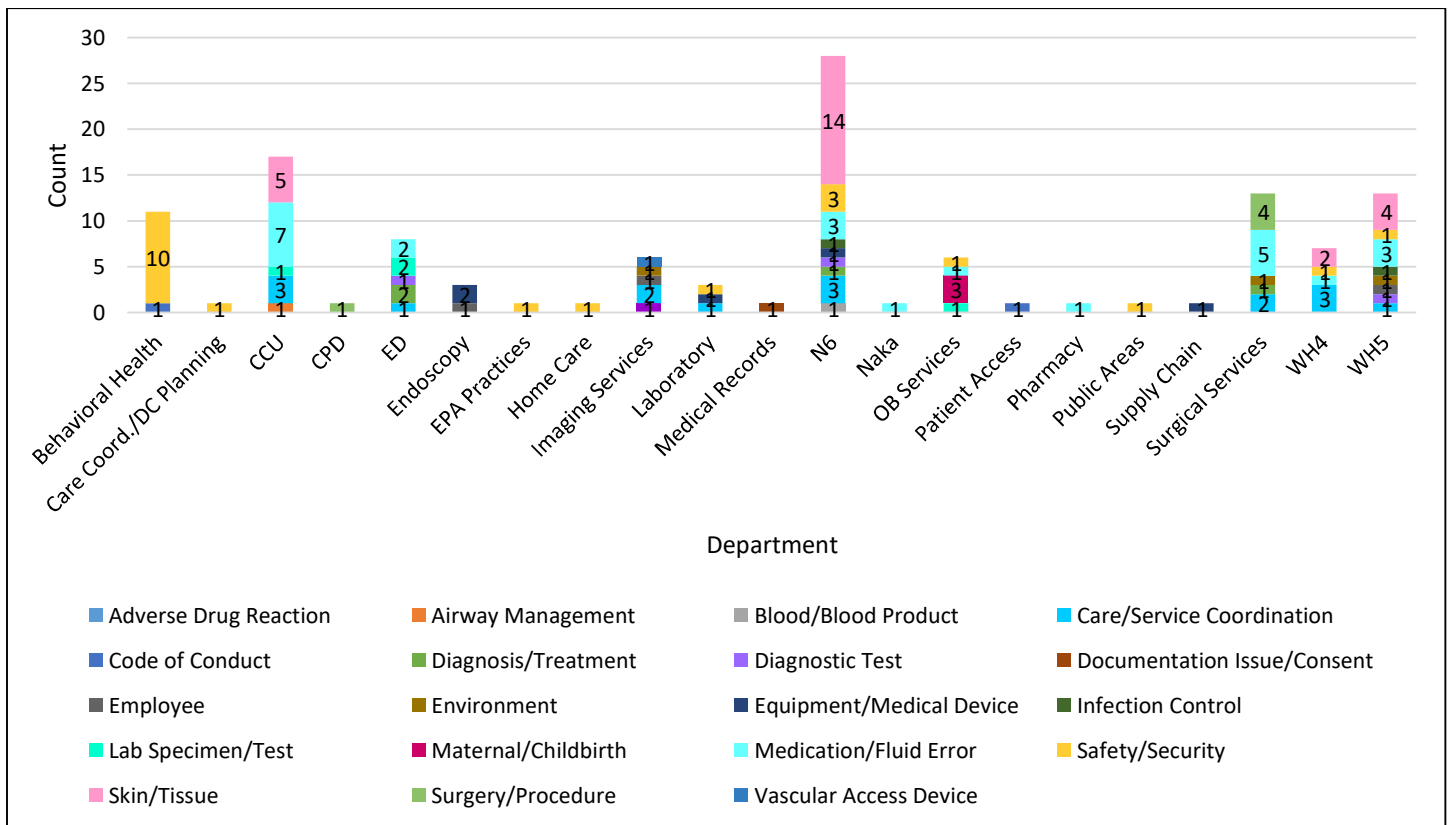


Last Week in Patient Safety

August 15-August 21, 2025

- For the week of August 15th to August 21st, **125** Safety Events were entered into Emerson's electronic safety reporting system, RLDatix.
- 73%** of Safety Events entered were Near Miss Events.
- 22** of the Safety Events entered had a reporting severity rating of temporary, minor harm or higher.



Safety Highlight of the Week

A recent safety review in the Special Care Nursery led to important improvements that support infection prevention and sterile technique.

While assessing the procedure room for potential safety enhancements, a nurse identified two concerns:

- Staff assisting with procedures did not have immediate access to hand sanitizer.
- Providers performing procedures did not have access to a waterless surgical scrub at the room entrance. This gap could compromise sterility during time-sensitive situations.

The nurse immediately raised these concerns to Leadership. Infection Prevention staff evaluated the space and confirmed the need for change. Together, the teams recommended adding both resources.

As a result of the nurse's attentiveness and advocacy, the team made the following changes:

- Installation of a hand sanitizer dispenser in a location easily accessible to staff.
- Adding a waterless surgical hand scrub dispenser at the entrance to the procedure room.

These improvements strengthen hand hygiene practices and help ensure sterile conditions during procedures.

Staff entered the event into the RLDatix Safety Reporting System, and Patient Safety, Risk Management, Infection Prevention, and Nursing Leadership then reviewed it. It reflects the value of frontline observations in advancing patient safety.