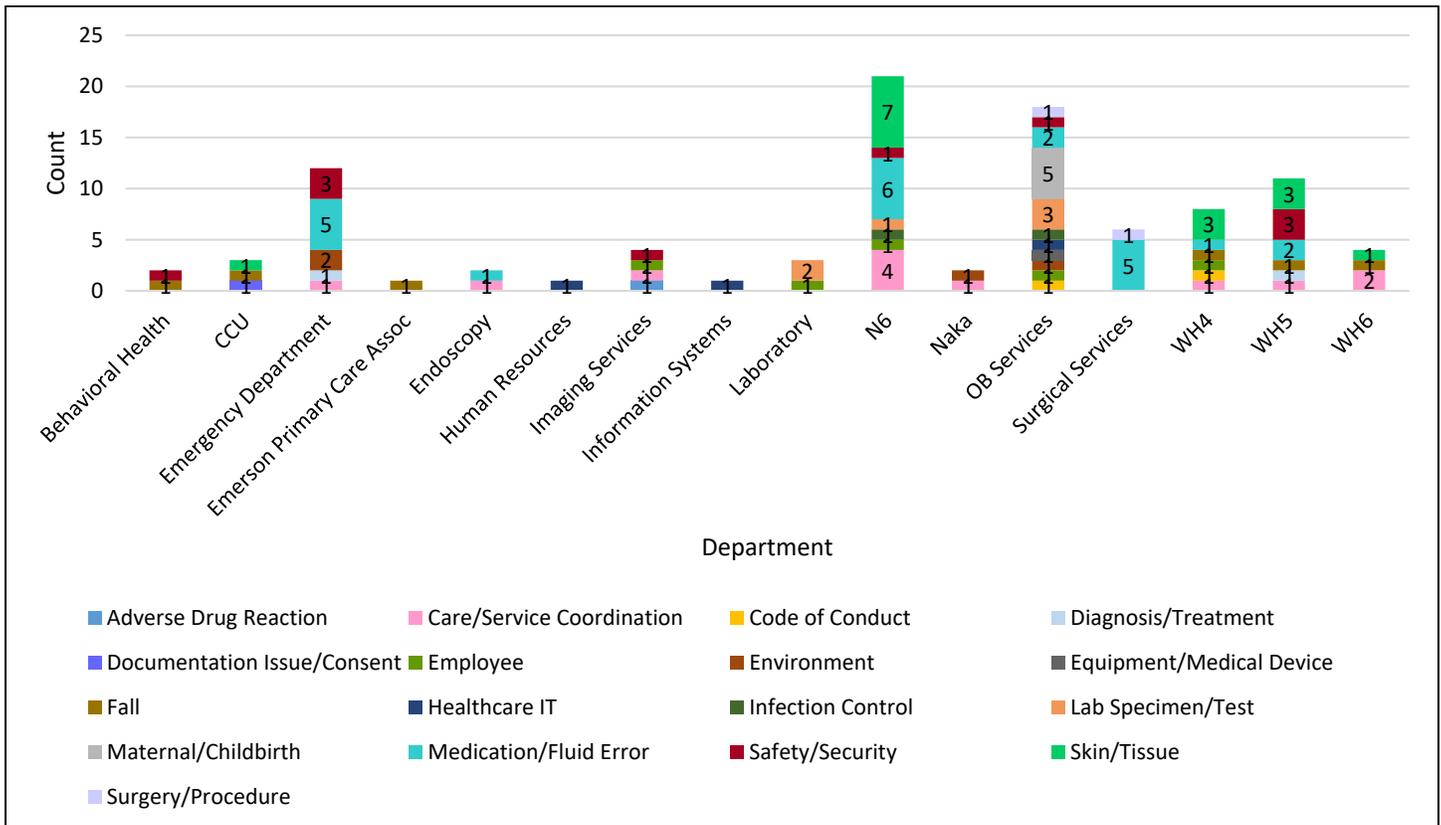


Last Week in Patient Safety

February 20-February 26, 2026

- For the week of February 20th to February 26th, **99** Safety Events were entered into Emerson’s electronic safety reporting system, RLDatix.
- **53%** of Safety Events entered were Near Miss Events.
- **28** of the Safety Events entered had a reporting severity rating of temporary, minor harm or higher.



Safety Highlight of the Week

A pharmacist recently prevented a serious medication error by carefully reviewing a patient’s record.

The patient had an order for a high-dose flu vaccine. While reviewing the Meditech chart, the pharmacist found a documented allergy to that vaccine. The pharmacist immediately contacted the nurse to confirm. The nurse verified that the patient had experienced severe reactions to this vaccine in the past.

When the pharmacist looked further, they found that the pharmacy had not been aware of this allergy. While the patient boarded in the Emergency Department, the Pulsecheck record listed “no known drug allergy.” That information had merged from a different medical record number from an earlier visit, creating an inconsistency between systems.

The pharmacist reported the event in RLDatix to highlight the risk of inaccurate allergy information across electronic medical record platforms. Patient Safety, Risk Management, Medication Safety, and Inpatient Nursing Leadership reviewed the report. The team canceled the high-dose flu vaccine order and completed a new vaccine assessment that accurately reflected the patient’s allergy.

This careful attention and quick action prevented potential harm. It strengthened awareness of the need for consistent allergy documentation across systems.