

ALGORITHM FOR DETERMINING WHETHER AN OCCURRENCE QUALIFIES AS A SENTINEL EVENT

Sentinel event has the meaning ascribed to it in [NRS 439.830](#), which reads as follows:

“Sentinel event” means an unexpected occurrence involving facility-acquired infection, death or serious physical or psychological injury or the risk thereof, including, without limitation, any process variation for which a recurrence would carry a significant chance of a serious adverse outcome. The term includes loss of limb or function.

Facility-acquired infection has the meaning ascribed to it in [NRS 439.802](#) which reads as follows:

“Facility-acquired infection” means a localized or systemic condition which results from an adverse reaction to the presence of an infectious agent or its toxins and which was not detected as present or incubating at the time a patient was admitted to a medical facility, including, without limitation:

1. Surgical site infections;
2. Ventilator-associated pneumonia;
3. Central line-related bloodstream infections;
4. Urinary tract infections; and
5. Other categories of infections as may be established by the State Board of Health by regulation pursuant to [NRS 439.890](#).

