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## **70974 Adverse Events-Policies and Procedures**

## (a)

Each hospital shall develop, implement, maintain, and comply with policies and procedures for a written patient safety plan, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1279.6, that specifies systemic processes for: (1) Internally reporting preventable patient safety events, as defined in Health and Safety Code section 1279.6(c). (2) Documenting reportable patient safety events. (3) Conducting a root cause analysis for the patient safety event. A root cause analysis, or any other investigation, shall not change reporting requirements regarding reportable diseases or unusual occurrences as provided in Section 70737. (4) Assessing the hospital's culture of safety at least every 24 months using a nationally recognized survey tool.

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