

70971 Definitions

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As used in Health and Safety Code sections 1279.1, 1279.2, 1279.6 and this article: (1) "A patient death or serious disability associated with the use of restraints" means a patient death or serious disability associated with the use of physical restraints. (2) "Adverse event" shall have the meaning defined in Health and Safety Code section 1279.1(b)(1-7). (3) "Biologic" means medical products made from a variety of natural sources (human, animal, or microorganism). Like drugs, some biologics are intended to treat diseases and medical conditions. Other biologics are used to prevent or diagnose diseases. Examples of biologics include vaccines, blood and blood products, gene therapies, and allergenic extracts. (4) "Countershock" means an electric shock intended to restore normal rhythm of the heart (i.e., cardioversion and/or defibrillation). (5) "Culture of safety" means the actions and behaviors in the hospital that are rewarded, supported, expected, and accepted in the hospital as it relates to patient safety. (6) "Decision-making capacity" means the ability to understand information relevant to a decision and the ability to appreciate the reasonably foreseeable consequences of a decision (or lack of a decision). (7) "Detect" means the discovery of an adverse event, or the reasonable belief of a discovery of an adverse event, by a hospital, its personnel, or its agents. An adverse event shall be treated as detected as of the first business day on which such adverse event is

known to the hospital, or by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known to the hospital. A hospital shall be deemed to have knowledge of an adverse event if such an adverse event is known, or by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known, to any person other than the person committing the adverse event, who is the personnel or agent of the hospital. (8) "Device" means a medical instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, contrivance, implant, in vitro reagent, or other similar or related medical product or device, including a component part or accessory that is recognized in the United States Pharmacopeia and the National Formulary (USP-NF) or any supplement, intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions, or in the care, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease, in humans or other animals; or intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of humans or other animals, and which does not achieve any of its primary intended purposes through chemical action within or on the body of humans or other animals and which is not dependent upon being metabolized for the achievement of any of its primary intended purposes. (9) "Infant" means a child under the age of one year. (10) "Low-risk pregnancy" means the pregnancy of a woman aged 18-39, with no previous diagnosis of essential hypertension, renal disease, collagen-vascular disease, liver disease, cardiovascular disease, placenta previa, multiple gestation, intrauterine growth retardation, smoking, pregnancy-induced hypertension, premature rupture of membranes, or other previously documented condition that poses a high risk of poor pregnancy outcome. (11) "Major life activity" means any of the following: (A) Caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working; or (B) A major bodily function, including functions of the immune

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