

# NEVER EVENTS

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## Wrong Tissue, Biological Implant, or Blood Product Given to a Patient

### Definition

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#### Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria for Reporting

This event refers to any incorrect tissue or device introduced into a patient's body. This can include blood products and organs that are incompatible with a patient's blood type, a wrong product, or the wrong donor egg or sperm. This event does not include instances where a provider exercises clinical judgment to deviate from a surgical plan (i.e., intentionally opting for a different implant), or where the correct implant proves to be suboptimal following surgery.

Source: [Never Events for Hospital Care in Canada](#)

### Resources for Health Care Teams

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#### Clinical Guidelines and Standards

##### National and Provincial

- Canadian Society for Transfusion Medicine: [CTSM Standards for Hospital Transfusion Services](#)
- Health Canada: [Guidance Document: Blood Regulations](#)
- National Advisory Committee on Blood and Blood Products: [Guidelines and Recommendations](#)

##### International

- Centre for Perioperative Care: [National Safety Standards for Invasive Procedures \(NatSSIPs\) 2](#)

#### Checklists, Tools, and Resources for Prevention and Management

##### International

- Patient Safety Movement Foundation: [Transfusion Safety](#) (checklist)
- International Society of Blood Transfusion: [Safe Transfusion Practice Transfusion Checklist](#)

## Other Partner Links and References

### International

- US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: The National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Manual, Biovigilance Component, [Hemovigilance Module Surveillance Protocol](#)

Additional tools and resources are available in our [Quality and Patient Safety Community of Practice](#) and [Ontario Surgical Network Community of Practice](#) on Quorum.

To learn more about Ontario Health’s Never Events Reporting program for hospitals, please visit [Never Events](#).

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