

FAILURE MODE & EFFECT ANALYSIS FAILURE MODE PROCESS DESCRIPTION — POTENTIAL FAILURE (PAGE 1)

Frequency Scale	Severity Scale	Detectability Scale
10 (frequent) May happen several times a year	10 - Failure that can result in death or serious harm	10 = less than 50% of the time
7 (occasional) May happen a few times a year	7 – Failure that can cause non-serious patient harm	7 = 50% of the time
4 (uncommon) May happen two to five times a year	significant patient dissatisfaction	4 = 70% of the time
1 (remote) – May happen sometimes in five to thirty	4 – Minor event increased length of stay)	1 = error would be discovered 90% of the time before it
years	1 – Failure not noticeable or would not affect the delivery	reaches the patient
	of service	

Step or Link in Process	Potential Failure Mode	Potential Effect of Failure Mode	Frequency (Likeliness Scale) 1-10	Severity (Potential for Harm) 1-10	Detectability (Potential Discovery) 1-10	Risk Priority Number (RPN)	Rank
	Identify potential failures for each	Identify potential outcome of				PRN=Freq. X	
	component step in process	failure to patient				Sev. XDetect.	

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Step or Link in Process	Critical Failure Mode	Proximate Causes	Root Cause	Remedial Action of Current Controls	Implementation & Measurement	Action Assigned	Due Date	Status Comments
	List root causes with highest PRN	Brainstorm possible Causes	Identify probable or critical causes	Describe action to be taken to "error proof" process	Describe pilot test & measurement preliminary to final implementation	Identify responsible party	Completion Date	