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From	Department of Healthcare Professions – Ministry of Public Health
To	All Healthcare Facilities/ Focal Points in the State of Qatar.
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“Department of Healthcare Professions (DHP) presents to you its compliments.”

In the Department of Healthcare Professions’ pursuit to ensure patient safety and quality of healthcare services provided, the department mandates all healthcare facilities in the State of Qatar **(effective January 1, 2020)** to have a process/policy to record and report all sentinel medical events (i.e. serious unanticipated events in a healthcare setting that result in adverse patient outcome) that are encountered during the provision of patient care at their institutions.

The process/policies developed shall include, at least, the following:

1. Formation of an **Adverse Medical Outcome Committee (AMOC)** to whom all sentinel medical events shall be reported. The committee shall meet, as appropriate, to thoroughly investigate the sentinel event, identify its root-causes and issue recommendations to prevent its recurrence.
2. Following a defined procedure for **reporting the sentinel event to the AMOC**, including the reporting channels and formats healthcare practitioners/patients may use.
3. Following a defined procedure for Sentinel event **record keeping**. Records shall be available for the Department of Healthcare Professions’ audit, upon request and for five years from event occurrence.
4. **Reporting of sentinel events to the Department of Healthcare Professions** on a quarterly basis (every three months).

Thank you for your cooperation,

Department of Healthcare Professions – Ministry of Public Health