

## CLINICAL INCIDENT REPORTING IN UZBEKISTAN

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**Abstract:** *Clinical incident reporting is an essential component of patient safety and healthcare quality assurance. In Uzbekistan, implementing effective reporting systems can help identify medical errors, improve healthcare policies, and prevent future incidents. This paper explores the types of clinical incidents, the importance of reporting mechanisms, current practices in Uzbekistan, and strategies for improvement.*

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### Introduction

A clinical incident refers to any unintended event during medical care that could or did lead to harm to a patient. Proper incident reporting helps medical institutions analyze errors, identify risk factors, and implement corrective measures to improve healthcare safety.

### Types of Clinical Incidents

Clinical incidents can be categorized into different types, including:

- Medication Errors: Incorrect drug administration or dosage mistakes.
- Surgical Complications: Wrong-site surgeries, retained surgical instruments.
- Misdiagnoses: Incorrect or delayed diagnoses leading to improper treatment.
- Infections: Healthcare-associated infections due to poor hygiene practices.
- Equipment Failures: Malfunctioning medical devices causing patient harm.

### Clinical Incident Reporting in Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan has been implementing various initiatives to enhance patient safety and improve its clinical incident reporting framework. However, challenges such as underreporting, lack of proper training, and insufficient technological infrastructure hinder the effectiveness of the system.

### Recommendations for Improvement

To enhance clinical incident reporting in Uzbekistan, the following steps are recommended:

1. Strengthening policies and legal frameworks for mandatory incident reporting.
2. Implementing digital reporting systems to improve efficiency.
3. Providing regular training for healthcare professionals.
4. Encouraging a non-punitive culture to increase transparency in reporting.
5. Establishing independent review committees to analyze and address reported incidents.

### Conclusion

Clinical incident reporting is a vital tool for ensuring patient safety and enhancing the quality of healthcare services. By implementing more efficient reporting mechanisms,

Uzbekistan can improve its healthcare system, reduce medical errors, and ensure better outcomes for patients.

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