

# Adverse events and incidents at area medical centers

Below is a list of incidents that were reported to the state by facilities in King and Snohomish counties in 2006 and 2007. Larger hospitals, such as Harborview Medical Center, have many more patients, and thus tend to have more adverse incidents. For the full statewide database, look online at *seattletimes.com*.

| King, Snohomish medical centers<br>2006, 2007    | Surgery-<br>wrong<br>body part | Wrong<br>surgical<br>procedure | Retention<br>of foreign<br>object post<br>procedure | Patient death,<br>serious<br>disability<br>from use<br>of function<br>of device | Patient death,<br>serious<br>disability<br>from<br>medication<br>error | Maternal<br>death, serious<br>disability<br>(low-risk<br>pregnancy) | Severe<br>bedsores | Patient<br>death<br>from fall | Patient<br>abduction | Sexual<br>assault on<br>patient | Death,<br>injury<br>from<br>physical<br>assault* | Total |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------|
| Auburn Regional Medical Center                   |                                |                                | 1   |   |  |   |                    |                               |                      |                                 |  | 1     |
| Children's Hospital &<br>Regional Medical Center |                                |                                | 1   | 1   |  |   | 1                  |                               | 1                    | 1                               |  | 5     |
| Evergreen Hospital                               |                                |                                |   |   |  | 1   |                    | 1                             |                      |                                 |  | 2     |
| Harborview Medical Center                        |                                | 1                              | 2   |   |  |   | 43                 |                               |                      |                                 |  | 46    |
| Kindred Hospital                                 |                                |                                |   |   |  |   |                    | 1                             |                      |                                 | 1  | 2     |
| Northwest Hospital and Medical Center            | 1                              |                                |   |   |  |   |                    |                               |                      |                                 |  | 1     |
| Overlake Hospital Medical Center                 |                                | 1                              | 2   |   |  |   | 1                  |                               |                      | 3                               |  | 7     |
| Providence Everett Medical Center                | 1                              | 3                              | 3   |   |  |   |                    |                               |                      |                                 |  | 7     |
| Stevens Hospital                                 |                                |                                | 3   |   |  |   |                    |                               |                      |                                 |  | 3     |
| Swedish Medical Center                           | 3                              |                                | 1   |   | 1  | 2   | 8                  | 1                             |                      |                                 |  | 16    |
| University of Washington Medical Center          | 2                              |                                | 2   |   | 2  |   | 17                 | 1                             |                      |                                 |  | 24    |
| Valley General Hospital (Monroe)                 | 1                              |                                |   |   |  |   |                    |                               |                      |                                 |  | 1     |
| Valley Medical Center (Renton)                   | 1                              |                                | 1   |   | 1  |   | 4                  |                               |                      |                                 |  | 7     |
| Virginia Mason Medical Center                    | 1                              |                                | 2   |   |  |   | 4                  |                               |                      | 1                               |  | 8     |

Source: Washington Department of Health

\*Death or significant injury of patient or staff from physical assault