

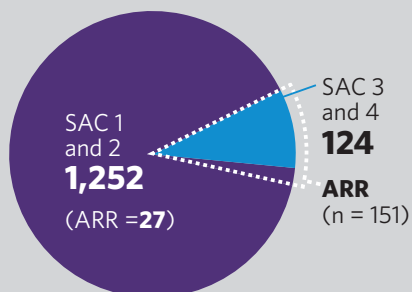
2022/23 Health and Disability Sector Adverse Events

Harm during the provision of health care has wide-ranging negative impacts on human wellbeing and relationships, for consumers, whānau, health workers and communities.

This infographic shows major events for consumers involving death or severe loss of function (SAC 1) or major loss of function (SAC 2) reported to Te Tāhū Hauora Health Quality & Safety Commission between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023. For context: 12% of patients experience harm across different medical care settings.* More information: hpsc.govt.nz/AdverseEvents

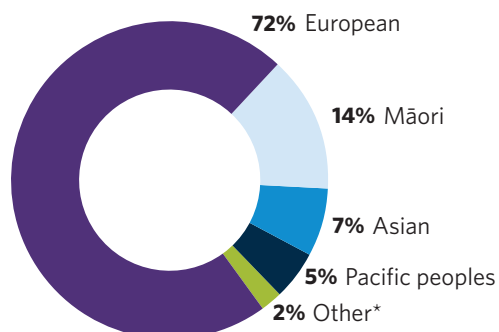
*World Health Organization. 2024. Global patient safety report 2024. Geneva: World Health Organization.

Total events
1,376



By prioritised ethnicity

SAC 1 and 2 adverse events reported by Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora (Health New Zealand)



* Other = other ethnicity + MELAA + residual categories

SAC 1 and 2 adverse events were reported by:

1,123
Health New Zealand

67
New Zealand Private Surgical
Hospital Association

21
Ambulance
Service

10
Aged Residential
Care

31
Other groups

Health New Zealand adverse events

523 SAC 1 and 2 adverse events (excluding clinical management). There has been a sustained reduction in reported adverse events for falls that resulted in life-saving intervention or death (SAC 1), or a fracture of a major bone (SAC 2).

523
Total

234
Falls

215
Behaviour
(inpatient 22,
community 193)

35
Healthcare
associated
infection

26
Medication/
IV fluids

7
Consumer
accidents

6
Other
(≤5 per category)

Clinical management sub-classification adverse events

There has been a sustained increase in non-hospital-acquired pressure injuries.

600
Total

228
Pressure injury

129
Delayed
diagnosis or
treatment

113
Adverse
outcome

53
Complication

50
Deterioration

17
Wrong
consumer/
site/site

8
Retained item

2
Other
(≤5 per category)

Always Report and Review (ARR)

The ARR list is a subset of events that hospital specialist services report and review, irrespective of whether harm happened.

151
Total

60
Wrong consumer

59
Wrong site

24
Retained item

6
Wrong
transfusion or
transplant

2
Other
(≤5 per category)