



2023 National Patient Safety Goals

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The adjacent chart provides a review of Barnes-Jewish Hospital’s NPSG measures comparing 2023 targets to year-to-date metrics.

■ Above Target ■ Target ■ Below Target

INDICATOR	2023 TARGET	YTD 1/23-12/23	YTD VS GOAL
Medication Safety			
Medications reconciled at <i>discharge</i>	90%	98%	■ Above Target
Medications reconciled at <i>admission</i>	90%	88%	■ Below Target
Medication labeling	90%	100%	■ Above Target
Improve the Effectiveness of Communication Among Caregivers			
Use two patient identifiers when taking specimens, administering medications, treatments, or blood and blood products	95%	100%	■ Above Target
“Read back” performed for received telephone/verbal orders or critical test results - Nursing	95%	100%	■ Above Target
“Read back” obtained for reported critical test results and values - Lab	95%	100%	■ Above Target
Critical results/values reported by Lab within 30 minutes of availability of results	95%	99%	■ Above Target
Critical results/values reported to licensed person who can act, within 60 minutes of notification of results	95%	96%	■ Above Target