**Appendix**

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| Severity Assessment Code (SAC) categories31:   1. *SAC* 1 includes all clinical incidents/near misses where serious harm or death is/could be specifically caused by health care rather than the patient’s underlying condition or illness. 2. *SAC 2* includes all clinical incidents/near misses where moderate harm is/could be specifically caused by health care rather than the patient’s underlying condition or illness. 3. *SAC 3* includes all clinical incidents/near misses where minimal or no harm is/could be specifically caused by health care rather than the patient’s underlying condition or illness. |