

SAMPLE RESEARCH PAPER OUTLINE

A SAMPLE OUTLINE ON
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND
MEDICAID SERVICES NEVER
EVENTS

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I. INTRODUCTION

- **Objective:** To provide an overall review of the study, specifically noting: 1) a brief background and description of the CMS Never Events and what they have led to; 2) why a certain focus must be drawn towards CMS Never Events—its significance; 3) a review of the main objective of the paper.
- **Background/ Rationale of the Study** (250 words) CMS Never Events have become a significant part of health care, specifically that it has cautioned health facilities and institutions and have drawn significant attention from both the government and the media.
- **Aims and Objectives** (250 words) That the main objective of this paper is to determine the impact of CMS Never Events on health care and that the specific objectives are to investigate the impacts of each classification under the CMS Never Event list on hospitals and health care.
- **Significance of the Study** (250 words) To note that meeting the objectives of the study are beneficial, not only to health care providers, but even to hospitals and to the community, and even to legislators.

II. REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

- **CMS Never Events** (Introduction: 250 words) To provide a general information on CMS Never Events, what it is, its origin, its significance, importance, etc.
- **History and Background** (500 words) To provide the history and background of the CMS Never Events, to highlight specific occurrences throughout the years that have caused significant effects and changes to the construct.
- **Types/Classifications** (Introduction: 100 words) To note that due to the extensive nature of the CMS Never Events List, six classifications have been generated for easier filing and for other statistical purposes:

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1. **Surgical** (350 words) To give information on the Surgical classification of CMS Never Events.
2. **Product or Device** (350 words) To give information on the Product or Device classification of CMS Never Events.
3. **Patient Protection** (350 words) To give information on the Patient Protection classification of CMS Never Events.
4. **Care Management** (350 words) To give information on the Care Management classification of CMS Never Events.
5. **Environmental** (350 words) To give information on the Environmental classification of CMS Never Events.
6. **Criminal** (350 words) To give information on the Criminal classification of CMS Never Events.
7. **Impact on Hospitals** (400 words) To give information on the impacts of CMS Never Events on Hospitals, how it has changed hospitals, etc.
8. **Impact on Legislations** (400 words) To give information on the impacts of CMS Never Events on Legislations, on how it has shaped certain laws, etc
9. **Impact on Health Care Systems** (400 words)) To give information on the impacts of CMS Never Events on Health Care Systems, on how it has shaped providers and measures taken by them, etc.

III. METHODOLOGY

- **Research Design** (200 words) The study is anchored on a qualitative study which utilizes literature or textual analysis as its main approach in meeting the objectives of the study. Particularly, thematic and content analysis are utilized to certain extents to produce the necessary information or data needed to answer the questions posed for the study.
- **Data Gathering Tool/ Sources of Data** (200 words) The study utilizes any form of surrounding literature, in print or online form that is readily available to the researcher.
- **Treatment of Data and Analysis (200 words)** Data is treated according to qualitative means of data analysis or QDA, in which logical/matrix analysis, typology, and grounded theory are extensively utilized.

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IV. DISCUSSIONS

- Generalized Impact of Never Events on the Community, Hospitals, etc (250 words)
- Surgical Never Events vs. Hospitals and Health Care Systems (250 words)
- Product or Device Never Events vs. Hospitals and Health Care Systems (250 words)
- Patient Protection Never Events vs. Hospitals and Health Care Systems (250 words)
- Care Management Never Events vs. Hospitals and Health Care Systems (250 words)
- Environmental Never Events vs. Hospitals and Health Care Systems (250 words)
- Criminal Never Events vs. Hospitals and Health Care Systems (250 words)
- Legislations (250 words)

V. CONCLUSIONS

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

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