

Statement of Deficiency  
Practice Statement Guide

1. Lead in: Begins with your sources – Observation, Record Review, or Interview.
  - “Based on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. Then add: Failed practice – Be specific in describing the failed practice.
  - “...wiped from back to front during incontinent care,” “...failed to administer antibiotics as ordered by physician.” “...did not complete admission Nursing Assessment...,” etc.
3. Don’t forget to identify: Extent
  - The extent is expressed in a numerical format by identifying the number of deficient cases within the total number of relevant cases or universe.
4. Include outcomes when relevant.
  - Examples- “...resident develops an avoidable pressure ulcer...,” “... patient has unrelieved pain...,” “... patient falls after being sedated and left alone on a stretcher with a broken safety belt,” etc.

*Here are some complete examples to review.*

- A. Based on observation and record review, the facility failed to ensure the head of the bed was elevated to at least 30 degrees for three (Residents #2, 3 and 5) of five residents who had feeding tubes.
- B. Based on interviews and record review, the facility failed to have a Registered Nurse (RN) complete the Home Health Admission assessment within a 48 hour time frame for three of eight patients (#1, 3, and 6) reviewed.

Sample Template:

Based on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, the facility failed to *(failed practice entered here)* for *(actual number of residents/clients/patients cited)* *(list identifiers)*. The failed practice had the potential to affect *(number)* residents/clients/patients who *(why these residents)*.