

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

How to Resolve PSC Alerts

Procedure Associated (PA)

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Procedure-Associated
(PA)

An alert for Procedure Associate (PA) may be an alert for Incomplete Procedures, Missing Procedures, or Missing Procedure-associated Events.

Incomplete Procedures

This alert will list those in-plan procedure records that have been reported with incomplete data.

Include alerts for the following time period:

Beginning Ending

mm/yyyy 1 mm/yyyy 1

Submit Clear Time Period

Incomplete Procedures Missing Procedures Missing Procedure-associated Events

The following are incomplete "in plan" procedures.

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Procedure ID	Procedure Type	Year	Month	Setting
159705	CARD	2024	10	
159706	CARD	2024	10	
159703	CARD	2024	10	
159704	CARD	2024	10	
159701	CARD	2024	10	
159702	CARD	2024	10	
68458	FUSN	2017	02	
68459	FUSN	2017	02	
68460	FUSN	2017	02	
68461	FUSN	2017	02	

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Each incomplete procedure can be resolved by performing one of the following actions:

- If you can accurately report this data per the NHSN protocols, you should do so by entering the information on the Incomplete Procedures screen. Click the **linked Procedure ID** to resolve the incomplete procedure. Click **Edit** to unlock the procedure data for editing. All missing but required data fields will be marked with a red asterisk (*) on the procedure modification screen. Once data have been entered, click **Save**.
- If you are unable to accurately report these missing data per the NHSN protocols, you must edit your monthly reporting plans and remove the identified procedure category from your plans.

Missing Procedures

Once the reporting month is complete, if you did not report any in-plan procedures according to the Monthly Reporting Plan, you will receive a “Missing Procedures” alert on your alerts screen. Your facility must verify if zero procedures were performed for the month in order for that month’s data to be complete.

Include alerts for the following time period:

Beginning	Ending
mm/yyyy 1	mm/yyyy 1
Submit	Clear Time Period

Incomplete Procedures	Missing Procedures	Missing Procedure-associated Events
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Month/Year	Procedure Type	Setting	No Procedures Performed	
01/2026	BRST	IN	☐	
01/2026	FUSN	IN	☐	
01/2026	FUSN	OUT	☐	
01/2026	FX	IN	☐	
01/2026	FX	OUT	☐	
01/2026	HPRO	IN	☐	
01/2026	HPRO	OUT	☐	
01/2026	KPRO	OUT	☐	
11/2025	BRST	IN	☐	
10/2025	BRST	IN	☐	
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Each month and procedure category can be resolved by performing one of the following actions:

- If your facility did not perform any procedures in that category, you may check the box under **No Procedures Performed**. Once you’ve made the appropriate selections on a page, click **Save**. Continue this until you reach the end of the report.
- If your facility performed these procedures and you can report these data per the NHSN protocols, you should do so by manually entering the procedure data or importing the procedure data through CSV or CDA upload process.
- If your facility performed these procedures but you are unable to report them accurately per the NHSN protocols, you must edit your monthly reporting plans and remove the identified procedure categories from your plans. Please see Appendix A for instructions on how to edit your monthly reporting plan.

Missing Procedure-associated Events:

This alert will list those months in which NHSN operative procedures were reported in-plan, but no in-plan procedure-associated events (i.e., surgical site infections [SSIs]) were reported to NHSN, for the surveillance month during which procedures were performed. “Report No Events” is required when no events have been identified, as a way for the facility to confirm that zero events occurred. This alert must be resolved to complete in-plan reporting of events for inclusion in rates and SIRs.

Include alerts for the following time period:

Beginning

mm/yyyy

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Ending

mm/yyyy

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Submit

Clear Time Period

Incomplete Procedures

Missing Procedures

Missing Procedure-associated Events

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Month/Year	Procedure Type	Setting	Report No Events
10/2024	CARD	IN	☐
03/2025	KPRO	OUT	☐
04/2025	COLO	IN	☐
06/2025	HPRO	IN	☐
09/2025	KPRO	OUT	☐
10/2025	PRST	IN	☐
10/2025	PRST	OUT	☐
01/2026	KPRO	IN	☐

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Save

Reset

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Each month, procedure category and procedure setting can be resolved by performing one of the following actions:

- a. If your facility did not identify any SSI in that category and setting, you may check the box under **Report No Events**. Once you’ve made the appropriate selections on a page, click **Save**. Continue this until you reach the end of the report. **Note:** If you later identify an event attributable to one of these procedures, the event should be reported to NHSN. At that time, the “Report No Event” indicator will no longer apply.
- b. If your facility identified an SSI and the required information was collected according to NHSN protocols, these events should be reported to NHSN and linked to the corresponding procedure record.
- c. If your facility identified SSIs but you are unable to report them accurately per the NHSN protocols, you must edit your monthly reporting plans and remove the identified procedure categories from your plans. Please see Appendix A for instructions on how to edit your monthly reporting plan.