

Table 2. Summary of root causes of hypoglycemic episodes

Category	Reason	# Patients with Factor (n=17)	Preventable?
Provider Factors	Ineffective communication	7	Yes
	Failure to check or monitor BG	6	Yes
	Excessive insulin	4	Yes
	Failure to treat preoperative hypoglycemia	3	Yes
	Inappropriate use of insulin infusion	3	Yes
	Failure to start or increase glucose infusion	3	Yes
	Excessive insulin without adequate glucose for mild hyperkalemia	1	Yes
	Failure to follow insulin infusion protocol	1	Yes
Patient Factors	Severe circulatory shock	6	No
	Anaphylaxis	1	No
Unexplained	Inadequate documentation to determine a cause	1	No