5 WHYS TOOL

Problem statement: (One sentence description of event)

WHY?

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ROOT CAUSE(S)

1.

2.

3.

To validate Root Causes-Ask the following:
If you removed this Root Cause, would this event have been prevented?

Source: Minnesota Department of Health.
http://www.health.state.mn.us/patientsafety/toolkit/index.html