SEA VS. AUDIT
How they compare

SIGNIFICANT EVENT AUDIT	CLINICAL AUDIT
Typically focuses on single cases	Focuses on groups of patients with the same condition or illness
Reactive to events. SEA is carried out after an incident occurs	Anticipatory. Audits are conducted to see if care is following agreed best practice
Learning from experience. Adopts a case study team approach to help unpick what happened	Learning from analysis. Review of hard data to determine how care is being delivered
Compares care with what SHOULD NOT happen	Compares care with what SHOULD happen
Should be multi-disciplinary activity, with results written into a report and widely shared.	Should be multi-disciplinary activity, with results written into a report and widely shared.

Clinical Audit
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