

Pursuant to Section 303.012 of the Texas Occupations code, the Board of Nursing has adopted a standardized nursing error classification system for utilization by peer review committees. A pilot program will be established wherein selected hospitals will begin sharing data utilizing the error classification system with the Board. This sharing of data will permit the development of a larger data pool to analyze nursing practice errors. Error events that are submitted under the pilot are only those peer reviewed incidents that are not required to be reported to the Board as part of the complaint or disciplinary process.

Consistent with Section 303.012-(c), the Board of Nursing will maintain confidentiality of information collected from hospitals when submitting data into the error classification system. The data received will not contain information identifying specific patients, nurses or facilities. Except for the purposes of research, the data will not be subject to reporting to any other individual or agency and is not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552 of the Government Code. The information will not be subject to use in any disciplinary proceeding.