

**STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF NURSING  
STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORT  
PEER REVIEW REPORT – FORM E**

**Confidentiality Agreement**

A nursing peer review committee proceeding is confidential and any communication made to a nursing peer review committee is privileged. It is:

- a. not subject to subpoena or discovery in any civil matter
- b. is not admissible as evidence in a judicial or administrative proceeding
- c. may not be introduced into evidence in a nursing liability suit arising out of the provision of or a failure to provide nursing services

If a peer review committee determines that a nurse has NOT engaged in conduct required to be reported to the Texas Board of Nursing, an individual whose knowledge of the nurse's conduct was acquired only through peer review may not report that nurse to the BNE for that conduct. An individual is not prohibited from reporting the nurse if the individual:

- a. has independent knowledge about the nurse's conduct; or
- b. believes the committee made its determination in bad faith

A member, agent or employee of a nursing peer review committee or a participant in a proceeding before the committee may not disclose or be required to disclose a communication made to the committee or a record or proceeding of the committee.

A person who attends a nursing peer review committee proceeding in any capacity may not disclose or be required to disclose:

- a. information acquired in connection with the proceeding;
- b. an opinion formed;
- c. an opinion, recommendation, or evaluation of the committee or committee member.

**I have read the above guidelines, understand them, and agree to abide by them.**

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name