



Registered Nurses
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RELEASE OF INFORMATION

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SECTION 1 Definitions

In this bylaw,

- (a) "Act" shall mean the Nursing Profession Act S.N.W.T. 2003, c. 15 as amended;
- (b) "Association" shall mean the "Association" as defined in section 1 of the Act;
- (c) "Nurse Practitioner" shall mean "nurse practitioner" as defined in section 1 of the Act;
- (d) "Nursing Register" shall mean the "Nursing Register" as defined in section 1 of the Act;
- (e) "Nursing Regulatory Body" shall mean a body established by law in a province or territory of Canada or a jurisdiction outside Canada to regulate the practice of nursing in that province, territory or jurisdiction outside Canada;
- (f) "Nurse Practitioner Register" shall mean the "Nurse Practitioner Register" as defined in section 1 of the Act;
- (g) "practice of nursing" shall mean "the practice of nursing" as defined in section 1 of the Act;
- (h) "Public Register" shall mean the register required by section 61 of the Act;
- (i) "Registered Nurse" shall mean "registered nurse" as defined in section 1 of the Act;
and
- (j) "temporary certificate holder" shall mean "temporary certificate holder" as defined in section 1 of the Act.

SECTION 2 Prohibition on Release of Information

The Association shall not release to anyone any information in its possession concerning registered nurses, temporary certificate holders, and nurse practitioners except as provided in this bylaw.



SECTION 3 Release of Information to the Public

Public access to information in the possession of the Association concerning registered nurses, temporary certificate holders, and nurse practitioners shall be limited to the information contained in the Nursing Register, Nurse Practitioner Register, Public Register and the Newsletter "Connections".

SECTION 4 Release of Information to Nursing Regulatory Bodies

- (1) information provided by the Association to a nursing regulatory body must be necessary for the nursing regulatory body to assess the character of a registered nurse, temporary certificate holder, or nurse practitioner and that he or she is fit to engage in the practice of nursing.

SECTION 5 Release of Information to National Nursing Professional Organizations

- (1) The Association will provide the following to national nursing professional bodies determined by the Association in connection with those bodies making registered nurses, temporary certificate holders, or nurse practitioners members in them:
 - (a) the information in the Nursing Register and Nurse Practitioner Register concerning every nurse, temporary certificate holder, and nurse practitioner; and,
 - (b) the mailing address of every nurse, temporary certificate holder, and nurse practitioner.
- (2) Upon receiving the written consent of a registered nurse, temporary certificate holder, or nurse practitioner, the Association also shall provide that person's e-mail address to national nursing professional bodies.



SECTION 6 Release of Information for Statistical Purposes

- (1) The Association will release to organizations collecting information for statistical purposes information determined by the Association concerning registered nurses, temporary certificate holders, or nurse practitioners and contained within the Association database.
- (2) Information released to an organization for statistical purposes under subsection (1) will not include identifying information concerning any registered nurse, temporary certificate holder, or nurse practitioner including,
 - (a) Name;
 - (b) Date of Birth; and
 - (c) Contact information such as telephone numbers, or email, street or mailing addresses.

SECTION 7 Release of Information for Other Purposes

Upon receiving the written consent of a registered nurse, temporary certificate holder, or nurse practitioner, the Association may release information in its possession concerning that registered nurse, temporary certificate holder, or nurse practitioner to third parties who request the information for the following purposes:

- (a) research relevant to nurses;
- (b) informing registered nurses, temporary certificate holders, or nurse practitioners about career opportunities, information on services or products, or advisories applicable to the nursing profession; and
- (c) receiving information about specialty practice groups and allowing specialty practice groups to contact registered nurses, temporary certificate holders, or nurse practitioners.