

Nursing Quality and Safety Collaborative



With today's focus on Safe Practice, the purpose of the Rural and Community Health Institute's Nursing Quality and Safety Collaborative (NQSC) is to advance safe nursing practice through a multi-institutional collaborate that promotes patient safety and quality of care.



The program will utilize a systems approach to conduct impartial, objective reviews by nursing peers.

The Nursing Quality and Safety Collaborate will support rural hospitals by:

- Offering education through monthly Nursing Quality Roundtable webinars.
- Providing safe system reviews to evaluate and improve the care hospitals are providing their patients.
- Offering "Just Culture" reviews by unbiased and objective nurses with rural hospital experience.
- Using a systems approach to assist hospitals in error analysis and reduction.
- Conducting Incident Based Nurse Peer Reviews and Nursing Safe Harbor Reviews per state BON rules. This includes communicating with the hospital's patient safety committee as required by regulation.
- Providing nurses an opportunity to advance their nursing practice and institute change for safer patient care.

All identifying information specific to the patient, hospital, and providers will be blinded. RCHI's policies and procedures regarding information security ensure that documents received, reviewed, and reported are managed confidentially and in compliance with HIPAA regulations.

The *Texas Department of rural Affairs (TDRA)* has provided a grant to offset cost for the initial 10 hospitals involved in the NQSC program.

For more information about the *Nursing Quality and Safety Collaborative (NQSC)*, visit the RCHI website at <http://rchitexas.org/NursingPeerReview/Index.html>.



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