



The Board requests that employers answer the following questions when reporting a nurse who has committed a practice breakdown, including but not limited to documentation errors, failure to follow physician's orders, failure to assess a patient, failure to perform treatments, and medication errors.

## Supplemental Information Form For Employers

**This form is kept confidential pursuant to Section 4723.28(I), ORC and is not a public record.**

Instructions: You may download this form, complete it on your computer, save it as a Word document, and e-mail it as an attachment, to [complaints@nursing.ohio.gov](mailto:complaints@nursing.ohio.gov). Or you may fax the completed form to 614-995-3685, or send via regular mail it to the Board's Office, Att'n Compliance Unit, at the address listed above in the letterhead. If you have questions, please call 614-466-9560.

Under HIPAA, the Board is a health oversight agency to whom release of PHI is a permitted disclosure without patient authorization. 45 CFR 164.512(d).

Name of Nurse: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Type of Community:** *select ONLY one*

- Rural (lowly populated, farm or ranch land, communities of 10, 000 or less)  
 Suburban (towns, communities of 10,000 to 50,000)  
 Urban (any city over 50,000)

**2. Type of Facility or practice environment:** *select ONLY one*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulatory Care                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Assisted Living             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral Health                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Critical Access Hospital    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Care                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long Term Care                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Office-based Surgery        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physician/Provider Office or Clinic | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify _____ |

**3. Facility Size:** *select ONLY one*

- 5 or fewer beds    6 – 24 beds    25 – 49 beds    50 – 99 beds    100 -199 beds    200 – 299 beds  
 300 – 399 beds    400 – 499 beds    500 or more beds    Not Applicable

**4. Medical Record System:** *select ONLY one*

- Electronic physician orders    Electronic medication administration system  
 Paper documentation    Combination paper/electronic record

**5. Length of time the nurse had worked for the organization/agency where the practice error or breakdown occurred:** *select ONLY one*

- Less than 1 month    1 month    1 -12 months    1 -2 years    2 – 3 years    3 – 5 years  
 More than 5 years

**6. Work start and end times when the practice breakdown occurred (please denote am or pm):**

Start time \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm   End time \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm   Time of incident \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

**7. Length of time the nurse had worked in patient care location / department where the practice breakdown occurred**

- Less than 1 month    1 month - 12 months    1 - 2 years    2 - 3 years    3 - 5 years  
 More than 5 years

**8. Length of time the nurse had been in the specific nursing role at the time of the practice breakdown:**

- Less than one month    1 month - 12 months    1 - 2 years    2 - 3 years    3 - 5 years  
 More than 5 years

**9. Type of shift:**

- 8 hour    10 hour    12 hour    On call    Other - please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Days worked in a row at the time of the practice breakdown (include ALL positions / employment):**

- First day back after time off    2 - 3 days    4 - 5 days    6 or more days

**11. Was the nurse working in a Temporary capacity (e.g., traveler, float pool, covering a patient for another nurse)?**

- Yes    No

**12. Assignment of the nurse at time of the practice breakdown:**

- Direct patient care    Team leader    Charge nurse    Nurse manager / supervisor  
 Combination patient care / leadership role

**13. How many direct care patients were assigned to the nurse at the time of the practice breakdown? Number of Patients \_\_\_\_\_**

**14. How many staff members was the nurse responsible for supervising at the time of the practice breakdown? Number of Staff \_\_\_\_\_**

**15. How many patients was the nurse responsible for overall (counting direct-care patients and the patients of the other staff the nurse was supervising at the time of the practice breakdown)?**

Number of Patients \_\_\_\_\_

**16. Previous discipline history by employer(s), including current employer, for practice issues?**

- Yes (Please include copies with this complaint form)    No

**17. Employment Outcome: *Select ONLY one***

- Employer retained nurse    Nurse resigned    Nurse resigned in lieu of termination  
 Employer terminated / dismissed nurse    Other – please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**18. Patient age \_\_\_\_\_ or (If more than one patient was involved, report data for the patient with the most serious harm, or risk of harm).**

**19. Patient gender (If more than one patient was involved, report data for the patient with the most serious harm, or risk of harm).  Male    Female**

**20. Were the patient's family and/or friends present at the time of the practice breakdown?**

- Yes    No

**21. Indicate whether the patient exhibited any of the following at the time of the practice**

**breakdown:** *Check ALL that apply*

- Agitation /Combativeness  Altered level of consciousness  Cognitive impairment  
 Communication /Language difficulty  Depression / Anxiety  Inadequate coping /stress management  Incontinence  Insomnia  Pain Management Issues  Sensory deficits (hearing, vision, touch)  None

**22. Indicate the patient's diagnosis:** *Check no more than TWO diagnoses, those that contributed to the reported situation.*

- Alzheimer's disease and other dementias (confusion)  Arthritis  Asthma  Back problems  Cancer  Congestive heart failure  Depression and anxiety disorders  Diabetes  Emphysema  Fractures  Gall bladder disease  Gastrointestinal disorders  HIV / AIDS  Hypertension  Infections  Ischemic heart disease (CAD, MI)  Nervous system disorders  Pneumonia  Pregnancy  Renal / urinary system disorders  Skin disorders  Stomach ulcers  Stroke (CVA)  Other - please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**23. What happened to the patient?** *Check ALL that apply*

- Patient fell  Patient departed without authorization  Patient received wrong medication  Patient received wrong treatment  Patient received wrong therapy  Patient acquired nosocomial (hospital acquired) infection  Patient suffered hemolytic transfusion reaction  Patient suffered severe allergic reaction / anaphylaxis  Patient was abducted  Patient was assaulted  Patient suicide  Patient homicide  Other - please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**24. Patient Harm:** *Select ONLY one*

- No harm - An error occurred but with no harm to the patient  
 Harm - An error occurred which caused a minor negative change in the patient's condition.  
 Significant harm - Significant harm involves serious physical or psychological injury. Serious injury specifically includes loss of function or limb.  
 Patient death - An error occurred that may have contributed to or resulted in patient death.

**25. Did the practice breakdown involve a medication error?**

- Yes  No *If No, skip to Question 29*

**26. Name of drug involved in the practice breakdown (Include complete medication order):**

Drug ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Drug actually given \_\_\_\_\_

**27. Indicate the type of medication error. (The type of medication error identifies the form or mode of the error, or how the error was manifested.):** *Check ALL that apply*

- Drug prepared incorrectly  Extra dose  Improper dose / quantity  Mislabeling  Omission  Prescribing  Unauthorized drug  Wrong administration technique  Wrong dosage form  Wrong drug  Wrong patient  Wrong route  Wrong time  Wrong reason  Abbreviations  Other - please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**28. Did the practice breakdown involve a documentation error?**  Yes  No

*If Yes, the practice breakdown documentation error involved:*  Pre-charting / untimely charting  Incomplete or lack of charting  Charting incorrect information  Charting on wrong patient record  Other - please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**29. If Attentiveness / Surveillance was a factor in the Practice Breakdown, Check ALL that apply:**

- Patient not observed for an unsafe period of time  Staff performance not observed for an unsafe period of time  Other - please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**30. If Clinical Reasoning was a factor in the Practice Breakdown, Check ALL that apply:**

- Clinical implications of patient signs, symptoms and/or responses to interventions not recognized  
 Clinical implications of patient signs, symptoms and/or interventions misinterpreted  
 Following orders, routine (rote system) without considering specific patient condition  
 Poor judgment in delegation and the supervision of other staff members  
 Inappropriate acceptance of assignment or accepting a delegated action beyond the nurse's knowledge and skills  
 Lack of knowledge  Other - please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**31. If Prevention was a factor in the Practice Breakdown, Check ALL that apply**

- Preventive measure for patient well-being not taken  Breach of infection precautions  
 Did not conduct safety checks prior to use of equipment  
 Other – please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**32. If Intervention was a factor in the Practice Breakdown Check ALL that apply**

- Did not intervene for patient  Did not provide timely intervention  
 Did not provide skillful intervention  Intervened on wrong patient  
 Other - please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**33. If Interpretation of Authorized Provider's Orders was a factor in the Practice Breakdown,**

*Check ALL that apply*

- Did not follow standard protocol / order  Missed authorized provider's order  
 Unauthorized intervention (not ordered by an authorized provider)  Misinterpreted telephone or verbal order  Misinterpreted authorized provider handwriting  Undetected authorized provider error resulting in execution of an inappropriate order  Other - please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**34. If Professional Responsibility / Patient Advocacy was a factor in the Practice Breakdown,**

*Check ALL that apply*

- Nurse failed to advocate for patient safety and clinical stability  Nurse did not recognize limits of own knowledge and experience  Nurse did not refer patient to additional services as needed  
 Specific patient requests or concerns unattended  Lack of respect for patient / family concerns and dignity  Patient abandonment  Boundary crossings / violations  Breach of confidentiality  
 Nurse attributes responsibility to others  Other - please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**35. Did the questionnaire allow you to capture the essential elements of the practice breakdown? If not, please explain what was missing that would have helped describe the case (please send all related documentation and witness statements confirming the practice violation)\_\_\_\_\_**