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Study Participant Information

TITLE: Descriptive Study of Safe Student Reports (SSR) of Student Nurse Practice Errors and Near Misses in Prelicensure Nursing Programs

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SPONSOR: National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)

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You are being asked to participate in a research study that will try to collect information on the extent and types of student nurse practice errors and near misses in order to develop methods to reduce or prevent them.

Your participation will involve completing a survey about errors/near misses that you or your student committed/omitted and take about 10-20 minutes to complete. The design was meant to provide an anonymous online platform where faculty (or students and faculty together or students and their preceptors) could report errors in detail, in a manner that allowed analysis of practice gaps but still promoted a just culture.

There is a potential risk of loss of confidentiality. Every effort will be made to keep all study records confidential. In order to assist in protecting your confidentiality, the principal investigator has obtained a Certificate of Confidentiality from the National Institutes of Health – National Institute of Nursing Research. The research team will use the Certificate to resist any demands for information that would identify you and any other study participants, except as explained below. The research team may not disclose or use information that may identify you in any federal, state, or local civil, criminal, administrative, legislative, or other action, suit, or proceeding, or be used as evidence, for example, if there is a court subpoena, unless you have consented for this use. Information protected by this Certificate cannot be disclosed to anyone else who is not connected with the research except, if there is a federal, state, or local law that requires disclosure (such as to report child abuse or communicable diseases). You should understand that a Certificate does not prevent you or a member of your family from voluntarily releasing information about yourself or your involvement in this study.

The research team will share the records generated from this research with the sponsor (NCSBN and its membership), the National Institutes of Health – National Institute of Nursing Research,

regulatory agencies such as DHHS, and the IRB. This information is shared so the study can be conducted and properly monitored. Additionally, the sponsor may report aggregate data to the public but data specific to any individual institution or study participant will not be reported. If you do not provide permission to use your information, for the purposes of reporting aggregate data to the other participating nursing programs and publication, you cannot be in the study.

This permission will not end unless you cancel it. You may cancel it by sending written notice to the study investigator as noted below. Any information collected before you withdraw may still be used.

Your participation in this study may be stopped at any time by the study sponsor or regulatory agencies for any reason.

Your decision to be in this study is voluntary. You may decide not to participate or you may leave the study at any time. You will not be penalized or lose any benefits if you decide not to participate or if you decide to stop participating.

You may not receive a direct benefit if you agree to participate. However, the information obtained from this study might help improve identification and correction of system errors that might benefit others in the future.

Your alternative is to not participate in this study.

You will not be paid for being in this study.

Contact Nancy Spector at 312-525-3657 for questions, concerns or complaints about the study or if you think you have been harmed as a result of joining this study.

Contact the Western Institutional Review Board (WIRB) if you have questions about your rights as a study participant, or any questions concerns, complaints or input. WIRB is a group of people who perform independent review of research.

You can contact the IRB at:

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IRB will not be able to answer some study-specific questions. However, you may contact the IRB if the research staff cannot be reached or if you wish to talk to someone other than the research staff.

Please print a copy of this consent form for your records.