

Texas TERCAP Pilot Project Update

This is an informational report to update you on the status of the Texas TERCAP pilot project.

The Taxonomy of Error Root Cause Analysis of Practice-Responsibility Pilot Project has 260 cases entered between the start of the pilot on September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2015. The number 260 has been identified as the minimum sample size needed to perform a more detailed level of analysis than has been provided to the Board with this pilot at this point in time. Board staff plans to prepare and present a more detailed report for the January 2016 Board meeting.

In examining the data through August 31, 2015, the trends align with the detailed written report provided to the Board at the October 2014 meeting. For example, the data continues to show a large grouping of the nurses with practice breakdown had worked on the unit for more than five years and were not working in a temporary capacity. The vast majority of nurses did not have a prior history of practice breakdown and were retained by the employer.

When another member of the healthcare team is identified as part of the practice breakdown, another staff nurse continues to be the main team member involved. Sometimes a nursing practice breakdown event includes a documentation error; however, when a documentation error occurs, there continues to be a portion of these types of errors that lead to the practice breakdown.

One of the questions on the survey asks the participating organization to identify the most significant category of nursing practice breakdown. Clinical reasoning and professional responsibility/patient advocacy continue to be among the most frequently selected categories.

Current plans for outreach to the participants include a telephone conference in November and a refresher webinar at date to be determined.

This agenda item is for your information.