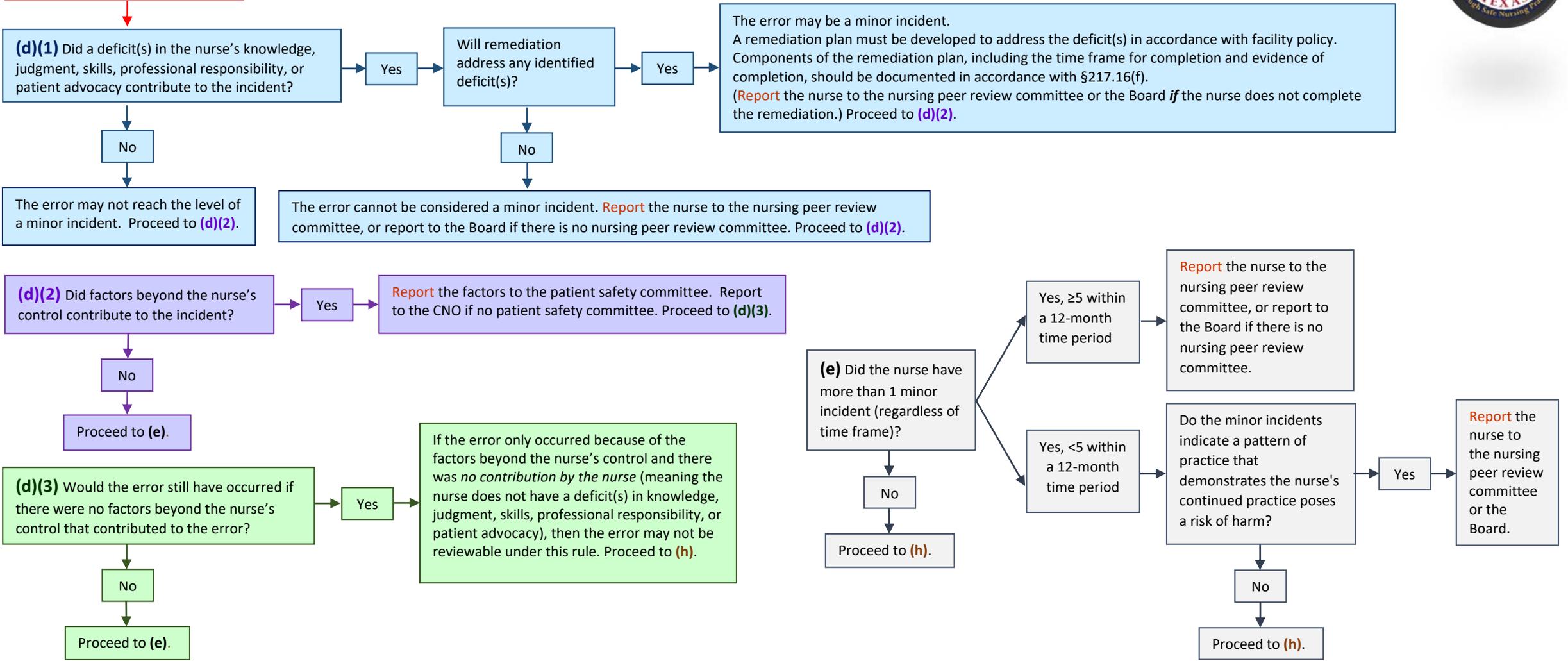




Flow Chart for Determining if an Error is a Minor Incident

An error occurred.
Please see [Nurse Responsibilities when an Error Occurs](#).

Minor Incident = conduct by a nurse that may be a violation of the Texas Nursing Practice Act or a Board rule but does not indicate the nurse's continued practice poses a risk of harm to a patient or another person; synonymous with "minor error" or 'minor violation of the Texas Nursing Practice Act or Board rule'.



(h) Some conduct falls outside the definition of a minor incident and must be reported to the nursing peer review committee or to the Board. This includes:

- (1) conduct that ignores a substantial risk that exposed a patient or other person to significant physical, emotional or financial harm or the potential for such harm;
- (2) conduct that violates the Texas Nursing Practice Act or a Board rule and contributed to the death or serious injury of a patient;
- (3) a practice-related violation involving impairment or suspected impairment by reason of chemical dependency, intemperate use, misuse or abuse of drugs or alcohol, mental illness, or diminished mental capacity;
- (4) a violation of Board Rule §217.12 with actions that constitute abuse, exploitation, fraud, or a violation of professional boundaries; or
- (5) actions that indicate that the nurse lacks knowledge, skill, judgment, or conscientiousness to such an extent that the nurse's continued practice of nursing could reasonably be expected to pose a risk of harm to a patient or another person, regardless of whether the conduct consists of a single incident or a pattern of behavior.

If the conduct does not meet the criteria in (h), then document the minor incidents according to §217.16(f).

Please use this flow chart in conjunction with [Board Rule §217.16](#), Minor Incidents.