



Topic Talks

Privacy and Professional consequences

How long has it been since you read up on the standards related to your practice? Did it include a look at social media policy? This week we will look at the legal and ethical issues related to privacy.

About Privacy in healthcare

- People commonly regard health information as one of the most sensitive types of personal information.
- The Privacy Act provides extra protections around the handling of health information.

Code of Conduct for Nurses

3.5 Confidentiality and Privacy

Nurses have ethical and legal obligations to protect the privacy of people. People have a right to expect that nurses will hold information about them in confidence, unless the release of information is needed by law, legally justifiable under public interest considerations or is required to facilitate emergency care.

Let's talk

Suggested questions to ask yourself or your peers this week



How would you rate your level of understanding of this topic?

Watch a webinar, listen to a podcast, look at the websites. Learn something new.

What is your organisational policy related to clinical photography and videos taken within your health service?

Find the policy and review your organisational requirements. If no such resources exist - this would be a good quality project.

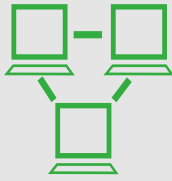
What is your understanding of privacy legislation?

What are your organisational / local processes / resources related to Privacy? Check out this [Privacy Action Plan](#) for further information.

What are 2 new pieces of information you have learned about the topic this week?

Think about what you have learned. How can you use this learning going forward?

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What's on the Web?



References:



Tuesdays@2 Webinar Series

Tuesday 8th June 2pm : Join the webinar via the [Bendigo Health Website](#)

or via zoom <https://bendigohealth.zoom.us/j/93324155450?pwd=Nm9iSUZmSEl4enJHWFRheWRtaTdaUT09>

Speaker:

- Christopher Sykes - Lawyer

Topic: Privacy and Professional consequences based on the case Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia v Rankine [2019] SACAT 57 (18 October 2019) [online at] <https://www.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdoc/au/cases/sa/SACAT/2019/57.html>

Media coverage

- <https://www.adelaidenow.com.au/news/law-order/nurse-who-illegally-filmed-sick-patient-at-flinders-medical-centre-convicted/news-story/d7f0e9beb0b541018091f9a272a2026a>
- ABC News <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-05-10/former-nurse-admits-filming-partially-clothed-dementia-patient/8515542>

E-Learning:

- Australian Digital Health Agency [online training](#)
- Office of the Australian Information Commissioner [e-learning Privacy in Practice](#)

Webcasts:

- Patient Perspectives: What Does Patient Privacy Mean to You? <https://practices.hotdoc.com.au/blog/patient-privacy/>
- Faculty of Science CSU (2017) Legal issues and Healthcare Information <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wMj33sXECs> [21:15]
- CCCN (2016) Nursing Ethics and Professional Boundaries <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9bdMzXyx4Q> [53:05]

Podcasts:

- Wake, D. (2016). Episode 9 - Doctor Google has Arrived: What does this Mean for the Nursing Profession?. Ausmed. Retrieved from <https://www.ausmed.com.au/cpd/articles/doctor-google> [20:00]

Web Sites:

- [Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia](#)
- [Office of the Australian Information Commissioner](#)
- [Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights](#)

- Australian Government Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (n.d.) Privacy for Health Service Providers <https://www.oaic.gov.au/privacy/privacy-for-health-service-providers/>
- AHPRA (2021) Legislation- National Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009 <https://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-Ahpra/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx>
- Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (2021) Professional Codes and Guidelines <https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Codes-Guidelines-Statements.aspx>
- South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (2019) Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia v Rankine [2019] SACAT 57 <https://www.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdoc/au/cases/sa/SACAT/2019/57.html>