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Chapter 6. Access to Hospital Records by Hospital Medical Staff Committees

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Purposes

Sec. 1. It is in the interest of public health and patient medical care that hospital medical staff committees have access to the records and other information concerning the condition and treatment of hospital patients to evaluate the care and treatment of patients as follows:

- (1) For research purposes.
- (2) For the purpose of gathering statistics and other information concerning the prevention and treatment of diseases, illnesses, and injuries.
- (3) For the purpose of reducing morbidity or mortality.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.22.

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Right of hospital to provide records to medical staff committee

Sec. 2. To carry out the purposes described in section 1 of this chapter, a hospital or agents or employees of the hospital may provide medical records or other information concerning the condition or treatment of a hospital patient to a hospital medical staff committee.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.22.

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Confidentiality; production on court order

Sec. 3. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b):

- (1) records or other information furnished a hospital medical staff committee under this chapter concerning the care and treatment of a hospital patient;
- (2) proceedings of a hospital medical staff committee; and
- (3) other records or reports of a hospital medical staff committee;

are confidential.

(b) The confidential records and proceedings described in subsection (a) may be produced on court order in a cause in which the records and proceedings are relevant or material.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.22.

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Use or publication of obtained information; restrictions

Sec. 4. A hospital medical staff committee shall use or publish information the committee obtains from records or other information submitted to the committee concerning the care or treatment of a patient only as follows:

- (1) To evaluate matters of medical care, therapy, and treatment.
- (2) For research and statistical purposes.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.22.

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Protection of patient's identity

Sec. 5. (a) The members, agents, or employees of a hospital medical staff committee may not disclose the identity of any patient whose records have been studied in a report or publication of the committee.

(b) The members, agents, and employees of the medical staff committee shall protect the identity of a patient whose condition or treatment has been studied and may not disclose or reveal the identity of any patient.

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.22.