



Confidentiality Agreement

Purpose: The Emergency Department Benchmarking Alliance exists for the benefit of its member organizations and physicians. The Alliance studies measurable aspects of emergency department care and operational strategies for emergency department management to learn how to improve emergency department services.

Information from hospitals and physicians concerning various aspects of emergency department care and management are integrally important to the purpose stated above. Hospitals and physicians share their data and operational strategies with the Alliance with the expectation that it is exclusively for the benefit of the Benchmarking Alliance members.

Therefore, any Benchmarking Alliance member agrees, as a condition of joining the Alliance, to hold all information from hospitals and physicians in strict confidence. To enhance this confidentiality, all data received will have hospital or physician identifies coded so that no hospital or physician can be identified. A separate key may be provided for data analysis. Information concerning patients will not be accepted in a manner which identifies the patient by name or another specific patient identifier.

Member may not use data for any marketing or research purpose without prior approval of the EDDBA board.

Should a member of the Benchmarking Alliance wish to use data presented to the Benchmarking Alliance to reference any hospital or physician data by name, the member must obtain the permission of the identified hospital or physician group and the EDDBA board prior to the use of that data.

This agreement stays in force during the entire time the physicians or hospital group is a member of the Benchmarking Alliance and at all times subsequent to leaving the Alliance.

Signed:

Benchmarking Alliance Member Date

Print your Name and Facility/Physician Group