NCSBN by the Numbers

Since launching in January, the official NCSBN Facebook page has more than 1,500 likes.

More than 410,000 “A Nurse’s Guide to the Use of Social Media” brochures have been sent to nursing education programs, hospitals and long-term care facilities since the brochure was introduced in December 2011.

The NCSBN Interactive YouTube Channel has 195 subscribers and more than 202,000 video views.

The first associate member of NCSBN was welcomed to the organization in 2008. There are now 16 associate members hailing from five countries.

Council Connector has nearly 4,000 subscribers.

TERCAP Systematic Analysis

TERCAP® systematically analyzes root causes of practice breakdown, and enables the development of rational strategies to reduce and prevent the likelihood of practice breakdown in the future. Currently, 25 member boards have submitted more than 2,500 cases to the TERCAP database. A TERCAP report on findings from 1,938 cases was presented in May at the 2013 ICN Conference in Melbourne, Australia.

In June 2013, NCSBN formed a think tank consisting of a group of nationally well-known nursing researchers, educators, patient safety experts and regulators to further strengthen the TERCAP project by evaluating its progress, the project and recommending future steps. Since the TERCAP project is the only one of its kind in the U.S., the think tank emphasized its importance and recommended that NCSBN continue to recruit states to contribute to the database. It stated that for a national database such as TERCAP to fulfill its goals, full participation of member boards is essential. Based on the recommendations from the think tank, NCSBN is doubling its efforts to seek continued support from participating member boards and recruit new contributing states.

During the 2013 NCSBN Annual Meeting, NCSBN hosted an exhibit booth to provide live demos of TERCAP to member boards. While attending the Annual Meeting, Joe Baker, Jr., executive director, Florida Board of Nursing, the newest TERCAP member, delivered his state’s first 20 cases on site.

NCSBN continues TERCAP data collection and will perform analysis examining individual state trends and possible links between practice breakdown and patient characteristics.

To join this important and exciting project, contact Elizabeth Zhong, PhD, for more information.

Joe Baker, Jr. of the Florida Board of Nursing delivered his state’s first 20 cases for TERCAP while on site at the NCSBN Annual Meeting.