

# The Impacts of Personal Information Protection Act on Nursing Clinical Practice

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## **Abstract**

People have the right to “personal information privacy” and “personal information self-determination”. These rights should be protected by law and personal information should only be collected, processed and used in accordance with the law. The purpose of the Personal Information Protection Act is to regulate how government agencies and non-government entities can legally collect, process and use general and sensitive personal information. The implementation of the Personal Information Protection Act will inevitably impact on how people live and the activities of health professionals. The Department of Health and hospitals should therefore educate the health professionals of the details and impacts of the Personal Information Protection Act and establish protocols to help health professionals avoid violating the law. This paper will introduce how government agencies and non-government entities legally collect, process and use general and sensitive personal information, securely manage personal information and ensuring informed consent before personal information is collected. The impacts of the Personal Information Protection Act on nursing clinical practice as well as relevant protocols will also be described.

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