

# NAMSS PASS™—Creating Efficiencies through Collaboration

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**H**ave you contributed data to the NAMSS PASS™ or begun conversations within your organization to engage with this new repository? As medical staff professionals and the experts in credentialing, we must establish industry best practices to promote quality care and diminish potential risks associated with the practitioners we are considering for credentials. Verification of a practitioner's affiliation history has become an industry best practice and is an integral step in mitigating legal risks associated with negligent credentialing claims.

However, given the economic realities facing all of our institutions, we know that best practice is often challenged by the push to

perform our patient safety responsibilities in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible. The NAMSS PASS™ provides an effective, efficient and most importantly, cost-effective solution for verifying a practitioner's affiliation history. Imagine no more faxing or mailing requests to individual affiliations, no more waiting for responses and no need for second or third requests for verification — and imagine reducing the time devoted to responding to requests for affiliation verification.

June Hogg, CPMSM, CPCS, director of medical staff services at WakeMed Health and Hospitals has experienced the efficiencies that are created through an affiliation history database firsthand. She

states, "Directing our managed care queries alone to Practitioner Hospital Data Bank (PHDB) reduced our verification queries by more than half. We are thrilled that NAMSS and PHDB have partnered to bring us the NAMSS PASS™ and the capability to view a comprehensive affiliation history. Kudos to NAMSS and PHDB for partnering to help us all streamline our process and be more efficient." Through this partnership, NAMSS and PHDB have created a national repository of practitioner affiliation history. However, it will take the support and participation of the entire credentialing community to make this database a success and build a complete affiliation history for every practitioner. ■

"As Chair of the Credentials Committee of Suburban Hospital, Johns Hopkins Medicine, NAMSS PASS offers us immediate access to hospital affiliation information that is sometimes difficult and time-consuming to obtain. It can help us to ensure the physician is giving us a complete history of their hospital affiliations. NAMSS is also raising the bar with the standardization of the definition of "good standing." I support NAMSS' efforts to help us do the important work we do to provide safe and competent patient care."

— Todd A. Epstein, MD, Chair of the Credentials Committee of Suburban Hospital, Johns Hopkins Medicine

"NAMSS PASS is a tool for credentialing and patient safety that is long overdue. To mitigate the potential legal risks associated with negligent credentialing claims, it is essential to identify and verify a practitioner's prior affiliations and obtain meaningful references from those institutions. But more importantly, it is essential to do so to protect patients. Now is the time for the credentialing community to rally together in support of this great new tool, for the good of each and every patient in the communities you serve."

— Paul A. Verardi, Esq., Partner, Harty, Springer & Mattern

NAMSS would like to acknowledge the first 34 healthcare entities, representing 91 facilities, who have uploaded data into the NAMSS PASS™. The MSPs within these organizations are true leaders and we applaud them for being the first to participate in this important initiative. In addition to the affiliation verification of practitioners from these organizations, the NAMSS PASS™ database contains the good standing letters from the 100 institutions who contribute to the Practitioner Hospital Data Bank.

Baltimore Washington Medical Center

Bartlett Regional Hospital, Juneau AK

Chambersburg Hospital

Community Hospital

Northwest Surgical Hospital

Eastern Long Island Hospital

Elliot Hospital - Manchester, NH

Flagler Hospital

Fletcher Allen Health Care

Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital, Inc.

Froedtert Surgery Center, LLC

LifeCare Hospitals of Wisconsin

Marshall Medical Center

McBride Orthopedic Hospital

McCullough-Hyde Hospital

Meadows Regional Medical Center, Inc.

Memorial Hospital South Bend

Mercy Hospital Springfield

Mercy Hospital Cassville

Palm Drive Hospital

Rex Healthcare

Rush Oak Park Hospital

Sacred Heart Hospital

Suburban Hospital: SOSC

Suburban Hospital

Sullivan County Community Hospital

Texas Health Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital

Tomball Regional Medical Center

UMass Memorial Health Care

United Hospital System

WakeMed Cary Hospital

WakeMed Raleigh Campus

Watertown Regional Medical Center

Wayne HealthCare

Waynesboro Hospital

Willamette Dental Group, P.C. (53 Locations)

Willamette Valley Medical Center

Witham Memorial Hospital

Be a leader in your institution — and a leader in your profession — and join NAMSS PASS™ today! You will find all of the resources and information you need to get started online at [www.NAMSS.org](http://www.NAMSS.org). Now is the time to get started. For the first year, access to affiliation history data in NAMSS PASS is completely free if you contribute data.



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