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In this latter case, for example, participants are normally not asked to divulge their names on self-completed questionnaires—such as when completing patient satisfaction questionnaires or when a staff member completes a staff survey.

Beneficence and Non-maleficence Two of the internationally accepted, fundamental core principles underpinning both nursing practice and research are the principle of beneficence do good and the mirror principle of non-maleficence do not harm. Some may cause a degree of harm—for example, surgical intervention, dressing of wounds and burns and so forth. However, the basic stance is that the core function of the health care professional is to work for the benefit of the patient or client from a health perspective.

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