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| Review your State’s Nurse Practice Act. What guidelines does it offer relative to this situation and what needs to be reported in terms of the licensing boards? |
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| Review the ANA Code of Ethics for Nurses and discuss what ethical breaches have occurred. |
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| What state or federal laws have been broken, what agencies oversee the laws and what are the potential ramifications for the hospital? |
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To this point, the patients and their families are unaware of the incidents. A decision needs to be made as to whether or not to inform the patients and their families. Please analyze and apply the ethical constructs appropriate to this case and give your recommendation for actions as to how the hospital should proceed using the parameters below. Please type in the boxes and they will expand as you type.

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| Please select one of the four Ethical Frameworks from the Learning Activity (utilitarianism, rights-based, duty-based or intuitionist). Describe why you feel that the chosen framework would be the best model to address this situation. |
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| Summarize what ethical principles were violated by the actions of the nursing staff in this case. |
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| Should the hospital self-report the incident to the appropriate agencies and inform the patients? Why or why not?  If you as the nurse reported the incident could you face sanctions from your hospital?  Why or why not? |
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**REFERENCES:**