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these do not match, the candidate risks being turned away. Does the signature on the ID match the signature provided at the test site? And does the photo on the ID match the candidate presented?

Verifying the presented acceptable ID is just one of the ways in which we strive to protect the REx-PN from proxy test takers and ensure that the candidates taking the test are who they say they are. The other elements in verifying candidate identity are the biometrics that candidates provide on exam day, which include having their photo taken, scanning their palm vein, and providing their digital signature, as seen here on the slide.

information not only to be recorded, but to also be documented, which will give NCSBN an opportunity to further investigate.

This information is immediately tracked and documented by the TAs in the Case Documentation system. Here, the TAs will know any issues, errors, irregular activity, or behavior that occurs at the site. This system is an internet-based real-time reporting and tracking system.

It's accessible by NCSBN, nursing regulatory bodies, and Pearson VUE. Any record that contains an irregularity causes a result to be placed on hold. This means that while in review, the result will not be made available to the candidate's nursing regulatory body. NCSBN will review the irregularity to ensure that the examination was able to accurately assess a candidate's true competence.

Most often, a result hold is reviewed and released within 24 business hours once NCSBN determines the score is valid, accurate, and secure. Some common reasons for results to go on hold is if, the system identifies an unusual response pattern or the TA observed irregular behavior or candidate misconduct, if there was an apparent discrepancy in or falsification of a candidate's ID, or simply the candidate failed to follow the exam administration rules.

All of these instances would merit a case creation, placing the result on hold until a review is concluded. Now, the security of the REx-PN is not exclusive to the exam day. Candidates should be aware and understand that the disclosure of any examination materials, including the nature or content of exam items before, during, or after the exam is a violation of law. Violations of confidentiality and/or candidate rules can result in criminal prosecution, civil liability, and/or disciplinary actions by the regulatory body, including the denial of licensure.

Disclosure of exam materials includes but is not limited to discussing exam items with faculty, friends, family, or others. In addition to ongoing security measures, NCSBN has a security group where anyone with knowledge of possible candidate misconduct may report the issues.

Individuals may also report suspected instances of leaked content on the internet or any other information that may compromise the exam. Please feel free to share the contact information with your students. Moving now on to the second process we'll be discussing in this session, REx-PN testing accommodations.

During this half of the session, we will go over the definition of a testing accommodation, the roles in which candidates, NCSBN, Pearson VUE, and nursing regulatory bodies play throughout this process. And lastly, we'll identify some common accommodation requests. NCSBN offers REx-PN testing accommodations in accordance with the ADA, the Canadian Charter of Rights, and/or provincial human

about how to submit the request. NCSBN strongly encourages candidates to request accommodations

This individual is a Pearson VUE-provided personnel who reads the questions and answer choices to the candidate or records the answers on the computer. Sign language interpretation is also an available accommodation. Candidates with these accommodations require a separate room as to not distract the other candidates. We may also see requests for, adjustable font size, adjustable contrast on the monitor, and screen magnifier.

Please note that candidates testing at international test centers should contact their nursing regulatory body to determine the accommodations available at the testing site to ensure that their testing needs can be met. Lastly, it is worthwhile to share the Comfort Aids list with your students. These aids are items that may be brought into the testing center that do not require pre-approval or an accommodation.

Some examples include an auto-injector such as an EpiPen, a medical device such as an insulin pump, cough drops, glucose tablets, hearing aid, and inhaler. These items are inspected and then allowed into the testing room. Medical device comfort aids that do not require pre-approval, such as insulin pumps that are attached to the body are allowed in the testing room so long as they do not produce sound.

Sound could potentially distract other candidates. If the candidate has a device that does produce sound, they should request an accommodation with their nursing regulatory body who would approve a separate testing room accommodation. Let's recap on what we've spoken about today. Testing security is very important to protecting the validity and integrity of the REx-PN.

Candidate identification is appropriately reviewed and biometrics are documented at test sites for every appointment. Testing centers are inherently equipped with the state-of-the-art technology to protect exam content and rules are enforced to secure and nW\*nBT/F1 12 Tf1 0 0 1 325.38564.42 Tm0 g0 G0, a0m0 7m0 g