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- All data submitted to SCMetrix™ shall be designated as confidential and ASU agrees that it will take reasonable measures to insure that individual hospital data remains confidential.
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- SCMetrix™ will disseminate summary data of general trends to the health sector on a regular basis and will disseminate this information to its authorized subscribers at least thirty days before public dissemination.
- SCMetrix™ will support and enable academic research initiatives using the SCMetrix™ data. These research projects will only report summarized findings and individual hospital data will remain confidential.
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