

Table 1  
 NGT Panel One Ranked Vote Responses

Response #	Response Description	# of Votes	Individual Weighted Votes <sup>1</sup>	Sum of Votes	% of Total Available Votes <sup>2</sup>
2	Additional barriers in releasing health information to caregivers with legitimate need to know	3	2,3,3	8	22.2%
17	Conflicts between nurses and HIM professionals regarding interpretation of HIPAA	2	3,3	6	16.7%
1	Increase in public's misunderstanding about release of information	3	1,1,3	5	13.9%
5	If requested to account for disclosures, will present myriad problems	1	3	3	8.3%
23	The lack of an umbrella policy or regulation defining infractions and enforcement allows individual institutions to make their own interpretations	2	1,2	3	8.3%
8	Uncertainty of clinic or staff in verifying identity of family or authorized persons in the context of patient consent	2	1,1	2	5.6%
10	Difficulty of communication between primary care providers and behavioral health providers regarding treatment of the same patient	1	2	2	5.6%
13	Increased uncertainty regarding precedence of state vs. federal regulations	1	2	2	5.6%
22	Increased concern of HIM professionals regarding appropriate disposal of all types of hard-copy patient health information	1	2	2	5.6%
33	Extra demands for privacy requirements for celebrity or VIP	1	2	2	5.6%
27	Parent's misinformation regarding HIPAA regulations related to emancipated minors	1	1	1	2.8%
	Total	18		36	100%

<sup>1</sup> Each panel member was allotted three weighted votes and to assign three individually selected barriers: 1 = least important, and 3 = most important.

<sup>2</sup> Total available votes = 36.