



## PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION, CONFIDENTIALITY, AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

- Protected Health Information (PHI) includes patient information based on examination, test results, diagnoses, response to treatment, observation, or conversation with the patient. This information is protected and the patient has a right to the confidentiality of his or her patient care information whether this information is in written, electronic, or verbal format. PHI is individually-identifiable information that includes, but is not limited to, patient's name, account number, birth date, admission and discharge dates, photographs, and health plan beneficiary number.
- Medical records, case histories, medical reports, images, raw test results, and medical dictations from healthcare facilities are used for student learning activities. Although patient identification is removed, all healthcare information must be protected and treated as confidential.
- Students enrolled in school programs or courses and responsible faculty are given access to patient information. Students are exposed to PHI during their clinical rotations in healthcare facilities.
- Students and responsible faculty may be issued computer identifications (IDs) and passwords to access PHI.

### INITIAL EACH TO ACCEPT THE POLICY

Initial	Policy
	1. It is the policy of the school/institution to keep PHI confidential and secure.
	2. Any or all PHI, regardless of medium (paper, verbal, electronic, image or any other), is not to be disclosed or discussed with anyone outside those supervising, sponsoring or directly related to the learning activity.
	3. Whether at the school or at a clinical site, students are not to discuss PHI, in general or in detail, in public areas under any circumstances, including hallways, cafeterias, elevators, or any other area where unauthorized people or those who do not have a need-to-know may overhear.
	4. Unauthorized removal of any part of original medical records is prohibited. Students and faculty may not release or display copies of PHI. Case presentation material will be used in accordance with healthcare facility policies.
	5. Students and faculty shall not access data on patients for whom they have no responsibilities or a "need-to-know" the content of PHI concerning those patients.
	6. A computer ID and password are assigned to individual students and faculty. Students and faculty are responsible and accountable for all work done under the associated access.
	7. Computer IDs or passwords may not be disclosed to anyone. Students and faculty are prohibited from attempting to learn or use another person's computer ID or password.
	8. Students and faculty agree to follow Hospital's privacy policies.
	9. Breach of patient confidentiality by disregarding the policies governing PHI is grounds for dismissal from the Hospital.

- I agree to abide by the above policies and other policies at the clinical site. I further agree to keep PHI confidential.
- I understand that failure to comply with these policies will result in disciplinary actions.
- I understand that Federal and State laws govern the confidentiality and security of PHI and that unauthorized disclosure of PHI is a violation of law and may result in civil and criminal penalties.

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Signature of Program Participant/Print Name

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Date

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Parent or Legal Guardian if Program Participant is under 18/Print Name

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Date