



REPORTING OF CONCERNS

Should report concerns to:

- Your Instructor
- The Department Manager
- The Department Director
- The CC&I Department:

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You may also use:

- The CC&I HelpLine, (888) 398-2633
- The HIPAA HelpLine, 725-5012



Conflicts of Interest

Team Members and affiliates should avoid **Conflicts of Interest** and may not:

- Use SRH assets for personal benefit or personal business.
- Have business relationships affecting or affected by SRH's business

Potential conflicts must be reported and approved

 Administrative Team, LDI members, and Hospital and Foundation Board of Trustee members complete annual statements.



Business Courtesies

Should never be:

- accepted, offered or provided as an inducement to reward business or refer patients.
- solicited by or from a potential referral source.

Team Members may only accept courtesies of nominal value (<\$25)

All physician courtesies must have prior approval from CC&I



Protected Health Information



PHI is anything that identifies an individual used for healthcare purposes.



Patient Confidentiality

HIPAA regulations allow us to access/use/disclose PHI for <u>Treatment</u>, <u>Payment</u>, <u>Hospital Operations</u>, <u>if Required by</u> <u>Law</u>, or <u>if requested by the patient</u>.

- all other reasons require <u>specific patient</u>
 <u>permission</u>
- if a law requires release (pt. abuse, infectious disease etc.), patient permission isn't required
- patient requests must be documented



Minimum Necessary





Identity Verification





PATIENT RIGHTS

- How Communicated
- <u>Request</u> Amendment

<u>Request</u> Restriction



Don't Overthink It!





"According to your HIPAA release form I can't share anything with you."



Data Security

- If you are provided with a phone, computer, etc. you are responsible for securing it
 - Do not leave equipment in your car
- Never e-mail anything confidential to your personal e-mail
- **Do not text** confidential information



Data Security

- If you lose a phone or computer, report it **immediately**
- **No** laptop or phone should be used without a user name and password
- Laptops and phones should be encrypted prior to taking them offsite
- Never share user names and passwords



Social Networking

Electronic Public Displays of **PHI** without Patient Authorization are prohibited:

- posting of photographs, video or any information about a SRH/SMG patient
- including, but not limited to, social networking sites; blogs; pinning; pinging; and tweeting.



Day-To-Day Scenarios

Discussing PHI

- Environmental awareness
- Tailor your method and manner
- Patient's assent in front of others





- <u>Social Media</u>
 - Posting work details/ insensitive material
- Friends, Family, Foes, Famous...etc.
 - Professionalism and respect over curiosity!
- Professional Judgement
 - In the backdrop of any situation



Environment of Care

We are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all **patients** and **Team Members**.

Use of **illegal drugs**, **alcohol** or **tobacco** is not allowed on any SRH property.

Team Members have a legal and ethical responsibility to maintain control over **prescription drugs, controlled substances and medical supplies.**



Team Member Relations

- SRH is an Equal Opportunity Employer and committed to a harassment-free workplace free from, intimidation, threats, and physical or verbal abuse.
 - Harassment in any form will not be tolerated.

If you feel that you or someone else is being harassed, please report it.



Safeguarding Property

Physical, Financial, Intellectual and **Electronic Property** owned by SRH are essential to business.

Theft, Embezzlement or Financial Misconduct involving hospital property will not be tolerated.



Fraud, Waste & Abuse

The False Claims Act addresses and enforces the submittal of improper documentation for payment of healthcare services.

All Team Members must properly **Bill**, **Charge** and **Code** for services provided.

Billing for services not **documented** or **provided** could be a **"False Claim".**



Fraud, Waste & Abuse

All **Documents**, **Financial Reports** or **Records** must be filled out in a clear manner.

False or misleading statements or wording is not allowed.

Signatures that can't be read must have a printed name below.



Fraud, Waste & Abuse

The False Claims Act also provides protections for anyone who wishes to confidentially report suspected fraud.

Reference the SRH **Prevention**, **Detection and Reporting of Fraud**, **Waste and Abuse** policy for more details.



Summary

We all want to be in an organization that is **ethical** and in full compliance with all applicable laws.

Each of us has the responsibility to perform our own jobs **legally and ethically** and to **report** any suspected or actual ethical or legal violations.

