HIPAA Compliance
FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Is your healthcare practice in compliance with HIPAA rules and regulations? If not, your organization could be at risk for fines, penalties and even legal action. This program was created to give healthcare practices the latest information regarding HIPAA compliance, including changes, updates and new deadlines that have taken effect after the Stimulus Package.

We’ll cover all this and more:
- Clarify any compliance confusion — Get up to speed quickly on the latest HIPAA requirements that can impact your medical practice
- How does the Stimulus Law and Privacy Act affect you?
- Keep your organization out of legal hot water — Learn from mistakes other HIPAA-covered entities have made
- Take a closer look at real-world HIPAA violations, outcomes and penalties
- Tips, tools and techniques to handle the challenges of dealing with patient/medical records in various situations
- Security breaches — are you vulnerable? Damage control measures to take immediately if you suspect a breach
- Could your organization be in violation of HIPAA standards and not even realize it?
- What to do when family members ask for patient record information they aren’t legally privy to
- And much, much more! See pages 4 – 5 for detailed course agenda

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HIPAA compliance: Where do you stand?

The confidential storage, retrieval and decimation of electronic patient records and healthcare information is a critical issue facing today’s healthcare professionals. Newer updates and changes to existing laws and regulations have increased the chances of non-compliance, and some healthcare organizations (yours, perhaps?) may be at risk of serious violations without even realizing it.

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) was passed by Congress in 1996 to create a set of national standards for the transference of electronic health data. The HIPAA Privacy Rule was established to protect the privacy and security of personal health information, and set limits and conditions on the uses and disclosures of such information without patient authorization.

The HIPAA Security Rule further refined personal patient protection by establishing national standards to protect individuals’ electronic personal health information. The Security Rule requires appropriate administrative, physical and technical safeguards to ensure the confidentiality, integrity and security of electronic health information.

This comprehensive one-day training ensures you’re in compliance and your patients are fully protected.

HIPAA Compliance for Healthcare Professionals was designed as an affordable, convenient way to provide all the compliance information you need in a timeframe that works for your busy practice. This exclusive seminar offers the very latest information and knowledge you need to ensure you’re in compliance with every one of HIPAA’s rules, regulations and requirements. HIPAA compliance is serious business. Fines and penalties for non-compliance can cost your practice or healthcare organization upwards of tens of thousands of dollars. Don’t leave compliance initiatives to chance — gain the rock-solid information you need to satisfy government mandates and ensure your organization and your patients are fully protected under the law.

■ Are you aware of regulation changes due to the passing of the stimulus package, affecting both state and federal mandates?
■ Is your patients’ confidential information protected from malicious security breaches, unauthorized access or poor record-keeping practices?
■ Are you up-to-date with all of HIPAA’s rules, regulations and requirements?
■ Are you aware of the special circumstances in which your organization may disclose patient information?
■ Are you familiar with the many rules regarding when you must obtain patient authorization, as well as when authorization is not necessary?
■ Are your written policies and procedures consistent with HIPAA guidelines?
■ Do you know in which cases a parent would not be recognized as the personal representative of a minor child?

If you cannot answer “yes” to every one of these questions, you owe it to yourself and your healthcare organization to attend this seminar. We’ll walk you through the latest information regarding HIPAA rules and regulations, reveal the best practices other organizations use to manage their electronic patient records properly, show you how to establish a foolproof patient records system for storage and maintenance of electronic records and help you perform a risk assessment of your current records program.

Don’t leave HIPAA compliance to chance — the risks are too great, and the penalties too steep.

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You may think you’ve got all your bases covered, but with HIPAA’s complex guidelines and newer rules and regulations, it is easy to overlook key issues while accessing, storing and transferring sensitive patient records. This course is designed to help you protect the rights of your patients, while also protecting your practice or facility from non-compliance accusations and complaints.

HIPAA policies and procedures in the real world — what would you do?

In this seminar, we’ll take a fascinating look at the following real-life situations and reveal exactly how they should be handled to remain in compliance with HIPAA guidelines and protect your patients’ rights.

■ A family member requests patient information regarding a loved one in your care. Who are you required to provide information to in this case? Who must you legally exclude? How do you handle upset or irate family members who are demanding information you legally cannot provide to them?

■ Law enforcement personnel have arrived at your facility asking for information on a new patient who is suspected in a crime. What can you provide and what can’t you provide according to the law?

■ While handling a request from a patient, you realize that information stored on a computer disk has become lost. What should you do next? What are your responsibilities to the patient in question? What are your risks and how can you mitigate these in the future?

■ The front desk at your practice is very busy with patients and doesn’t have a lot of room for patient privacy. What can you do to increase privacy with limited options?

■ A patient’s records were left open in view of other patients. What process/procedure has been violated, what are the risks to your organization and how do you correct this situation to ensure it doesn’t happen again?

■ You suspect someone has been able to log into your e-records system — what steps must you immediately take to stop the breach and secure your records?

■ Your practice has moved from paper to electronic files — what should you do with all the paper? And, even though you’ve moved to electronic files, your organization still relies on some paper information. How do you ensure information is properly transferred to the e-files and how long must you retain the paper information?
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HIPAA Requirements Overview

- According to HIPAA regulations, who’s covered and what does it mean in practice?
- The latest updates related to privacy/security and medical records, including Privacy Rule and Security Rule
- Penalties: What are the “real” penalties you can expect to pay if you violate HIPAA compliance requirements?
- Case study: What happens when a healthcare entity is accused of breach of security?

Risk Assessment and Safeguards

- HIPAA Compliance Risk Assessment: Could you unknowingly be in violation of HIPAA requirements?
- How does your organization stack up? Where are your weakest links and how can you strengthen them?
- Tips and tools to help you identify your biggest risk areas — people, policies and procedures, technology, etc.
- Putting safeguards in place: where to start, how to proceed, how to achieve organizational-wide buy-in of new procedures
- Administrative practices: How to get your people to revise their actions, change their procedures and get on board with new policies
- Physical records: How to ensure paper records are stored and accessed securely
- Technical issues: What are the most common computer and technical security issues you must be aware of?
- Protect your e-records by limiting access, installing controls and imposing passwords

Policies and Procedures to Ensure Security and Proper Handling of Patient/Medical Records

- What are your current policies and procedures? Where can you improve?
- Proposed changes to procedures: How to get everyone on board regarding electronic access, storage and fulfillment of requests
- Who should have access to records within your organization?
- How to communicate your policies and procedures:
  - Within your organization
  - To patients and patient family members
  - To other entities requesting information
- The difference between patient consent and patient authorization
- What you can do to simplify the process and implement cost-effective security measures
Records Distribution, Retention and Destruction

- How do you transfer vital information to parties who need access to records, while maintaining strict security according to HIPAA mandates?
  - Patient
  - Other healthcare practices
  - Insurance companies for billing/insurance purposes
  - Medicare/Medicaid implications
- Who is allowed access to the following e-records?
  - Doctor notes
  - Prescription orders
  - Tests/lab results
- Documentation requirements for distribution of records: Are you following these HIPAA procedures?
- Retention of patient records: What are you required to keep, and what are you required to destroy?
- How to dispose of secure documents and ensure security procedures are in place and enforced
  - How to follow HIPAA’s requirements regarding document disposal
  - Strategies for finding the right document-destruction service
  - How long must you keep patient records? What happens if you destroy them too soon or hang on to them too long?

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Your trainer is an expert in the latest HIPAA compliance issues affecting healthcare organizations.

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