The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) directs health care providers, payers, and other health care entities to develop policies and procedures to ensure the security, integrity, privacy, and authenticity of health information, and to ensure access to and disclosure of health information. The federal government has privacy rules, which require that we provide you with information on how we may use or disclose your identifiable health information. We are required by the federal government to give you our Notice of Privacy Practices.

To Avert a Serious Threat to Health or Safety

As Required By Law

Henrietta W. Woodruff Health Sciences Center
Suite 4.105, Atlanta, Georgia 30322.

As a health care provider, we use your confidential health information and create records regarding health information in order to provide you with quality care and to comply with certain legal requirements. We understand that this health information is personal, and we are dedicated to maintaining your privacy rights under HIPAA and State law. This Notice describes our legal rights and responsibilities concerning your care or treatment and by Emory Healthcare and by units of Emory University that are subject to HIPAA. For convenience, in this Notice, we collectively refer to Emory Healthcare and those Emory University units covered by HIPAA as “Emory Healthcare.” We are required by law to: (1) make sure we have reasonable processes in place to keep your health information private; (2) give you this Notice of our legal duties and privacy practices; and (3) follow the terms of the Notice that are currently in effect.

HOW WE MAY USE OR DISCLOSE YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION WITHOUT YOUR AUTHORIZATION

The following information describes different ways that we may use or disclose your health information without your authorization. Although we cannot list every use or disclosure, we have grouped them into the following categories.

CATEGORIES FOR USES AND DISCLOSURES:

Health Care Operations – We may use and disclose health information about you for our own health care operations. Some types of health care operations allow health care providers to share health information with independent medical staff members to improve the quality of care and to keep medical records complete. Independent medical staff members remain completely separate and independent entities that are legally responsible for their own independent medical judgment in caring for patients and they are solely responsible for their own actions.

Medical Staff Members – Emory Healthcare and the independent physicians and other health care providers who are members of an Emory Healthcare facility’s medical staff are considered to be an organized health care arrangement under federal law for the specific purpose of sharing patient information. As such, Emory Healthcare and its medical staff will share health information about patients necessary to carry out treatment, payment and health care operations. Although all independent medical staff members who provide care at Emory Healthcare follow the privacy practices described in this Notice, you have the right to choose which independent medical staff members will have access to your health information.

Institutional Review Board – We may use and disclose health information for Research. Clinical Research is research that involves drugs, devices, procedures or other interventions with health information. Records Research is research that involves health information. Researchers may conduct Records Research or Clinical Research that uses your health information. Clinical Research is research that involves drugs, devices, procedures or other interventions with health information. Records Research is research that involves health information. You may opt out by e-mailing foundation@emoryhealthcare.org or calling 404-501-5565. Your decision whether or not to receive fundraising communications will not affect your ability to receive health care services at Emory Healthcare.

Employees and Tissue Donations – To support research, we may use your health information for organ procurement or organ, eye or tissue donation or or an organ donation bank, as necessary, to facilitate organ or tissue donation and transplantation.

Military and Veterans – to military command authorities as required, if you are a member of the armed forces. We may also disclose health information about you to organizations that handle organ procurement or donor cardiac, eye or tissue donor information.

Workers’ Compensation – to workers’ compensation or similar programs that provide benefits for work-related injuries or illnesses.
Public Health Activities — to public health agencies or other governmental authorities to report public health activities or risks. These activities generally include the following: to prevent or control disease, injury or disability; to report births and deaths; to report child abuse or neglect; to report reactions to medications or problems with products; to notify people of recalls of products they may be using; to notify a person who may have been exposed to a disease or may be at risk for contracting or spreading a disease or condition as authorized by law; to notify the appropriate government authority if we believe a patient has been the victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence (we will only make this disclosure if you agree or when required or authorized by law).

Health Oversight Activities — to a health oversight agency for activities authorized by law and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. Emory Healthcare may disclose health information to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services for activity authorized by law and the Secretary's request, or other lawful process by someone who is authorized by law and who is under the government's control.

Lawsuits and Disputes — in response to a court or administrative order if you are involved in a lawsuit or a dispute. We may also disclose health information about you to the person paying for your care, if that payment is not limited by law.

A Breach of Your Health Information — we must notify you if there is an unauthorized acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of your health information that meets the criteria of a ‘breach of unsecured health information’ as defined by HHS. A ‘breach of unsecured health information’ is the unauthorized acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of your health information that involves theft or为中国阅读自然的文本。
Emory Healthcare facilities are clinically integrated and part of an organized health care arrangement (OCHA) with its components and other components of Emory University. Your health information may be disclosed between the University’s Covered Components and the University may disclose your health information to Emory Healthcare if necessary to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations related to the OCHA. All components of the OCHA arrangement are required to abide by this Notice.

Individuals who work in a Covered Component must follow HIPAA and this NPP. Individuals in a facility work as a part of the facility’s Covered Component when they perform one of the following activities:

(a) Treat patients and bill insurance or government programs for that treatment. (Note: Student patients are covered by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act instead of HIPAA),
(b) Take or process payment for health care services that are billed to insurance or a government program, and/or
(c) Perform health care operations.

NOTE: The Emory University Group Health Plan operates under a separate Notice of Privacy Practices and therefore does not follow this Notice.

Emory Healthcare complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. Emory Healthcare cumple con las leyes federales de derechos viviles aplicables y no discrimina por motivos de raza, color, nacionalidad, edad, discapacidad o sexo. Emory Healthcare tuân thủ luật dân quyền hiện hành của Liên bang và không phân biệt đối xử dựa trên chủng tộc, màu da, nguồn gốc quốc gia, độ tuổi, khuyết tật, hoặc giới tính.

ATTENTION: If you are an individual with limited English language proficiency assistance services, free of charge, are available to you.
ATENCION: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística.
CHÚ Y: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn.

Non-Discrimination Policy

http://www.emoryhealthcare.org/patients-visitors/non-discrimination-policy.html