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HIPAA

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TRUE OR FALSE

- ___ 1. HIPAA is a law related to the delivery of health care. It offers protections that improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage.
- ___ 2. The Privacy Rule of HIPAA establishes standards to protect the individual's personal health and health-related information.
- ___ 3. HIPAA privacy regulations apply to paper and electronically-based information – not orally communicated information.
- ___ 4. Under HIPAA regulations, a patient must authorize any disclosure of their health information to law enforcement agencies or the Department of Public Health.
- ___ 5. An "incidental disclosure" [e.g., an overheard telephone call to a patient] is permitted, but should be avoided.
- ___ 6. A reasonable safeguard for meeting privacy requirements is speaking in soft tones when discussing a patient or client.
- ___ 7. A provider may not consult with another professional regarding the patient's treatment without a signed authorization from the patient.
- ___ 8. Parents have the right to act as their child's personal representative and to have access to health information about their child.
- ___ 9. According to HIPAA, you can share health information with a patient's friends and family without first consulting the patient.
- ___ 10. You cannot be fined for disclosing personal health information in error.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

- 1. PHI stands for
 - a. Personal Health Information
 - b. Protected Health Information
 - c. Personal Health Insurance
- 2. Circle all examples of PHI
 - a. Birth date
 - b. Medical records
 - c. Person's initials
 - d. Email address
 - e. Full-face photos
- 3. Written permission from the patient is required under the following circumstances
 - a. For treatment purposes
 - b. To share PHI for marketing and fundraising activities
 - c. To share PHI for research purposes
 - d. To disclose PHI for public health purposes
 - e. b and c only
- 4. *"Someone who delivers food trays to patients may need PHI about the patient's diet but does not need to know why the patient is in the hospital."*

This is an example of

 - a. The Privacy Rule
 - b. The Medical Setting Rule
 - c. The Minimum Necessary Rule
- 5. Covered entities **must** document disclosures of PHI
 - a. About victims of abuse, neglect or violence
 - b. To individuals involved in the patient's care
 - c. To carry out treatment of the individual

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CHOOSE TWO AND ANSWER BRIEFLY

A client asks you to talk to her employer to explain how her hearing loss is affecting her performance at work and to recommend some reasonable accommodations. You call the employer the next day, but the employer is uncomfortable talking to you about this individual. Does he/she have reason to be uncomfortable? What could you do to dispel his/her concerns?

You've just had a lengthy conversation with an ENT about one of your clients. Are you required to document this conversation in writing? What would be the advantages of doing so?

A parent wants to know the results of her daughter's diagnostic as soon as possible, so that she can advocate for services in the school. You've called all of the phone numbers provided by the mom, but have been unable to reach her. Is it okay to leave a detailed message on her office voicemail?

You typically save diagnostic reports and progress notes on your laptop. One day, it gets stolen. What should you have done to be in compliance with HIPAA in the event of theft?

You have just completed a diagnostic on an individual with a history of mental health issues that include self-mutilation, depression, and suicide attempts. In addition, she has had some problems with the law for drug related issues. You've included this detailed information in the Background and Pertinent History section of the report...because you feel that these factors affected her behavior, which in turn compromised the accuracy of testing. Should you have included all the details of her mental health and legal history? Why or why not?