HIPAA:

**HIPAA Information for Patients and Visitors**

Penn Medicine is committed to the confidentiality of medical information. We have provided this website to help you understand your healthcare choices. This website is intended to be a general resource for patients and visitors. It is not a substitute for professional medical advice or consultation. Please consult your healthcare provider for specific information about your medical condition.

**What is HIPAA?**

HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) is a federal law that protects the privacy of your personal health information (PHI). PHI includes information about your medical history, treatment, and payment for healthcare services.

**What does HIPAA protect?**

HIPAA protects your medical information from being shared with others without your consent. This includes your doctors, hospitals, and other healthcare providers. HIPAA also applies to backup copies of this information, which are also protected.

**Who is covered under HIPAA?**

HIPAA applies to all covered entities, including hospitals, doctors, and health plans. It also applies to business associates of covered entities.

**What information is protected?**

HIPAA protects all individually identifiable health information, including your name, address, phone number, Social Security number, and medical history.

**How do I protect my medical information?**

You can protect your medical information by limiting the information that is shared and by being aware of your rights under HIPAA. You can also request restrictions on the use and disclosure of your PHI and access your PHI to review and request changes.

**Who can access my medical information?**

Your healthcare provider can access your medical information to provide treatment. Your insurance company can access your medical information to determine payment. Other healthcare providers can access your medical information to coordinate care.

**What rights do I have under HIPAA?**

You have the right to know how your medical information is used and disclosed, to request restrictions on the disclosure of your medical information, to inspect and request copies of your medical information, and to request corrections to your medical information.

**Who is responsible for protecting my medical information?**

Penn Medicine is responsible for protecting your medical information. We will only use or disclose your medical information as described in this notice or as required by law.

**How is my medical information used and disclosed?**

Your medical information may be used and disclosed for treatment, payment, and healthcare operations. Your medical information may also be shared with your family, friends, and others who are involved in your care or treatment.

**What is a breach?**

A breach is a unlawful disclosure of your PHI that compromises the privacy of your health information. If a breach occurs, we will notify you and the Department of Health and Human Services within 60 days of discovery of the breach.

**What can I do if I think my medical information has been breached?**

If you believe that your medical information has been breached, you can contact your healthcare provider or the Department of Health and Human Services to report the breach. You can also file a complaint with the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Who can I contact for more information?**

If you have any questions about this notice or about how your medical information is used and disclosed, you can contact the Privacy Officer at Penn Medicine by calling 1-800-PENN-MED (736-6633). You can also contact the Department of Health and Human Services by calling 1-877-696-6277 (TTY: 1-877-772-6368).

**For more information, visit**

Dear [Recipient],

As per your request, we are providing the following information:

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PHI

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**HIV**

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**Penn Medicine**

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Please note that this information is provided for your reference only and should not be used for any medical purposes.

Best regards,

[Your Name]