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HIPAA Regulations Post Test

1. Define the concept of compliance.
2. Define the concept of privacy.
3. The HIPAA Privacy Rule requires health care providers and health plans to provide “Notice of Privacy Practices” to patients. What information is contained in this document?
4. Explain how you would incorporate the ‘need to know’ concept in maintaining compliance of HIPAA regulations and providing patient care.

5. For educational use, patient information may be used for educational purposes without their authorization. HIPPA regulations state removal of the member/patient identifiers as requirement under limited data set. List all 16 of these identifiers.

6. You are a healthcare provider. Your friend's spouse is in the hospital after an accident. Your friend asks you to review what treatment has been provided to the spouse and see if you concur. What are you able to do under HIPAA?
 - a. Access the person's chart so that you can communicate with your friend about the patient's condition.
 - b. Contact the charge nurse on the floor and ask her to look into the patient records for you.
 - c. Advise your friend that you can only look at the medical records if you are treating the patient or you receive the patient's authorization to review the medical record.

7. A respiratory therapist and physician were discussing a patient in an elevator filled with people. In the conversation the patient's name, diagnosis and prognosis are mentioned. What could have been done differently to protect the patient's privacy?
 - a. The patient's privacy was protected, nothing was done wrong since no written PHI was exchanged.
 - b. It is important to be aware of your surroundings when you discuss patient information (PHI). The patient's case should have been discussed in another room, away from other patients, or at least in low voices that could not be overheard.
 - c. No patients or patient families should be allowed to use hospital staff elevators to avoid such situations.

8. As a resident downloads a patient data into her PDA, a code blue is called. In her hurry to respond, she leaves her PDA in its cradle. When she returns, the PDA is gone. What does HIPAA require?
 - a. HIPAA says nothing because a copy of a patient's file on a PDA is not PHI.
 - b. The resident has a responsibility to make certain that her laptop, PDAs, and other equipment are password protected and have an automatic key lock.
 - c. HIPAA does not allow the use of PDAs to store PHI.

9. You are in the ER examining a 6-year-old boy and observe cigarette burns on the arms and hands of the boy. What does HIPAA require you to do?
 - a. HIPAA requires you to protect patient confidentiality so no disclosure of PHI should be made.
 - b. Patient safety is involved, and federal and state law require that you report this.
 - c. HIPAA does not allow you to report this incident, but state law requires it.

I have read and understand key provisions in the HIPAA Privacy Rule. I will comply with these HIPAA regulations while performing my duties as a Student Respiratory Therapist in a legal and ethical manner.

Signature

Date