Purpose:

To establish guidelines governing patient information transfer between LSUHSC-Shreveport and the Louisiana Poison Control Center.

Policy:

1. In order to facilitate patient care, LSUHSC-S healthcare providers may consult with the Poison Control Center without the patient’s consent. Referral to the Poison Control Center is considered part of a patient’s treatment for purposes of HIPAA and sharing of a patient’s protected health information can occur without the patient’s authorization. All healthcare providers at LSUHSC-S shall continue to cooperate fully with the Louisiana Poison Control Center.

2. If there is any question regarding the authenticity of the phone request from the Poison Control Center, the healthcare practitioner should end the phone conversation and initiate the return call to 1-800-222-1222 (national Poison Center telephone number) to assure the identity of the other party.

3. After disclosure to the Poison Control Center the patient’s information shall be entered into the PHI disclosure log by the individual provider of the information. The disclosure log can be accessed on the LSUHSC-Shreveport Compliance Website.

Administrator

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