LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER – SHREVEPORT

LOUISIANA POISON CONTROL CENTER
(Release of Information)

Purpose

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

Policy

1. As noted in the HIPAA code excerpted below, all healthcare providers at LSUHSC-Shreveport shall continue to cooperate fully with the Louisiana Poison Control Center regarding management recommendations and follow-up on patients about which they have been consulted.

   "We note that poison control centers are health care providers for purposes of this rule. We consider the counseling and follow-up consultations provided by poison control centers with individual providers regarding patient outcomes to be treatment. Therefore, poison control centers and other health care providers can share protected health information about the treatment of an individual without a business associate contract." (From page 82,626 of the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/part4.txt)

2. Full cooperation includes: release of basic demographic information as well as medical history, physical examination, current therapies and laboratory results as needed to assure safe and effective treatment recommendations are rendered. As in the past, consent from the patient is not required prior to initiation of consultation from the Poison Control Center staff.

3. 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.
4. After disclosure to the Poison Control Center the patient’s information shall be entered into the PHI disclosure log by the provider of the information. The disclosure log can be accessed at www.compliance.lsuhsc-s.edu/disclosures/.

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Administrator

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Date

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