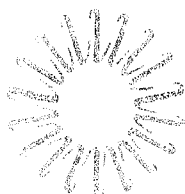


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MEMORANDUM

To: Research Community

From: Boyd P. King, M.D.
Senior VP, Medical Affairs

Date: May 12, 2005

Re: Mandatory Investigator Certification to HIPAA Security Rule Compliance

This memo is a follow up to the one you received on January 14, 2005 from the Office of Research Administration, ORA. At that time you were informed of the HIPAA Security Rule which became effective April 21, 2005. HIPAA Security was designed to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of all Protected Health Information, (PHI), electronically created, received, maintained or transmitted, (E PHI), by covered entities. Therefore, all health information that is stored on a computer and/or transmitted across the internet, including computer networks, and is vulnerable to inappropriate access and potential system outages or disasters must be protected. Patient/subject authorization and/or permission to use their PHI do not relieve us of our responsibility to protect their E PHI under the HIPAA Security Rule.

Lifespan and the ORA are committed to ensuring the security of electronic protected health information (E PHI) as required by 45 CFR Parts 160, 162 and 164. The required elements or standards to this HIPAA Security Rule have been addressed in 18 HIPAA Security corporate policies and procedures adopted by Lifespan. Since Lifespan's research community extends beyond Lifespan, the ORA HIPAA Security Policy, enclosed in this mailing, assures Investigator HIPAA Security Rule compliance. A certification form has been provided for your review, completion and signature. Please complete this form as soon as possible and return it to Patricia Houser, ORA, Aldrich 505, RIH campus, 593 Eddy Street, Providence, RI. 401-444-2099 - Phone, 401 444-7960 - Fax. You may direct questions to Ms. Houser via email at: phouser@lifespan.org.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter. Prompt return of the certification form is essential to document Lifespan's compliance with the HIPAA Security Rule.