Updated Notice of Privacy Practices (NPP) Effective date June 1, 2016. Order your NPP pamphlets and posters after May 15 and have replaced on June 1, 2016

What is a Notice of Privacy Practices (NPP)?
The Privacy Rule provides that an individual has a right to adequate notice of how Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) may use and disclose protected health information about the individual, as well as his or her rights and VUMC’s obligations with respect to that information.

The Notice must describe:
- How the Privacy Rule allows provider to use and disclose protected health information. It must also explain that patient permission (authorization) is necessary before patient health records are shared for any other reason
- The organization’s duties to protect health information privacy
- Patient privacy rights, including the right to complain to Health and Human Services (HHS) and to VUMC if the patient believes their privacy rights have been violated
- How to contact VUMC for more information and to make a complaint.

The VUMC Notice of Privacy Practices (NPP) will be updated in 2016:
- The updated NPP will be effective on June 1, 2016 and should be visibly posted in clinic areas.
- All VUMC Clinics and Registration areas will need to replace their NPP posters and pamphlets.
- All new patients are to be offered a PAPER copy of the Updated NPP and the NPP made available to all other patients upon request.
- The NPP is available for viewing in all MyHealth@Vanderbilt (MHAV) patient portals.
- The NPP is also available on the Vanderbilt Health website

NPP Content additions include: Addressing the Vanderbilt Health Affiliated Network (VHAN) Health Information Exchange (HIE) and Organized Health Care Arrangements:
- We will send patient health information to the Vanderbilt Health Affiliated Network (VHAN) Health Information Exchange (HIE). The VHAN HIE is a secure electronic system that helps health care providers and other health care entities, such as health plans or health insurers, manage care and treat patients.
  - Example: Information about the patients past medical care and current medical conditions and medications can be available to VUMC, or to the patient’s non-VUMC health care providers, if they also participate in the VHAN HIE.
- Patients have the right to “opt-out” of the VHAN HIE, which will prevent health care providers from accessing some of the information about the patients’ care at VUMC through the VHAN HIE. However, even if the patient decides to opt-out, a certain amount of the patient’s health information will remain available to certain health care entities as permitted by law.
- If a patient has questions or would like to opt out of the VHAN HIE, contact the Privacy Office at 615-936-3594.
- Organized Health Care Arrangements: We may allow those health care providers and their authorized representatives that are members of organized health care arrangements in which VUMC participates to have access to patient information. These health care providers and their authorized representatives will be operationally and/or clinically integrated and will participate jointly in utilization review, quality assessment and improvement activities or payment activities.

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