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Minimum Necessary Standard for Uses and Disclosures of PHI

Policy

Whenever NYU Langone Health Uses or Discloses Protected Health Information (“PHI”), reasonable efforts will be made to limit the amount of PHI to the minimum necessary to accomplish the intended purpose of the Use or Disclosure (i.e., the minimum necessary standard). The minimum necessary is defined depending on the intended purpose of the Use or Disclosure. Workforce Members should only request the minimum necessary when requesting PHI from another entity (except as otherwise provided as an exception below).

- A patient’s entire medical record will only be provided if the entire medical record can be specifically justified (or as otherwise provided as an exception below) as the minimum amount necessary under the particular circumstance.
- Information that exceeds the minimum necessary will not be included and/or redacted prior to release. Special attention will be given to information relating to alcohol or drug abuse, genetic testing, psychiatric care, Confidential HIV-Related Information, and Reproductive Health Information.

Exceptions to the Minimum Necessary Standard

The following are not limited by

