Privacy of Health Information Booklet

The federal government has passed a national rule regarding the privacy of health information that impacts the Medical College’s ability to use this information to carry out its mission and conduct its day-to-day activities. This national rule, which took effect April 14, is called the Privacy Regulation and is part of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). To help us educate all faculty, staff, residents, and medical students about the primary components of the Privacy Regulation, MCW has developed a Privacy of Health Information booklet. This booklet was distributed the week of April 7, 2003 and is intended to be an introduction to the patient privacy and confidentiality rules. In addition, MCW has created approximately 20 Privacy Policies and Procedures that specifically address the various elements of the Privacy Regulation. These policies are effective April 14, 2003. To review these policies please visit the MCW HIPAA website at http://infoscope.mcw.edu/display/router.asp?DocID=7961.