

Ways to Protect Patient Privacy

1st –Names: Please do not refer to a patient’s first/middle/last name or use any initials, etc.

2nd –Locations: Please do not identify a patient’s county, city or town. Instead, please use only the patient’s state if you must.

3rd –Dates: Please do not use any dates (like birthdates, etc.) that are linked to a patient. Instead, please use only the patient’s age (unless > 89)

4th –Employment: Please do not identify a patient’s employer, work location or occupation.

5th –Other Common Identifiers: Do not identify patient’s family members, friends, co-workers, numbers, e-mails, etc.