

CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

It is the policy of the Department of Radiation Oncology that all persons with access to confidential patient information have a legal and ethical responsibility and duty to respect, protect and maintain the patient's right to confidentiality.

1. All patient information is confidential and must be safeguarded. Confidential patient information includes details about illnesses or conditions, information about treatments, photographs or videos of a patient, a healthcare provider's notes about a patient, and/or conversations between a patient and healthcare provider.
2. The discussions of professional or patient care issues in the elevators and in other public places should be avoided at all times. Attention should also be given to protecting the patient's privacy and confidentiality where other patients and visitors may be present.
3. Individuals with access to patient confidential information are educated about confidentiality during Graduate School Orientation.
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