UW Medicine
Use & Disclosure Decision Tree

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Request for PHI Received

USE
Use: The sharing of PHI within UW Medicine.

DISCLOSURE
Disclosure: The release of PHI outside of UW Medicine.

Is the disclosure specifically allowed without authorization under the law?

YES
Disclosure generally limited to information required by purpose of request
Requires Accounting of Disclosures

NO
Authorization obtained?

YES
Verify the identity of the requestor (PP-11)
Verifying the Identity & Authority of Individuals Requesting Access to and Disclosure of PHI

NO
Research under waiver granted by an approved IRB?

YES
Disclosure limited to terms of the IRB
Requires Accounting of Disclosures

NO
Disclosure prohibited

Is use per Role-Based protocols (PP20a-Access Guide) which include Minimum Necessary for Treatment, Payment, and Health Care Operations
Users are to maintain confidentiality of information to which they are given access privileges and accept accountability for all activities associated with individual user accounts and related access privileges assigned to them

PP-16A Public Health
PP-16B Employers
PP-16C Health Oversight
PP-16D Decedents
PP-16E Avert a Serious Threat
PP-16F Specialized Gov't Functions
PP-16G Judicial & Administrative
PP-16H Law Enforcement
PP-16I Reporting of Violent Injuries
PP-16J Abuse, Neglect, Domestic Violence

Authorization obtained?

YES
Disclosure limited to terms of the authorization

NO
Disclosure prohibited