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# Internal Audit: We're here to help

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#### Mission of Internal Audit

- To assist the:
  - Board of Regents
  - University Management
- By providing:
  - Independent Assurance
  - Consulting
  - Education
  - Investigative Services





## Who are we, and what do we do?

- UW Employees
- Independent Reporting
- Observe processes and evaluate controls
- Full access to audit any area
  - Provided directly by the Board of Regents
  - Report also to new Audit Advisory Committee



#### Timeline of an Audit

- Beginning the Audit:
  - Planning/Walkthrough
  - Entrance Conference
- Performing the Audit:
  - Fieldwork
  - Draft Report
  - Exit Conference
- Final Report (with management response)
- Follow-up (Post Audit Report)



#### HIPAA Audit of Clinics

#### **Preliminary Objectives:**

To determine whether internal controls are sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that:

- HIPAA privacy and security policies and procedures are effectively communicated to schools and personnel.
- HIPAA training is provided to and received by personnel handling or with access to patient health information (PHI).
- Clinics adhere to HIPAA privacy and security policies and procedures.

#### HIPAA Audit of Clinics

- Preliminary Scope:
  - Initial audit will focus on HIPAA Privacy and Security controls for two clinics within:
    - School of Dentistry
    - Department of Speech & Hearing Sciences
- Preliminary Fieldwork Timing:
  - Estimated March through June 2015 (final report delivery)



## What does an audit require of me?

- Attendance at opening/exit meetings
- Communicating with audit on a periodic basis
- Assist the auditor in validating identified risks
- Discuss and respond to any audit findings
- Coordinate resolution of audit findings





### Questions?

- Any additional questions or concerns, please reach out to us!
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