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Safeguarding Protected Health Information and Avoiding Copyright Infringement – Policy of ACS Division of Education

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) takes very seriously issues relating to safeguarding of Protected Health Information (PHI) and avoiding copyright infringement. ACS expects all presenters to ensure their presentations do not include any protected patient information or photographs, graphics or other materials that may violate these laws. ACS relies on the presenters to ensure compliance with the ACS Media Rights Agreement stated below.

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Examples of PHI

Names (ie patient, physician, family members)
Social Security numbers
Dates that are patient identifiers (date of birth, admission/discharge date, etc.)
Medical record numbers
Telephone numbers
Geographic data
Fax numbers
Email addresses
Account number
Health plan beneficiary numbers
Certificate/license numbers
Vehicle identifiers and serial numbers including license plates
Web URLs
Device identifiers and serial numbers
Internet protocol addresses
Full face photos and other identifiable images
Biometric identifiers (ie retinal scan, fingerprints)
Any unique identifying number or code

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Cartoons
Photographs
Movies
Books/publications
Other written works
Videos
Audiotapes
Drawings
Artwork
Speeches
Slides

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