



OUR PRIVACY PRACTICES

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, or HIPAA, was passed in an effort to provide protection and standardization of protected health information (PHI). Sonoma Valley Hospital has instituted new policies and procedures to support the HIPAA Privacy Regulations (effective April 14, 2003) and protect the confidentiality of your health information. This provision gives you more control over the use of your personal health information and reaffirms your rights to see, copy, and amend your health information, and to learn of any disclosures. HIPAA also creates safeguards to guarantee that only those people who have a real need will access your protected health information.

Sonoma Valley Hospital realizes the importance of protecting your medical information and upholding your privacy rights. We have explained in our Notice of Health Information Privacy Practices how we will use and share health information about you. The notice also informs you of your rights with respect to your health information. Changes in regulations may require us to update our Notice of Health Information Privacy Practices.

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