

University of Northern Colorado
College of Osteopathic Medicine

Policy: Patient Privacy

Responsible Party: Associate Dean, Clinical Education and GME

COCA Standard: 5.1

Review Frequency: Annually and as needed.

Students are always expected to preserve patient privacy as outlined in Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). As such:

- Students should only access medical records of patients for whom they are a member of the care team or for approved research purposes.
- Students may not write about patients on social media in a way that could convey the patient's identity, even accidentally.

Students will be required to undergo training in HIPAA policies annually.

Students who are alleged to have violated a patient's privacy will be referred to the UNC COM Professionalism committee, Students found to have committed such a violation may suffer negative consequences up to and including reporting of an infraction on the student's Medical Student Performance Evaluation through dismissal.