

## HIPAA Hints

### *'Twas the Night Before Surgery*

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*'Twas the night before surgery, and all 'cross the floor;  
The patients were buzzing 'bout the guy in Room Four.  
His chart was hung on his door with great care;  
To make sure his name was not shown anywhere.*

*The patients were nestled all snug in their beds;  
While telemetry monitors beeped overhead.  
And I in my gown, with its crack in the back;  
Had just settled down for my clear liquid snack.*

*When down the hall there arose such a clatter;  
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.  
I pulled off my leads and flew out the door;  
With my IV pole dragging behind on the floor.*

*Away to Room Four I hurriedly dashed;  
Unaware of my gown and the nurses I flashed.  
As I slid to a halt and leaned to peek in;  
I heard the nurse say, "Sir, you mustn't go in!"*

*And what did I see when I looked in Bed A;  
But ole Mr. Claus; on his belly he lay.  
Covered in gauze and stuck high in the air;  
Oh what a sight, 'twas St. Nick's derriere!*

*He was yelling at Doris, the nurse at his side;  
To be tied to this bed, he just could not abide.  
He moaned and he bellowed about his ill luck;  
But there was just nothing for it; the old man was stuck.*

*"What happened to Santa?" to Doris I said;  
"Why's he on his belly in this hospital bed?"  
With a grin she whispered, "He did something stupid;  
He injured his bottom when he backed into Cupid."*

*But the old man's ears were sharp as a tack.  
He heard what she said there behind his back.  
"You had no right to speak, and that is a fact!  
Don't you know about HIPAA, the privacy act?"*

*"You're out of compliance, Doris, my dear;  
You had no right to tell him 'bout my injured rear!  
I'll sue you for breach, and this hospital, too!  
You won't have a job when I'm through with you!"*

*"When I check my list and then check it twice;  
You'll be in the column labeled 'Not Nice.'  
The HIPAA patrol will likewise drop by;  
To find out why you, Doris, did not comply!"*

*"They'll want to know why you opened your yap;  
A big, hefty fine on your bottom they will slap.  
And from me every Christmas you will now see;  
Nothing but switches and coal 'neath your tree."*

**Merry Christmas and HIPAA New Year!**



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