

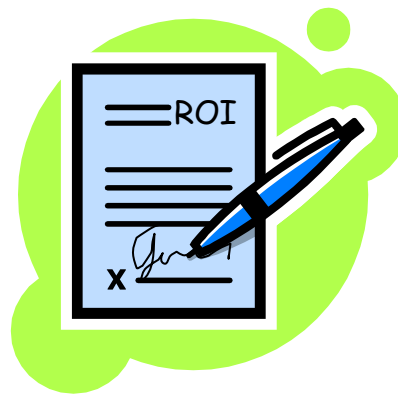
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**"Confidentiality is everyone's job,
not everyone's business."**

HIPAA Office, January 20, 2006

DID YOU KNOW?

Even a patient's attorney must have a signed authorization from the patient before a physician can release medical information to the attorney.



[UAMS Policy 3.1.28 Use and Disclosure of PHI and Medical Records](#)

Disclosure of Information to Attorneys: PHI cannot not be released to an attorney (including an attorney of the patient) unless the request is accompanied by a proper Authorization signed by the patient. In most cases, a subpoena is not sufficient and an Authorization is still required. However, there are exceptions to this - which are few and which must be followed strictly. Therefore, if requested by an attorney, through a subpoena or otherwise, to release information about a patient, please contact the HIPAA Office for assistance to ensure that the information can be released in accordance with the law.

The request for PHI must meet all other applicable requirements of this policy.

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