

HIPAA: Highlights, Hoopla and Hooey

Suggested Course Length: Half Day
Suggested Audience: Dentist and Team

As our practices become more technologically advanced, the risk of patient privacy violation increases. **It is not only necessary, it is mandatory to evaluate your practice's privacy policies.**

We've all heard about HIPAA, and it has become a big part of our daily lives. Still, many practices do not understand the new regulations and believe they are compliant if they have a patient sign a Notice of Privacy Act. The new HIPAA Omnibus Rule became effective March 26, 2013. Dental practices are required to be compliant (as of September 23, 2013).



Putting together a comprehensive HIPAA protocol and policy program can be a daunting task. In this course, learn the required changes to the Notice of Privacy Practices Form, the financial implications for willful neglect, why a daily data backup is no longer enough, and the communications that must not be sent via email or text. Gain a better understanding of the steps required to achieve compliance and protect both patients and the practice.

Program Objectives:

- Review the steps to mandatory HIPAA compliance
- Discover what is included in comprehensive risk analysis
- Determine what functions the Privacy Officer, Security Officer, and Technology Officer are responsible for
- Learn who Covered Entities and Business Associates are and why it matters
- Recognize the new required changes to the Notice of Privacy Practices Form
- Know who you must have a Business Associate Agreement with
- Understand breach notification: who must be notified and when
- Identify how to avoid fines that could place the practice in financial ruin
- Acquire the skills to manage and resolve privacy complaints

