

## **HIPAA and Patient Information**

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The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) is a federal law that applies to health insurance plans, healthcare clearinghouses and healthcare providers. It also includes clinical trial facilities like INDAGO RESEARCH & HEALTH CENTER, INC. The Privacy Rule in Title II of the HIPAA, a major component of the law, is concerned with protecting all aspects of patient Protected Health Information (PHI) and contains specific provisions regarding the safeguarding of all patient information. While INDAGO RESEARCH & HEALTH CENTER, INC's trial participants are not technically the company's "patient," the Privacy Rule applies to them as well.

Accordingly, no employee or agent of INDAGO RESEARCH & HEALTH CENTER, INC is to provide any information about any of the company's trial participants to any unauthorized parties or to anyone other than the participant or his/her parent or guardian without the written authorization of the trial participant. INDAGO RESEARCH & HEALTH CENTER, INC regards all inappropriate use or disclosure of patient information as a serious violation of the HIPAA law and any breach by any employee of the HIPAA law is subject to immediate termination.

If you are ever in doubt about what information to provide and to whom, please check with your supervisor or with management.