

# A HIPAA HUNT



**TARGET:** WAYS TO SAFEGUARD **P**(ROTECTED) **H**(EALTH) **I**(NFORMATION)

**TOOLS:** YOUR EYES AND EARS

**TIME FRAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REWARD:** ICE CREAM SUNDAES FOR THE TOP CATCHES

**Protected Health Information under HIPAA involves any individually identifiable information that can breach the privacy of your patients:**

**What are some examples to look for involving PHI?**

- Discussion of patient information in elevators
- IV bags or patient ID bands in the regular trash
- Computer passwords easily visible or given away to others
- Medical records, charts, or billing information left open on a counter
- Computer screens that are visible to the public

- Find as many examples as possible of PHI on your floor or in your department that put us at risk for breaching a patient's privacy.
- Provide as many solutions as possible for fixing these risks.
- Give examples of how you have taken steps in your area to protect a patient's privacy.

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Managers should send entries to HIPAA Hunt Coordinator(s) \_\_\_\_\_**  
**(phone: \_\_\_\_\_; location: \_\_\_\_\_)**

**The floor or department that hunts down the greatest and most unique risks as well as the most realistic opportunities for change will be the winners of the ICE CREAM SUNDAE REWARD**