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Members of AMIA:

AMIA's leadership and staff consistently value and prioritize health data privacy through our country's ever-changing healthcare landscape. In 2020, AMIA published a set of [Policy Principles](#), which details our stance on the need for health and healthcare data privacy as follows:

- Health and healthcare data must be protected to reduce the risks of harm to individuals.
- An individual's privacy protections must be consistently maintained, and their privacy preferences respected across clinical, research, community services, and commercial use of their health and healthcare data.
- Health data must always be collected, managed, and shared in ways that minimize the risk of reidentification of individuals.

Based on this stance, AMIA adamantly opposes the sharing of identifiable patient data by a provider without individual permission from the patient outside of regulatory requirements. If health or healthcare data are shared in a context that was not previously made clear to the patient, consent must be sought. This ensures that patients have full transparency in how their health or healthcare data are used or disclosed after being collected.

AMIA supports strong protections against the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI) for the criminal, civil, or administrative investigation against an individual, regulated entity, or other person for seeking, obtaining, providing, or facilitating any form of health care, including reproductive health, addiction recovery, mental health treatment, or gender-affirming care. AMIA is comprised of a community of leading professionals at the intersection of health and information technology, who are concerned about the privacy considerations regarding access of PHI and health information technology to investigate and prosecute individuals, particularly those who are marginalized in health care and part of vulnerable populations, and the healthcare professionals entrusted with their care.

AMIA will continue to advocate for health and healthcare data privacy for all patients.

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