POLICY ON:

Visiting Scholar Access to PACS/EPIC at UNC

The following is the current policy regarding Visiting Scholar Access to PACS/EPIC at UNC:

Maintenance of protected patient information is a critical component of patient health care at UNC. This policy describes the approach to maintaining careful use of this information by scholars visiting UNC for a training period.

1. Visiting scholars must complete UNC Healthcare required privacy training and confidentiality agreements prior to request for system access.

2. Visiting scholars who are involved in IRB-approved research projects are entitled to access EPIC/PACS over the time period of the IRB proposal for the purposes outlined in the IRB protocol.

3. Visiting scholars may also be permitted to have access to EPIC/PACS for the purposes scholarly activities including, but not limited to, creation of enduring teaching materials and related educational activities, case reports or case series for publication, and other reasonable scholarly activities. Any and all materials, extracted, developed or created based on medical records must be completely de-identified, as defined by HIPAA, and all such materials must be reviewed by the responsible faculty member to ensure compliance.

4. There must be an attending faculty radiologist on record who has oversight of the visiting scholar on the conduct and use of data obtained from the EPIC/PACS UNC Healthcare systems. Cherie Price in the Department of Radiology will keep a log of the international scholars and the attending faculty member of record.

5. It is the responsibility of the attending faculty to provide further instruction and oversight of the visiting scholar, beyond the requirements of the IRB, that visiting scholars adhere to strict attention to security of data, and only record de-identified data whenever feasible.

6. Access by visiting scholars to UNC EPIC/PACS data terminates with the departure of the scholar.

The most updated version of this policy will appear on the UNC Radiology web site.