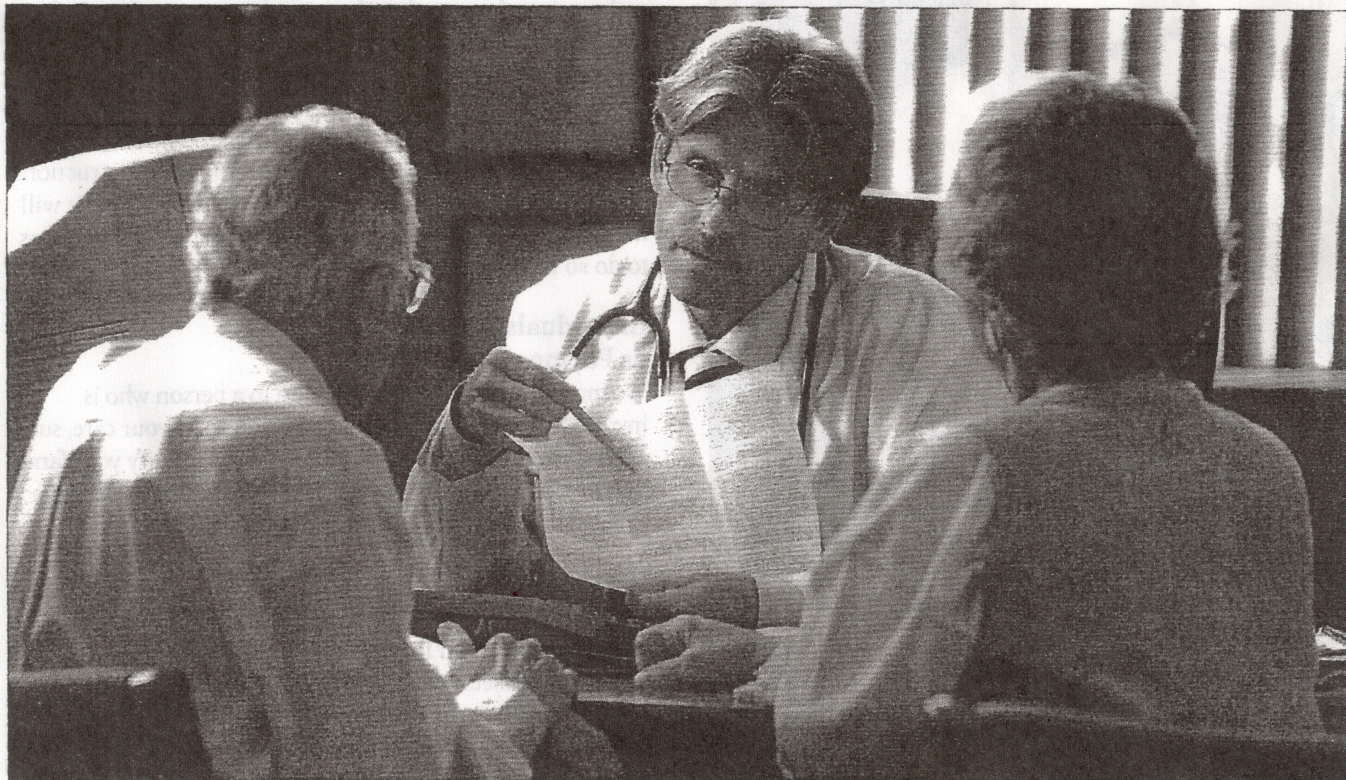


# Notice of Privacy Practices

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.



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## About this notice

This Notice will tell you about the ways we may use and disclose health information that identifies you ("Health Information"). We also describe your rights and certain obligations we have regarding the use and disclosure of Health Information. We are required by law to maintain the privacy of Health Information that identifies you; give you this Notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to your Health Information; and follow the terms of our Notice that are currently in effect. This Notice covers the faculty physician practices of Columbia University Medical Center ("Columbia University", "Columbia", "we" or "us"), including its employed faculty physicians and faculty physicians practicing on Columbia University owned or leased space, as well as their clinical support staff. This Notice also covers Columbia University Health Care, Inc.; the Ophthalmology Faculty Practice Corporation; Orthopedics, P.C.; Neurosurgery, P.C.; and Urology, P.C. (all "Columbia University"). If Columbia physicians or health care professionals provide you with treatment or services at another location, for example New York Presbyterian Hospital, the Notice of Privacy Practices you receive at such other location will apply.

## How we may use and disclose health information about you

The following categories describe different ways that we may use and disclose Health Information.

### For Treatment

We may use Health Information about you to provide you with medical treatment or services. We may disclose Health Information to doctors, nurses, technicians, medical students, or other personnel who are involved in taking care of you. For example, a doctor treating you for a broken leg may need to know if you have diabetes, because diabetes may slow the healing process. Different departments of Columbia University also may share Health Information such as prescriptions, lab work and x-rays to coordinate your treatment. We also may disclose Health Information to people outside Columbia University who may be involved in your medical care.

### For Payment

We may use and disclose Health Information so that we may bill for treatment and services you receive at Columbia University and can collect payment from you, an insurance company or another third party. For example, we may need