



The Consent and Health Information Resource Manual (2009)

The Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association is pleased to announce a comprehensive update and expansion of the Consent and Health Information Resource Manual, last published in 2004. As always, the Manual provides comprehensive guidance for all healthcare providers, with particular attention to the needs of hospitals, health systems, and healthcare facilities. Written as a practical guide for both staff and management, the Manual is the only resource that addresses the entire spectrum of legal issues involved in providing patient care and handling health information in Arizona.

AzHHA legal counsel Coppersmith Schermer & Brockelman PLC has revised the Manual to reflect myriad changes in both federal and state laws since 2004. Highlights include:

- Inclusion of the new **HITECH Act**, which makes extensive changes to the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rule. This includes practical guidance on how to comply with the new federal breach reporting requirements.
- A completely new chapter on **Electronic Health Information**. This includes guidance on providing remote access to physicians, the FTC Red Flag Rules, and other guidance on privacy and security
- A new chapter on **Human Subject Research**. An increasing number of hospitals are engaging in clinical trials, and this chapter provides guidance on the important compliance issues hospitals must consider.
- New cross-references to the hospital accreditation standards from the **Joint Commission**.
- An update of all chapters to reflect laws and regulations that have changed in the intervening years, including the most recent Arizona legislative session.

To facilitate text searching and electronic posting on intranet sites, *The Consent and Health Information Resource Manual* will be made available in CD format. Coppersmith Schermer & Brockelman has added great functionality to the CD, including adding Internet links to all primary legal sources.

The Consent and Health Information Resource Manual (2009) will be available for distribution in November 2009.

Arizona healthcare providers will find *The Consent and Health Information Resource Manual* to be an invaluable tool in managing day-to-day issues and ensuring compliance with both state and federal law.



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The Consent and Health Information Resource Manual comes with a site license that allows one hospital or facility to print as many copies as needed. Because the price of the CD is based on the size of the facility, health systems should purchase a separate CD for each interested facility. Please fill out a separate order form for each site of purchase.

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