

# Basic Rule of HIPAA

In general, anytime you release *protected health information* , an authorization is required

## HIPAA allows the use or disclosure of PHI:

Without having to get the written permission of the patient each time if the use or disclosure falls into one of a number of specific categories

## These categories include:

- (1) Uses and disclosures for *treatment* purposes
- (2) Uses and disclosures for *payment* purposes
- (3) Uses and disclosures for *health care operations*

# LGBTQ and Confidentiality

- LGBTQ: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer
- LGBTQ status or history-related to procedures constitutes protected health information
- Inappropriate disclosure of LGBTQ information is a HIPAA violation

