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