



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

SECURITY OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH CARE INFORMATION

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Some of UTD's most valuable and important assets are its information assets. These assets include information relating to UTD's internal operations, as well as even more valuable private information related to the people that UTD serves. Moreover, UTD is dependent upon sharing information with its business associates through electronic communication and data exchange. This is the reason the management of UTD believes that securing UTD's information systems is a necessary part of achieving UTD's business objectives, including UTD's financial, legal, and regulatory objectives. We are committed to safeguarding UTD's valuable information assets and protecting the privacy of those served by UTD. To that end, we believe that UTD must develop and maintain a successful security program that includes enforceable policies and procedures to adequately protect and safeguard UTD's information assets.

Many threats exist to UTD's information systems that could result in significant loss of data, money, or an individual's privacy. These policies and procedures, even those that apply at the lowest levels, must be followed by all at UTD to achieve this goal of safeguarding UTD's information assets from these threats. We recognize that establishing an effective security program involves more than just developing the security policies and procedures. We must, along with all employees at UTD, maintain the security policies and procedures and update them to meet the latest challenges of the day.

UTD is further committed to implementing security policies and procedures that comply with federal, state and local regulations. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and the standards adopted thereunder require covered entities such as UTD to establish policies and procedures. These policies and procedures are intended to comply with the mandates of HIPAA and its implementing regulations. UTD will meet the challenges of these regulatory requirements.

We are committed to seeing that the policies, standards, guidelines and procedures in this Security Manual are developed, maintained, updated and followed. To underscore the importance of these policies and procedures, employees who fail to abide by them could be subject to dismissal or other sanctions.

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