

To: All Faculty and Staff of NYU Medical Center

From: Stu Sugarman, Chief Information Officer
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Re: Information Technology Security Policies

Last month, Dr. Glickman and the Medical Center's senior executives approved a series of Information Technology Security Policies designed for this institution. With the help of the Information Security Steering Committee, these policies, which are available at <http://nyumc.net/it/infosec>, have been developed to comply with various government regulations such as HIPAA, JCAHO, Sarbanes-Oxley, and FERPA.

While the greatest impact of these policies will be on individuals with IT responsibilities, there are administrative and operational impacts on all users of technology. Examples of these changes include email of protected health information, workstation security, and access management processes. More information on these policies will be covered in the HIPAA Security training module soon to be launched with the overall Corporate Compliance [Training Program](#).

It is also important to note that IT security requirements are not only the trend among regulators, but also a major risk for organizations. Statistically, computer security incidents have more than doubled every year--from 20,000 incidents in 2000 to 140,000 incidents in 2004. According to industry news, computer incidents cost global businesses an estimated \$55 billion in damages a year and are rising.

As a resource to assist individuals and departments toward a safe computing environment, please visit the information security web site at <http://nyumc.net/it/infosec>. We will continue to update the site with information and security tips for your work as well as your home computing environment.

It is the responsibility of each computer user to become familiar with these policies and adhere to them. Any questions, please contact Hai Ngo, IT Security Officer at Hai.Ngo@nyumc.org.

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