

**REGULATORY MANDATES
CASES FOR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION**

Case #1:

You are evaluating a patient for a STEMI. The cardiologist is off-site and requests a picture of the EKG be sent to him via text message.

What do you do?

Does this violate any regulatory mandates?

Case #2:

Your medical student goes to see patient and inquires about her current HIV status in front of her daughter. The daughter wasn't aware of the patient's HIV positive status.

What do you do?

What are you required to do?

Case #3:

You have a patient with an open tib/fib fracture from an MVC. Your local orthopedic surgeon refuses to come in and see the patient despite your pleas.

Is this legal?

What do you do?

Case #4:

You are scrolling on your Facebook timeline and you see a post from a colleague about a patient they had seen that evening in the ED. It specifically discusses the patient's chief complaint of rectal foreign body and what was done for the complaint. It does not mention the patient's name, age, or other identifying information.

Is this legal?

Should it be reported?

What would you do?

Case #5:

You are called for a transfer of a medically stable patient from an outside hospital that requires repair of a multi-layered complex facial laceration. Plastic surgery is not available at their current hospital. Your hospital does have this subspecialty service available on call, however your hospital is currently on diversion due to capacity issues.

Do you accept the transfer?

What do you say?

Case #6:

A homicidal patient presents to your ED endorsing to you that he wants to kill his brother.

Are you obligated to tell the brother? The police?

Is this legal?

What do you do?