Marshfield Clinic Patient rights Assessment

Purpose: Assess Marshfield Clinic's Patient rights and Responsibilities statement

URL: <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/privacy/laws-regulations/index.html>

**Answer the following questions:**

1. Can you locate the patient rights and responsibilities Statement?
   * I didn’t see a specific section labeled “patient rights and responsibilities.” But HIPAA regulations outline various patient rights regarding their health information, like the right to access their medical records and the right to request amendments to their records.
2. Does the statement refer to HIPPA specific regulations?
   * Yes
3. Does the statement Identify the point of contact for questions?
   * The summary statement itself doesn't seem to identify a specific point of contact for questions. However, HHS typically serves as a resource for questions related to HIPAA regulations. Healthcare providers and covered entities often designate a Privacy Officer who can address inquiries regarding patient privacy and HIPAA compliance.
4. Did you realize as a patient you are entitled to all the various rights and responsibilities?
   * I wasn’t personally aware no; reading privacy statements is not something I think 99% of people do. These rights however, are important and designed to protect the privacy and security of your health information and to give you control over how your information is used and disclosed.
5. Identify one area that is new to you and the importance of this right.
   * One area that was new to me is the right to receive a notice of privacy practices (NPP). This notice outlines how my health information may be used and disclosed and explains my rights regarding my health information. The importance of this right lies in ensuring that individuals are informed about how their health information is handled by healthcare providers and health plans, thereby empowering them to make informed decisions about their privacy.