# Fundraising Under New HIPAA Regulations



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## **About The Angeletti Group**

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- Development Assessments
- Planning, Feasibility and Pulsing Studies
- Executive Search, Interim and Outsourced Staffing
- Prospect Research and Wealth Screening
- Information Database Enhancement

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- Annual Fund/ Direct Response Solutions
- Metrics-drive Major Gift Programs
- Planned Giving Counsel
- Communications and Events Design and Production
- Board Development and Coaching
- Cross Media Strategies



## Today's Discussion



- HIPAA Orientation and Refresher
- What's Changed with the New Omnibus Rule
- Issues to Keep in Mind As We Move Forward
- New Avenues for Healthcare Fundraisers
  - New Sources of Information Permitted
  - Physician Engagement
  - Grateful Patients

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## **About HIPAA**



# HIPAA is the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

- Improve the efficiency and transferability of healthcare
- Standardize electronic data interchange
- Protect confidentiality and security of healthcare data
- A national minimum standard for patient privacy
- Provisions for Security, Transaction Sets and Privacy\*

\*Patient Privacy concerns healthcare fundraising



## Summarized Historical Timeline

- August 1996 HIPAA signed into federal law
- April 2003 Interim enforcement rule
- February 2006 Final enforcement rule
- February 2009 The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) expands HIPAA
- July 2010 Pending changes concerning fund raising
- January 2013 Long awaited changes announced
- March 26, 2013 Effective date for new changes
- September 23, 2013 Compliance date for new changes



## What Does HIPAA Mean to Fundraising?

- The "Covered Entity" must have a privacy policy
- Language about fundraising within the policy is a predicate required to fundraise
- Communicate and facilitate "opt out" option
- No targeting gift asks based on health info
- Fundraisers can only know "demographic" information about patients, unless the patient signs an authorization



## What are the Changes?

- Bigger penalties (more enforcement?)
- Notice of Privacy Practice is more important
- More obligations regarding Business Associates
- Stronger "opt out" requirements
- Fundraisers can know more about patients



### **New Penalties**





# **Notice of Privacy Practices**



- Provide to every patient
- Can include information about intent to fund raise
- No fundraising language = no fundraising
- General notification language

#### Now:

- Everything from before, plus:
- Beyond notification must describe what you expect to do with the information
- If you want to use patient information in a way not described in the Notice, then you need an authorization

### **Business Associates**



- Before contract only; now contract plus statutory liability
- Subcontractors all "down the chain"
- Business Associates must obey security rules risk analysis, reasonable safeguards
- BAs responsible for breach notifications
  - Before only disclose if "substantial risk"
  - Now four-part risk assessment analysis to determine financial, reputational or other harm
  - Notify affected individuals, HSS and sometimes the media



## **Opt Out Rules**

mechanism in all fundraising communications.



- Both written and oral communications.
- Opting out must be simple and not burdensome for patients.
  - Provide multiple ways to opt out: email, phone call, returned postcard
  - Can't require them to write a letter
  - Must state that a request to opt out will have no impact on healthcare services provided



# **Fundraising Implications**

It's the best of times and the worst of times.



## What Fundraisers Can Know



#### **Before the Omnibus Rule:**

## Patient demographic data

- o Name
- Address and contact
- o Age
- Gender
- Health insurance status
- Dates of treatment

#### Now:

- All the old stuff, plus:
- Patient DOB
- General department of service information
- Treating physician information
- Treatment outcome information

# More PHI = More Targeted Outreach

Type of PHI	Clarification	Intent
Treating physician	None offered in rule	Streamline fundraising efforts and ensure communications are meaningful to patient experiences
Department of service	Includes information about the general department of treatment, such as cardiology, oncology, or pediatrics	
Outcome information	Includes information regarding the death of the patient or any sub-optimal result of treatment or services	Screen out and eliminate communications to deceased individuals or those experiencing negative outcomes

Source: The Advisory Board Company, Philanthropy Leadership Council. "Update on Final Omnibus Rule and Implications for Philanthropy," 2013



# Physician Engagement Realities

- "My contract is being renewed."
- "Malpractice rates and reimbursement deterioration have cut into my income at a time when I see hospital administrators reaping bigger paydays than ever before."
- "HIPAA makes me uncomfortable as does the fact that fundraising jeopardizes the integrity of my relationship with patients; I didn't become a doctor to ask people for money.

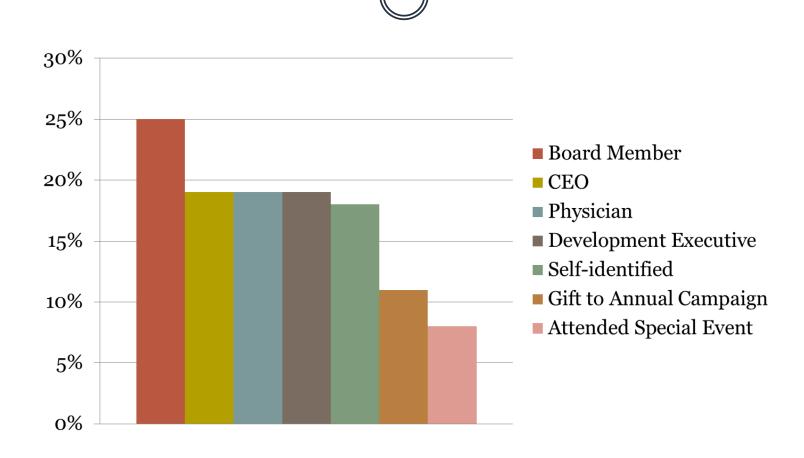
## The Good News



- Philanthropy is more important in healthcare than in any other time in recent memory.
- HIPAA is returning us to the "good old days."
- Health systems are employing physicians at an unprecedented pace.



## How Top Donors Were First Identified



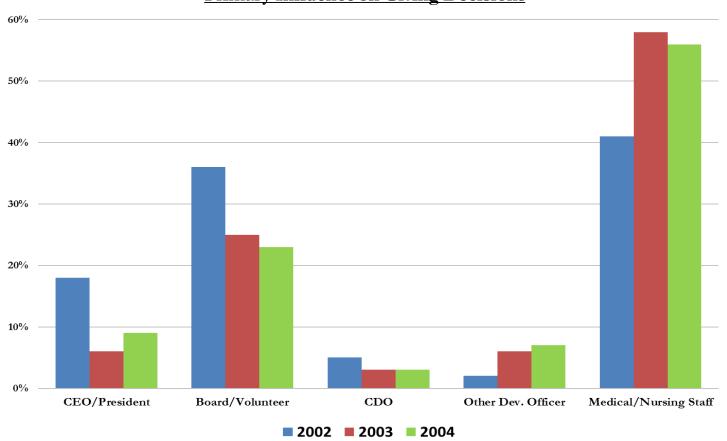
Source: 2006 Advisory Board Survey of Hospitals' Largest Gifts



# Why Physician Participation Matters



#### **Primary Influence on Giving Decisions**

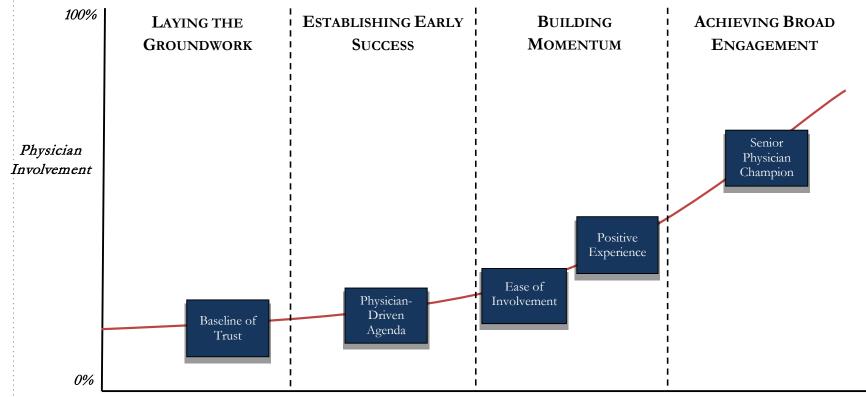


Source: Bentz Whaley Flessner, Zoomerage Survey



#### **ELEVATING PHYSICIAN PARTNERSHIPS**

#### Stages of Physician Enfranchisement



#### **Relationship Characteristics:**

- Physicians becoming aware of philanthropy
- Development office crafting strategy to increase physician participation in fundraising

#### **Relationship Characteristics:**

- Most physicians aware of development office, aligned with development agenda
- Select physicians targeted to play key roles in development efforts

#### **Relationship Characteristics:**

- Development office strengthening relationships with key physicians
- Physicians engaged in variety of fundraising activities

#### Relationship Characteristics:

- Physicians expected to participate in fundraising activities
- Development office considers growing number of physician full partners

Source: The Advisory Board



## Incentives for Physicians to Participate

- The ability to raise funds for endowments/programs that live within their Service Lines
- Allowing physicians who raise monies to be cosigners on philanthropy accounts
- Providing matching funds to physicians who raise philanthropy for System-endorsed Service Line priorities



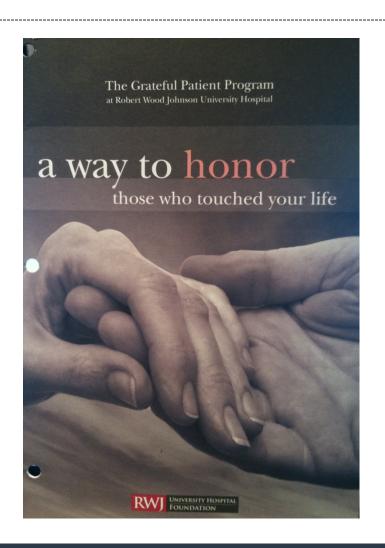
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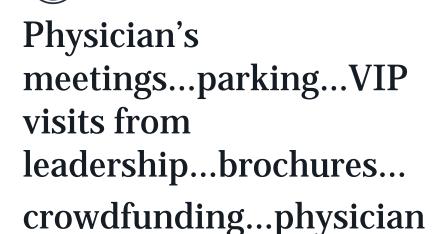
- Recruit senior, revered physician as well as up-and-coming clinical star to co-chair Physician's Philanthropy Council.
- Convene bi-annual meetings with "celebrity" involvement (board member's estate or ranch, athletes, business people, actors...).
- Begin by highlighting broad successes that have impacted the hospital as a whole as well as specific programs.
- Develop themed program including collateral that encompasses annual, major and planned giving.
- Educate and cultivate "your colleagues on the floor."
- Develop transparent vehicle/leadership presentations to disseminate HIPAA policies.



# Grateful Patient Fundraising

training...





They're all good ideas, and there is no silver bullet.



# Thank you.

**QUESTIONS?** 

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