



Privacy and Confidentiality Requirements for Suppliers

The Ontario government enacted the Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA) on November 1, 2004. PHIPA is a provincial law that governs the collection, use and sharing of personal health information and patients' right to have that information kept private, confidential and secure. Woodstock Hospital is required to comply with PHIPA.

Woodstock Hospital expects its suppliers to comply with the following requirements that include expectations related to privacy and confidentiality. Patient privacy is of paramount importance to us and we recognize that our responsibilities extend to the Suppliers with whom we conduct business.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY

- 1.0** For purposes of this section the term "Confidential Information" shall mean information or data in any format relating to the business and affairs of Woodstock Hospital, or of their respective employees, officers, directors, and customers, and includes confidential business information, personal health information (PHI) and personal information (PI) as those terms are defined in both Ontario and Canadian privacy or information protection laws.
- 2.0** The Terms and Conditions of this Agreement are confidential to Woodstock Hospital and the Supplier, and are not to be disseminated, distributed, or otherwise conveyed to third persons, other than those officials and employees of either party whose duties require knowledge thereof, without the expressed written consent of both parties, except in the pursuit of legal redress in the courts of law or in pursuit of the direction of any competent legal authority. The Supplier shall not issue any public announcement or news release pertaining to this Agreement, without prior written approval from Woodstock Hospital. If a Supplier makes a public statement in breach of this requirement Woodstock Hospital shall, in addition to any other remedy it may have, be entitled to take all reasonable steps as may be necessary, including disclosing any information about the Supplier's Proposal or Quote, to provide accurate information and/or to rectify any false impression which may have been created.
- 3.0** Where applicable, the Supplier may, by means of their business relationship with Woodstock Hospital, have access to confidential information about staff and/or patients and/or business of Woodstock Hospital.
- 4.0** The Supplier confirms that it is compliant with requirements of both Ontario and Canadian Privacy Laws and anti spam legislation, in that it will use confidential information strictly for the purposes agreed upon by Woodstock Hospital, and the Supplier. The Supplier confirms that it has a program for education of its staff on privacy, confidentiality and security of information, ensures that employees are

aware of their privacy and confidentiality obligations. The Supplier confirms that employees who resign or are terminated must return all confidential information belonging to Woodstock Hospital, are reminded of their continued responsibility to maintain the information's confidentiality, and cannot access applications, hardware, software, networks and facilities belonging to Woodstock Hospital or the Supplier.

- 5.0** The Supplier confirms that any confidential information regardless of format, obtained by the Supplier or any agent or employee of the Supplier will be kept confidential and secure. The Supplier must use effective administrative, technological and physical safeguards to protect confidential information against such risks as unauthorized access, use, disclosure, copying, modification, disposal, loss or theft. Security measures must include, but are not limited to, antivirus/anti-malware protection software, backup security, encryption software and the development, documentation and maintenance of acceptable data destruction and business recovery plans.
- 6.0** The Supplier agrees that Woodstock Hospital retains custody and control of all confidential business information, personal health information and personal information and cannot be denied access to the information requested by Woodstock Hospital due to late or disputed payment for services.
- 7.0** In consultation with area leadership, the Supplier will ensure any patient-identifying information is removed from medical equipment/device(s), brought into the organization for evaluation, or any equipment sent off-site for repair, prior to this equipment/device leaving the hospital premises.
- 8.0** The Supplier will keep current a privacy policy, which assigns a person responsible for privacy compliance, outlines a process for dealing with privacy complaints, and defines a breach management process. Upon request, the Supplier will share its privacy policy with Woodstock Hospital and/or notify Woodstock Hospital of any changes made to your privacy policy during the term of any contract. Woodstock Hospital is authorized to audit the privacy policies and practices and security measures of the Supplier at the discretion of the Hospital.
- 9.0** The Supplier agrees to notify Woodstock Hospital within one (1) business day and in writing if it becomes aware of a privacy, confidentiality or security breach relating to Woodstock Hospital confidential information. In that event, the Supplier will consult with Woodstock Hospital in identifying the root cause of the breach and the affected information, assessing the consequences of the breach, undertaking and implementing possible mitigation measures for the breach such as assistance in recovering lost or disclosed information, and determining appropriate measures to prevent the recurrence of such a breach. In the event of a breach, Woodstock Hospital reserves the right to:
 - 10.0** Hold vendor responsible for any and all costs incurred by Woodstock Hospital due to the supplier's failure to sufficiently protect Woodstock Hospitals' personal and personal health information.
 - 10.1** Terminate the contract, order, or agreement, without penalty, for any privacy breach or serious breach
 - 10.2** Take legal action against Suppliers for violating privacy and confidentiality provisions of the contract and an acknowledgement that Woodstock Hospital has been irreparably harmed.
- 11.0** When storing or sharing confidential business information, personal or personal health information in electronic format, Woodstock Hospital requires its Suppliers to provide, upon request:
 - 11.1** An electronic record of all accesses of information including time and source of access, and

- 11.2** A written assessment of how the service the supplier offers may threaten, make vulnerable or risk the security and integrity of the information (Threat Risk Assessment), and how they impact privacy (Privacy Impact Assessment).
- 12.0** On expiry or termination of any Agreement, or upon request of Woodstock Hospital, the Supplier will cease any and all use of the confidential information and will return it to Woodstock Hospital, at no cost, including any copies, or will destroy it in a manner designated by Woodstock Hospital, with proof of destruction.
- 13.0** The Supplier agrees to notify Woodstock Hospital, 30 days prior to and in writing if it will be moving, hosting/storing or backing up data or confidential information relating to Woodstock Hospital at a facility not previously identified.