HIPAA Case Studies

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Katie Roemer



Katie has over 20 years of experience in the healthcare industry, beginning with 1-800-MEDICARE and then working as a coder, educator, and corporate compliance professional. Katie is currently Vice President of Compliance & Privacy Officer for a Los Angeles hospital system.

She served as as an AAPC local chapter treasurer and president from 2014-2021. She has also volunteered her time as a mentor for allied health students, women entering the workforce, as a board member and treasurer for a daycare, and in support of mental health and homelessness.

Katie has master's degrees in business administration and organizational leadership; a bachelor's degree in business administration and management, and an associate's degree in medical transcription. She is certified in healthcare compliance, healthcare privacy compliance, and professional coding.

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Lena Eremin



Lena is an American Bar Association paralegal, who joined the healthcare industry during the pandemic. Lena found great interest in healthcare compliance. Lena is currently a Compliance/Contract Paralegal at a hospital in Los Angeles.

Lena volunteered her time at Basic Needs Center and provided a variety of services to students to help them meet basic needs, such as food resources, housing resources, and CalFresh Application Assistance. Also, she has volunteered her time as a mentor for new grad paralegals.

Lena has American Bar Association Paralegal Certificate; a bachelor's degree in Criminology, Law & Society, and Urban Planning.

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OBJECTIVES

- A high-level overview of Protected Health Information (PHI).
- Discussion of applicable key terms and the TPO exceptions.
- Interactive case studies



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KEY TERMS

Protected Health Information (PHI)

Covered Entity (CE)

Health Care Provider (HCP)

Disclosure

Minimum Necessary

Breach

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Individually identifiable information (III) that is: · Collected from an individual; • Created or received by a covered entity;

PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION (PHI)

- Relates to the past, present, or future physical or mental health condition of an individual;
- The provision of health care to an individual;
- The past, present, or future payment for the provision of healthcare to an individual;
- That does or could identify the individual;
- Is maintained in electronic or other form (i.e., verbal or written).

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COVERED ENTITY (CE) A health plan. A health care clearinghouse. A health care provider who transmits any health information in electronic form.

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER (HCP)

A provider of services.

A provider of medical or health services.

Any other person or organizations who furnishes, bills, or is paid for health care in the normal course of business.

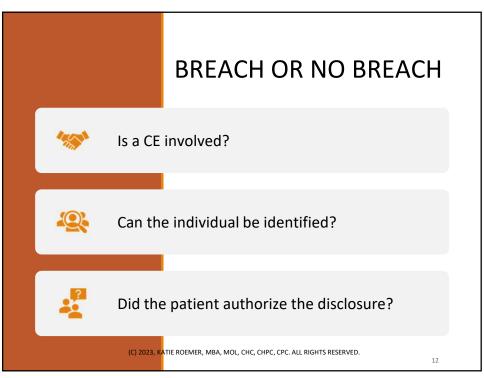


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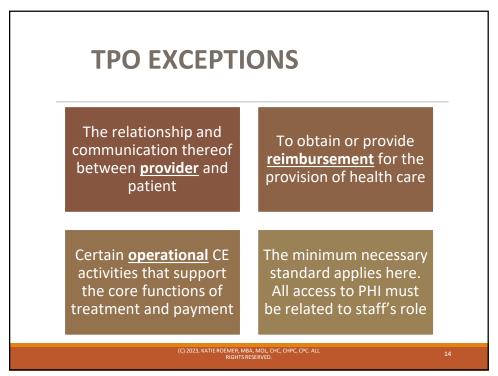
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The release, transfer, provision of access to, or divulging in any manner of information outside the entity holding the information. •Authorized •Unauthorized











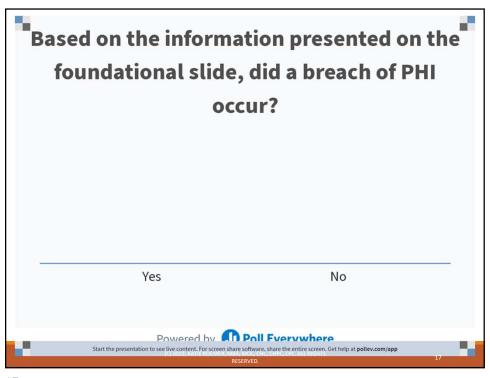
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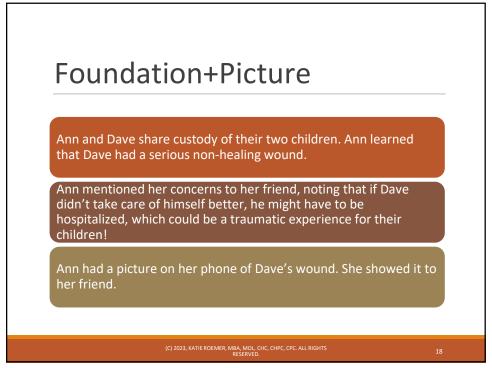
Ann and Dave share custody of their two children. Ann learned that Dave had a serious non-healing wound.

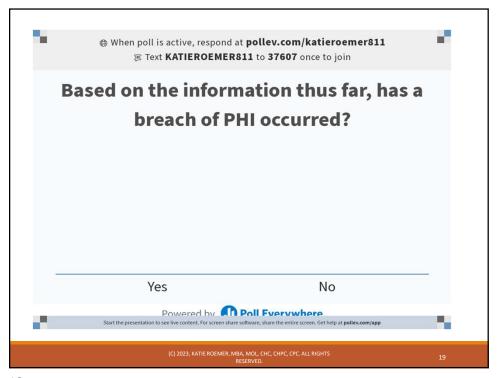
Ann mentioned her concerns to her friend, noting that if Dave didn't take care of himself better, he might have to be hospitalized, which could be a traumatic experience for their children!

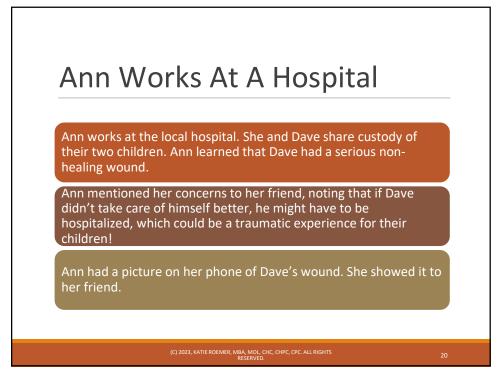
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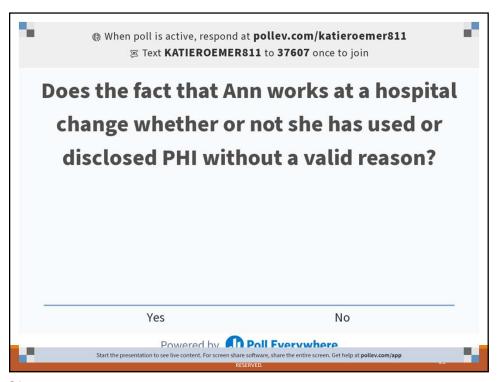
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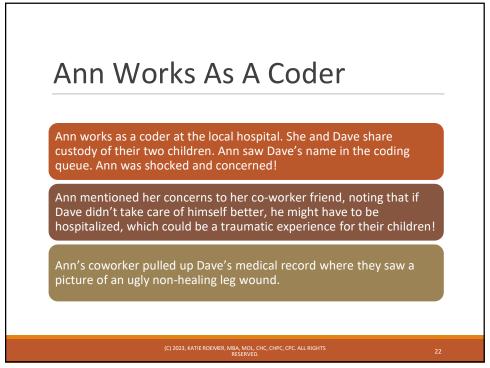




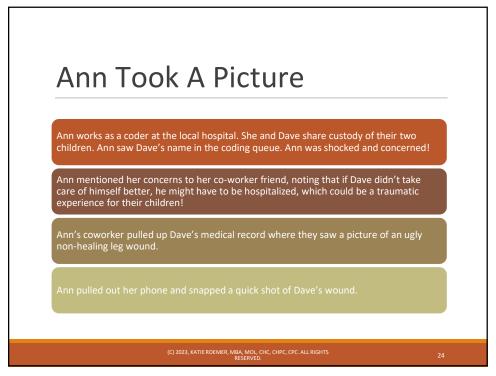


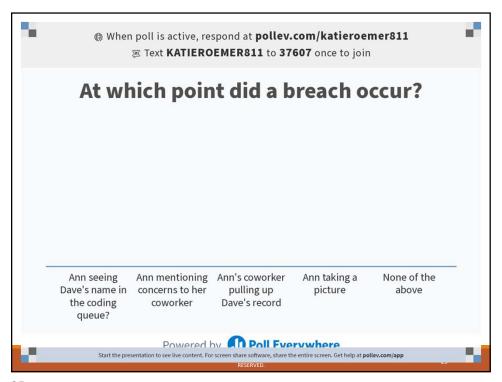


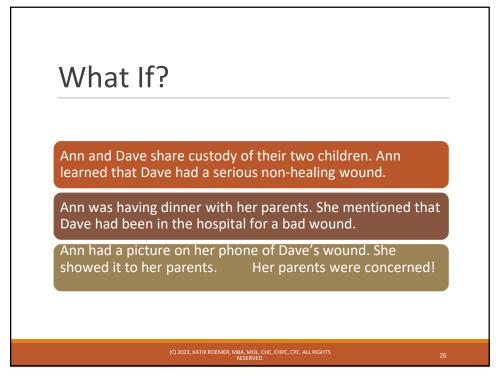


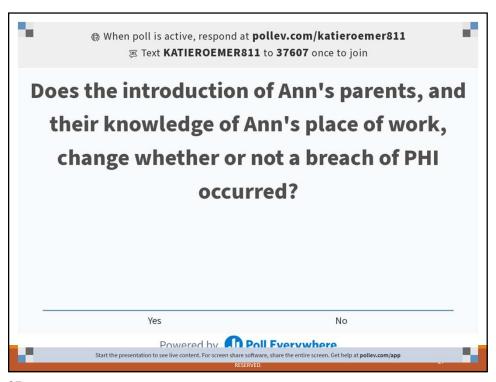


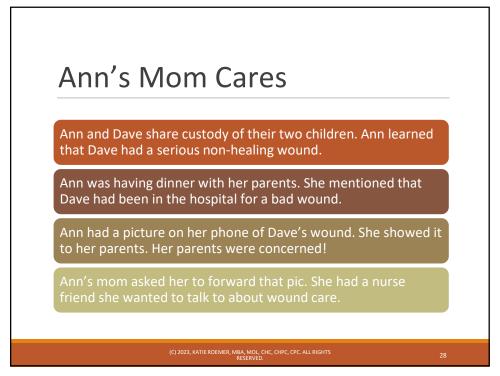


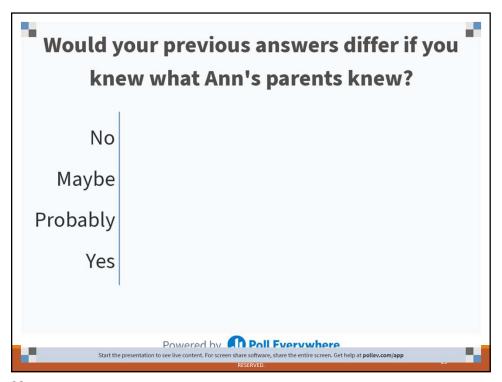


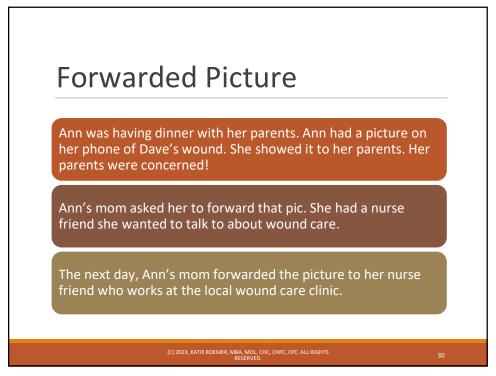




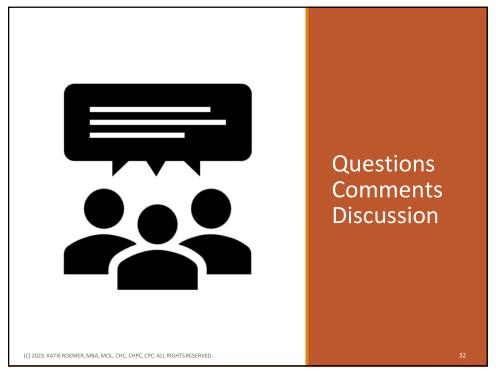












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Unless otherwise noted in the presentation, this presentation is heavily dependent on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Information Privacy HIPAA for Professionals site located at https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/index.html.

Polling questions were created using Poll Everywhere.

The case studies are based on the following real-life example:

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