CONFIDENTIALITY, PRIVACY, AND HIPAA

Circle the best answer:

1. The law requiring that patient information be kept confidential is the:
   B. Medicare Information Privacy Act, MIP.
   C. Hospital Information Privacy Act, HIPA.
   D. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, HIPAA.

2. T F There are potentially heavy civil and criminal fines for violations of the law.

3. The most common breach of confidentiality comes from:
   A. Loose talk.
   B. The internet.
   C. Misuse of fax machines.
   D. Misuse of mobile phones.

4. T F Two risks associated with sending sensitive information via fax are the wrong number might be dialed, and the wrong person might retrieve it from the receiving machine.

5. T F You may share your computer passwords with others as long as they are employees of the hospital.

6. T F Conversations on analog mobile phones can be intercepted and recorded by unauthorized individuals.

7. T F Copiers are the only type of technology not posing a risk to patient confidentiality.

8. T. F E-mail may not be secure unless special security measures have been put in place.

9. T F Patients forgo all rights to visual privacy when they agree to be admitted to the hospital.

10. T F Interviewing patients or briefing families in public areas is considered acceptable because it is a traditional practice.