

1	Records are a source of information about people. A	11
2	medical record is probably the most often used document	22
3	that is kept on a person. These records are thought of as	34
4	being highly confidential because the information they	45
5	contain should not be released to people who do not	57
6	have a need to know.	61
7	Hospitals and other health care providers require that	72
8	patient records be released only after certain guidelines	84
9	have been followed. In fact, if you want to review a copy	96
10	of your own medical records, you are often required to fill	108
11	out a release form just to see them.	115
12	Generally, only a patient may authorize the release of	126
13	his or her own medical records. There are, though, some	138
14	exceptions to this rule. Parents are allowed to have the	149
15	records of their children released to them. An agent that	161
16	you name may be allowed to access your medical records if	172
17	you have given him or her your permission.	181
18	There are times when medical records may be released	192
19	without your consent. Health care workers are allowed to	204
20	review a patient's record to care for that patient. People	216
21	who perform health care services, such as people who work	227
22	with records, are allowed to see your files. Qualified	238
23	people who conduct research can also be allowed access to	250
24	your records. Some people who work for the government are	262
25	allowed to look at medical records if they need to resolve	274
26	health care issues. Finally, lawyers can have access to	285
27	medical records if they relate to an issue that has come	296
28	before the courts.	300
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