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UNIT III – RESPONSIBILITIES & RIGHTS

TOPIC – CONFIDENTIALITY



What is confidentiality?

- ✘ As a legal term, confidentiality refers to a duty of an individual to refrain from sharing confidential information with others, except with the express consent of the other party.

Definition of Confidentiality

- ✘ Something told in confidence, or in secret
- ✘ The state of knowledge being held in confidence
- ✘ The state of trusting another individual with private affairs or secrets

Core of Confidentiality

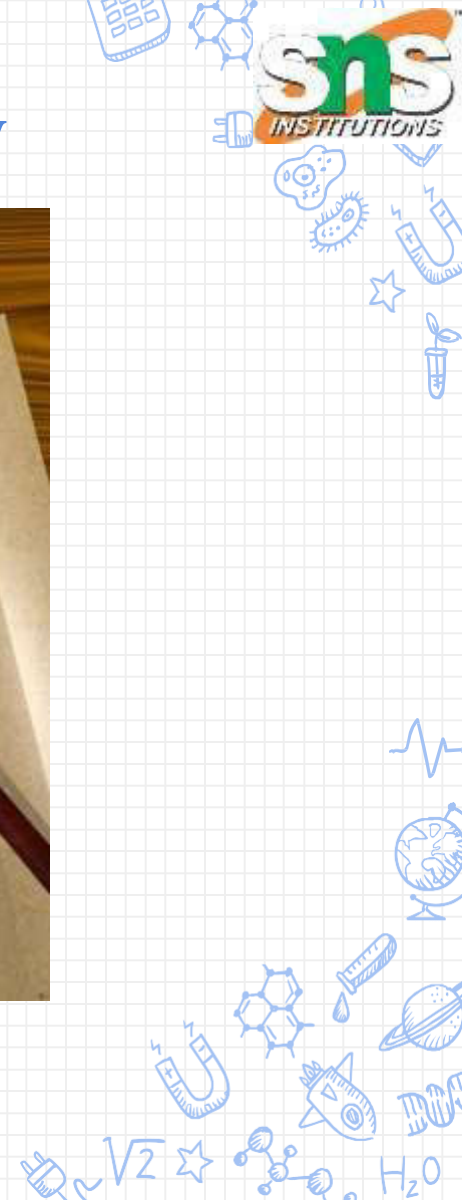
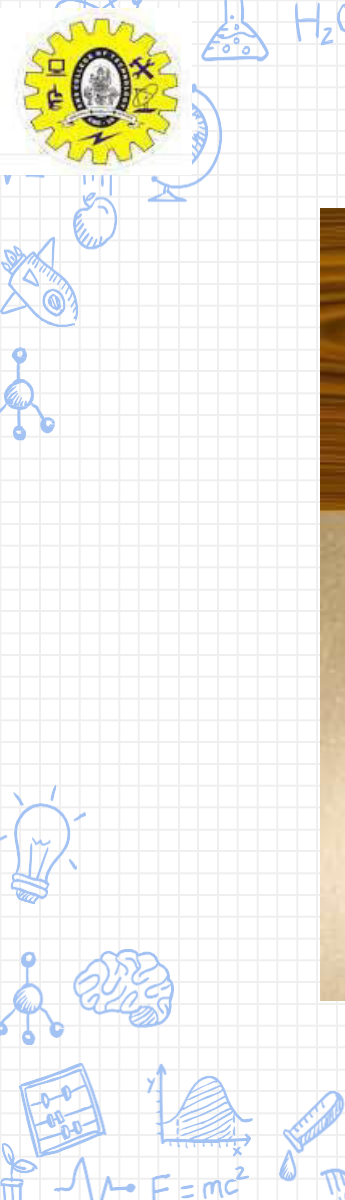
- ✘ Confidentiality is the keeping of another person or entity's information private.
- ✘ Certain professionals are required by law to keep information shared by a client or patient private, without disclosing the information, even to law enforcement, except under certain specific circumstances.
- ✘ The principle of confidentiality is most commonly expected in the medical field, and the legal field.

Attorney-Client Confidentiality



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Attorney-Client Confidentiality

- ✗ When an individual consults with an attorney, the law requires the information to be held “in confidence,”
- ✗ meaning that the attorney, and his staff, may not discuss the information with anyone else, except with the express consent of the client.

Exceptions to Attorney-Client Confidentiality

✘ While rare, certain circumstances may exist in which an attorney may divulge information given in confidence to law enforcement or other officials.

✘ This is the case if the attorney believes that his client poses a danger to another person, or that the client is poised to cause serious financial injury to another.

✘ Disclosure of this type of information is not mandatory in most jurisdictions, but left to the discretion of the attorney.

Patient Confidentiality



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Patient Confidentiality

- ✘ Confidentiality is an integral part of caring for people in the mental health and medical fields.
- ✘ Doctors and all healthcare providing facilities and staff are required by law to maintain the confidentiality of patients.
- ✘ While confidentiality in the medical field dates back to the Hippocratic Oath, laws governing this principle have become more strict in recent decades.

Waiving Patient Confidentiality

- ✘ Patients may waive the confidentiality of their medical records by giving written permission for a medical provider to share that information with a specified person or entity.
- ✘ This type of waiver is required even for a doctor to provide the patient's information to a specialist or other medical provider.
- ✘ Parents may sign a patient confidentiality waiver to allow their children's medical records to be shared with another medical provider or other entity.

Mandatory Reporting and Patient Confidentiality

- ✘ In certain specific situations in the medical and mental health fields, medical professionals are required to report to an agency.
- ✘ These situations are those in which a patient poses a risk to himself or to others.
- ✘ For instance, certain communicable diseases must be reported to the local health department, or even to the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Confidentiality Agreement

✘ A confidentiality agreement, sometimes referred to as a “non-disclosure agreement,” or “NDA,” is a legal contract that outlines the information that one party wishes to share with another, but for which he wishes to restrict

disclosure to other parties.

✘ In simple terms, a confidentiality agreement is made when a person wishes to confide in another party, but wants to prevent that party from disclosing the

information to others.

Breach of Confidentiality

- ✘ Breach of confidentiality is a common law tort, which means it can be brought as a civil lawsuit against the individual who breached the agreement.
- ✘ Penalties that may be handed down include monetary damages, which could be quite substantial, depending on the damage done by the breach, as well as an injunction ordering the individual to stop disclosing protected information.

ASSESSMENT

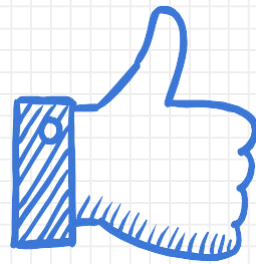
RAPID FIRE:

Answer the following questions with in 15 seconds:

- ✘ What is Confidentiality?
- ✘ What are all types of confidentiality?
- ✘ Mention 3 exceptions in confidentiality
- ✘ What is NDA?

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Any questions?