



De-identification Under HIPAA

For protected health information to be de-identified under HIPAA, all of the following identifiers must be removed from the patient's medical records before the data is released. A limited data set includes wiping information for all patients, relatives, employers, or household members.



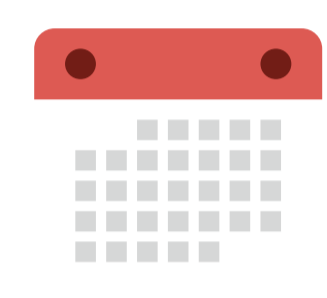
Names

First and last names of the patient, relatives, employers, or household members.



Location

All geographic subdivisions smaller than a state with the exception of the first three digits of a zip code.



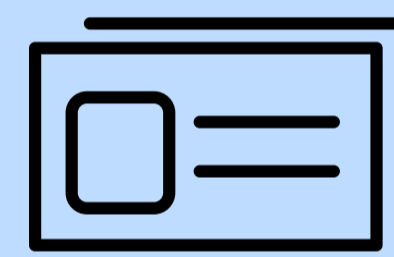
Dates

All elements of dates (i.e., birthdate, admission date, discharge date, date of death) except year; if over 89 years old, year must be removed too.



Contact Information

Telephone numbers, fax numbers, and email addresses



Social Security Numbers

Entire social security number



Vehicle Identifiers

Vehicle serial number and license plate numbers



Patient Numbers

Medical record number, health plan beneficiary number, accounts numbers, certificate/license numbers, or any other unique identifying number, character, or code



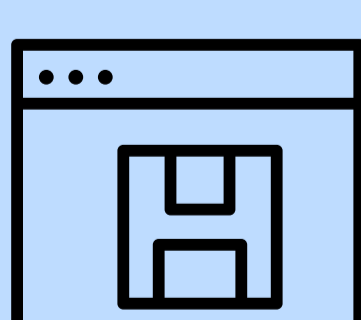
Device Numbers

Medical device identifiers and serial numbers



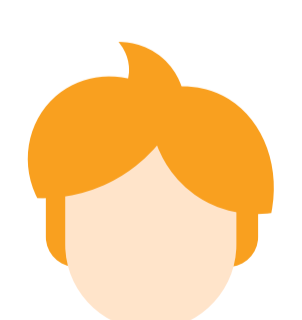
Biometric Identifiers

Data that is related to the physical, psychological, or behavioral characteristics of a person (e.g., retina scan or iris scan, fingerprint, voiceprint, or hand/face geometry)



Web URL or IP Address

A website uniform resource locator or internet protocol address might be collected during telehealth or other appointments.



Images

Any full face photographic image and any other comparable video or image