



Oklahoma State University

Title: Uses and Disclosures About Coroners and Medical Examiners, Funeral Directors, Cadaveric Organ, Eye or Tissue Donation Purposes	Policy #: PRV-06.07
Category: HIPAA Compliance	Authority: 45 CFR § HIPAA SECTION: 164.512(g), (h)
Standard: Uses and Disclosures about Decedents	Responsibility: Health Care Components
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PURPOSE:

To identify what may be used or disclosed in relation to deceased individuals.

POLICY:

1. **Coroners and Medical Examiners** – OSU may disclose protected health information to a coroner or medical examiner for the purpose of identifying a deceased person, determining a cause of death, or other duties as authorized by law. *§164.512(g)(1)*
2. **Funeral Directors** – OSU may disclose protected health information to funeral directors, consistent with applicable law, as necessary to carry out their duties with respect to the decedent. If necessary for funeral directors to carry out their duties, OSU may disclose the protected health information prior to, and in reasonable anticipation of, the individual's death. *§164.512(g)(2)*
3. **Uses and Disclosures for Cadaveric Organ, Eye, or Tissue Donation Purposes** – OSU may use or disclose protected health information to organ procurement organizations or other entities engaged in the procurement, banking, or transplantation of cadaveric organs, eyes, or tissue for the purpose of facilitating organ, eye or tissue donation and transplantation. *§164.512(h)*

PROCEDURE:

In accordance with OSU policy PRV-01.11 *Deceased Individuals* and this policy, OSU will only disclose authorized information or as required by law regarding deceased individuals.

If the deceased individual does not have any record or other documentation regarding organ, eye or tissue donation, OSU will not authorize or use any body part for transplants or any other function where no documentation is known to exist.

REFERENCE:

PRV-01.11 Deceased Individuals