



DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

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Mr. Jack Kolk  
914 Camp Creek Drive  
Lilburn, GA 30047

Dear Mr. Kolk:

I am writing this letter having knowledge of HIPAA and the new HIPAA Security Rule, and having reviewed the HIPPA Security Rule package provided to me by Mr. Robert Peterson, PE.

As a health care professional for more than 35 years, I am well aware of issues of confidentiality and protected health information that surround patient care, and must be applied to provide legal and ethical protection of patient confidentiality. In my role as a health care professional, and a faculty member at a major health care center when HIPPA rules and regulations were promulgated, I have followed HIPPA requirements carefully. When HIPPA rules and regulations were promulgated, I participated in developing the disclosure policies and procedures for our faculty physical therapy service at that major medical center. I continue to follow changes in HIPPA requirements because of my professional practice, and because of my role in teaching graduate students about HIPPA rules and regulations.

Having reviewed the HIPPA Security Rule package provided to me by Mr. Peterson, I am convinced that the package meets the new Security Rule, and provides a significant opportunity to protect patient information and confidentiality in both letter and spirit of the new Security Rule. The capabilities provided by Mr. Peterson's package will be important information that I can teach and demonstrate to my students, and will to implement in my professional practice as appropriate.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Scott Dueterhaus Minor'.

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