

## **Professional secrecy: Confidentiality Agreement**

**All personnel of Sahlgrenska University Hospital have a duty of professional secrecy. This shall apply to anyone who has anything to do with the hospital and who encounters personal information about patients.**

Issues relating to individual patients such as general state of health, treatment or personal circumstances may not be discussed in the presence of unauthorised individuals.

All data in medical records are encompassed by the duty of professional secrecy. This secrecy also applies between employees. The medical record may only be read by those involved in the care and treatment of the patient, or people who need it to carry out their job in the healthcare sector. Anyone else is considered unauthorised.

Moreover, it is not permitted to disclose that a patient has received healthcare or has in any other way been in contact with Sahlgrenska University Hospital.

Confidential information may not be disclosed to any other person, company or authority unless the Public Access to Information and Secrecy Act (2009:400) expressly states that data may be disclosed.

This duty of professional secrecy also applies after the term of engagement has ended.

### **Exceptions to the duty of professional secrecy**

Exceptions to the duty of professional secrecy may be made if the patient has given his or her consent. The duty of secrecy does not apply in relation to certain authorities according to Chapter 6, Section 15 of the Patient Safety Act (2010:659).

If there is any doubt as to whether information may be disclosed, please consult your immediate manager.

I have received the information on professional secrecy and understand its content.

Date and location:

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Signature:

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Print name:

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