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## Electronic Health Information

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Everything you need to know about the security and privacy of your electronic health information.

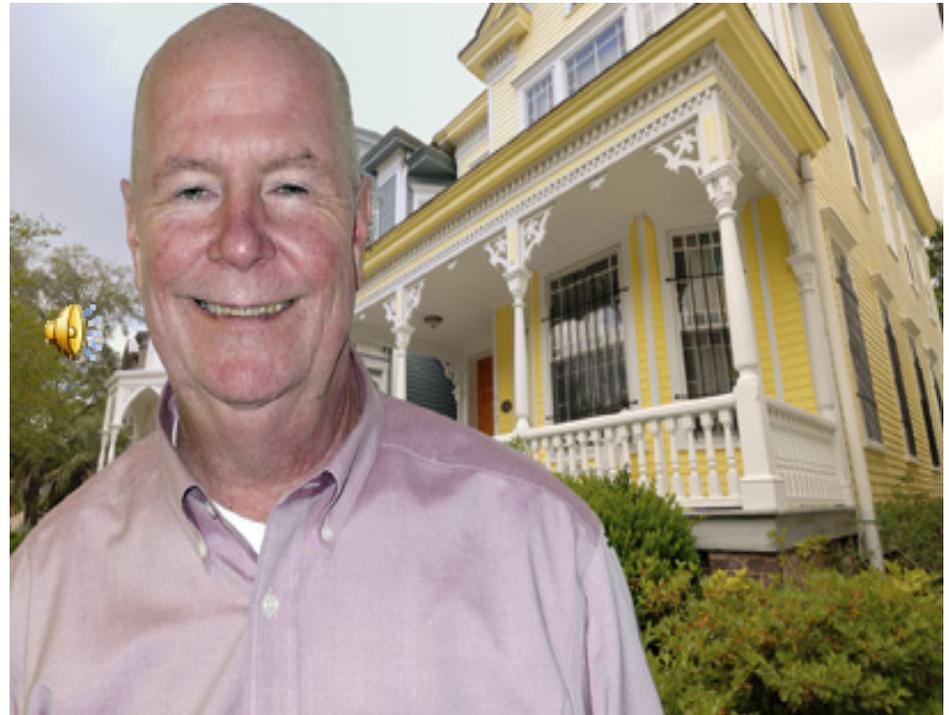


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# Meet Stan...

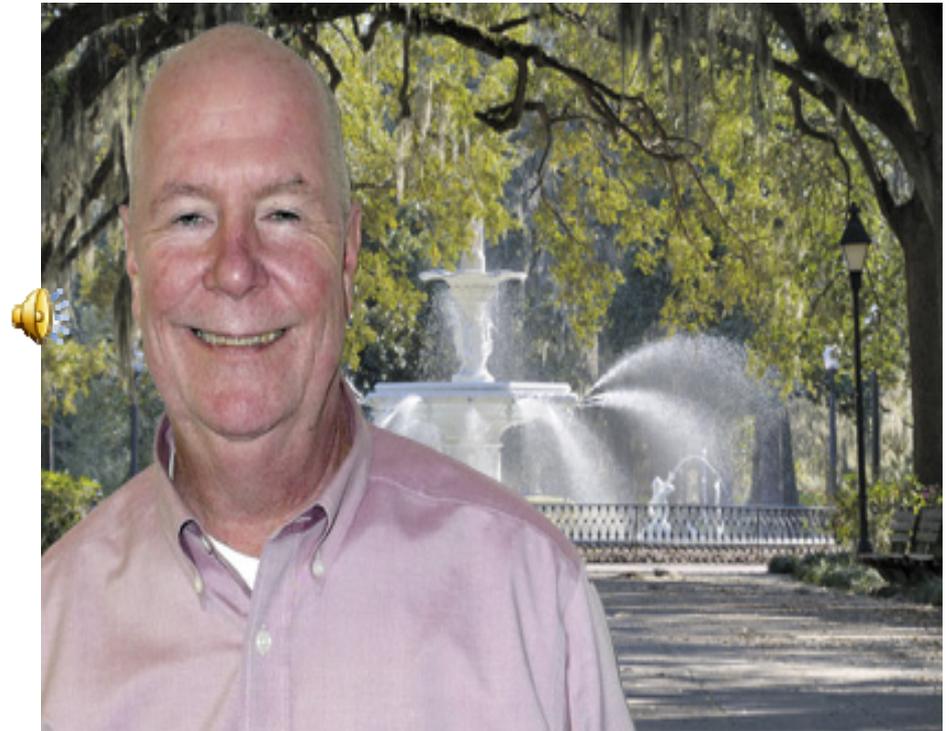
- Veteran
- Retired





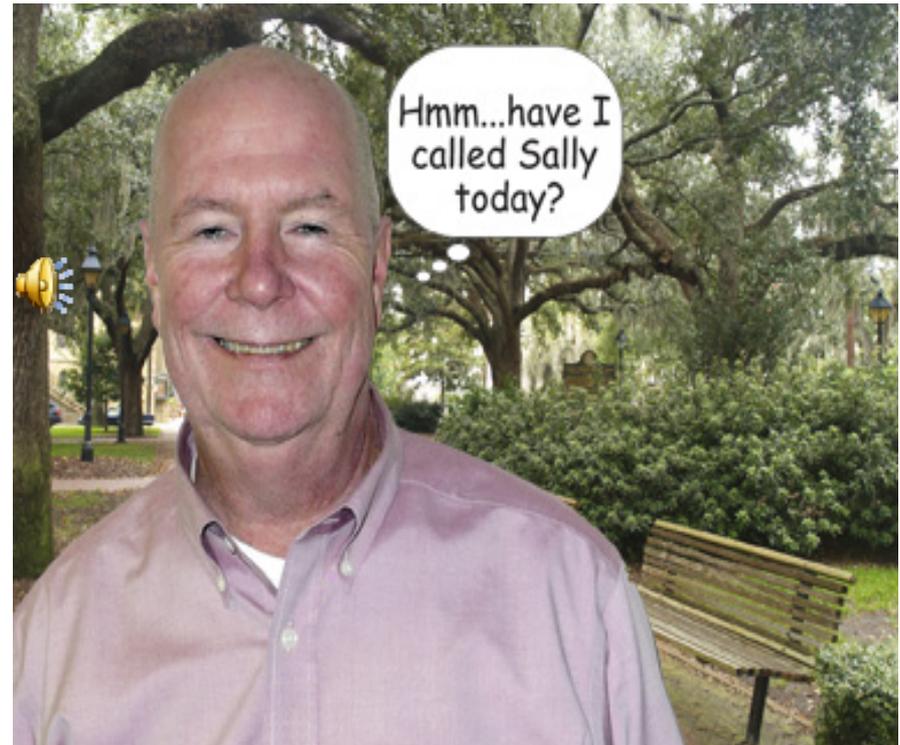
# Meet Stan...

## Enjoying retirement in Savannah!



# Meet Stan...

- Memory loss
- Diabetes





# Stan's Fall

# Ooops! 📢





# Stan's Fall Ouch!





# Stan's Fall

# 911, Help!



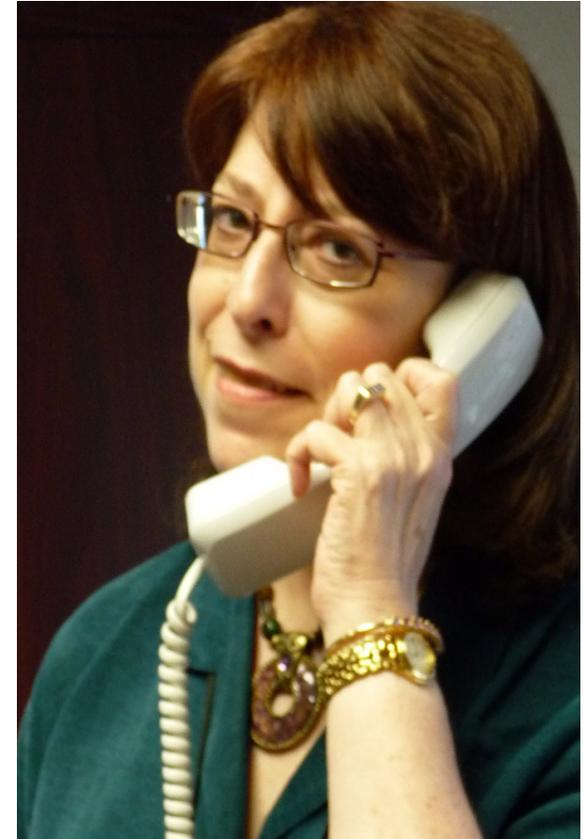
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The Veterans Administration health care system is one of the largest hospital systems using Electronic Health Records (EHRs) in America.



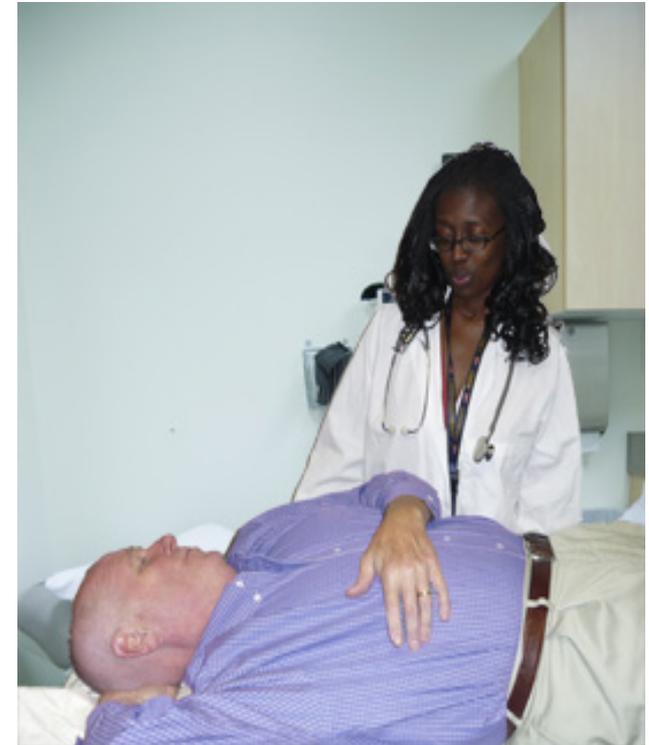
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- **Electronic Health Record (EHR)**– a digital record of your health care history
- **HIPAA Authorization** – signed form allowing health care information to be shared with a specific individual
- **Covered Entities** – health care and health care payment professionals permitted by law to view your health information without an authorization



# Stan's Trip to the Emergency Room

- Faster treatment with EHRs because the doctor had all the important information on Stan upfront. **Time Saved!**
- Recent test results on file in the EHR,  so no medical tests had to be repeated. **Money saved!**
- Prescription medications and allergies listed in EHR. **Safer treatment!**



# Stan's Trip to the Emergency Room

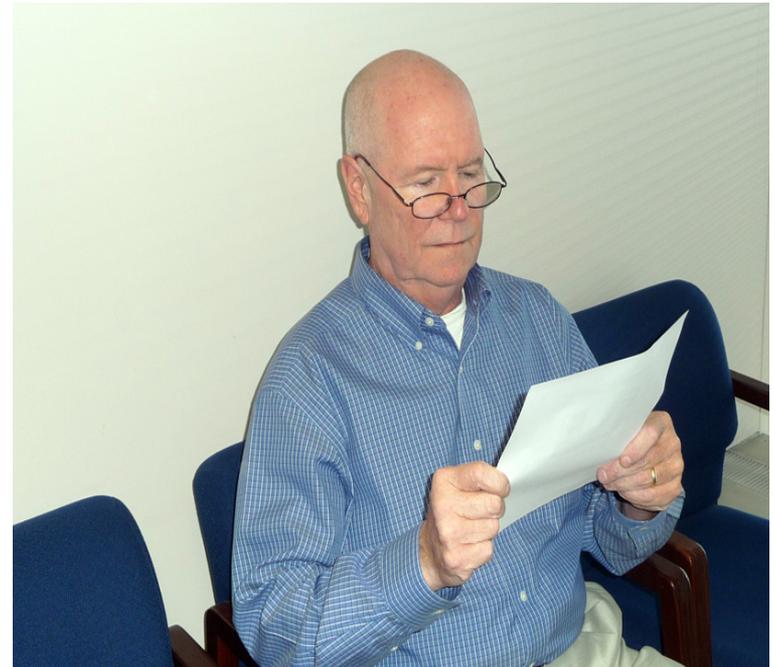
According to the Electronic Health Record, Sally has HIPAA authorization to discuss her father's condition with his doctor.



# Stan's Visit to His New Primary Doctor

## HIPAA Notice of Privacy –

Health care providers must give this notice to each new patient. The notice  explains the health care providers' Privacy Practices so you will know how your information is protected and how it may be shared. This notice also explains your rights to see your health information and how to file a privacy complaint.



# Stan's Visit to His New Primary Doctor

**HIE** – “Health Information Exchange” is the secure sharing of your EHRs by your current and future health care professionals



- No carrying around paper medical files to new doctors
- No need to commit to memory the dates of medical test or their diagnosis, allergies or prescription medicines
- No need to repeat tests!



# Stan's Visit to His New Primary Doctor

Patient Control – your right and choice to decide whether to have your information included in a Health Information Exchange



# Stan's Visit to His New Primary Doctor

Patient Control –  
– It's your decision!



# Stan's Visit to His New Primary Doctor

EHRs offer greater **Security** and **Privacy** than paper records:

- Electronic “keys” and information scrambling tools limit who can see your information
- Security tools make it possible to guard your information 24/7/365, and track who has looked at your health information



# Stan's Visit to His New Primary Doctor

Protection of your privacy rights through strong enforcement:

- Penalties for violations of up to \$1.5 million and jail time 📢
- Required reporting of breaches
- State Attorneys General and Federal Agencies can enforce HIPAA



## Stan's Visit to His New Primary Doctor

- State of Georgia has long history of protecting privacy 📢
- Georgia court decisions since 1905 have upheld an individual's right of privacy



# Stan and Daughter Sally Give Electronic Health Records Two Thumbs Up!

## Benefits of EHRs:

- EHRs allow faster access to complete and accurate patient health information 📢
- EHRs are backed up
- EHRs are protected so only authorized individuals can access them





For More Information on EHRs and their Privacy and Security...

**georgiahealthinfo.gov** - Health Information Security and Privacy section



# Electronic Health Records

Thank You for Watching! 

# Thank You to Our DCH Talent!

In order of appearance:

- Bill Tierney – Stan 
- Pam Gordon – Neighbor
- Clyde White – Emergency Medical Technician
- Iris McIlvane – Nurse
- Adriane Saunders – Emergency Room Doctor
- Alison Earles – Sally and Narrator
- Ben Anderson – Dr. Jones



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