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If you haven't heard about the Pokémon Go craze, you must have been sleeping. It is currently considered the most popular mobile game app in the United States, and people are literally walking off cliffs and falling in pools as they play it. While we are concerned about player safety, we are also concerned about our patients' and participants' protected health information.

If you are a Pokémon Go player, please keep the following in mind: **Taking videos or photos that include (1) images of patients or their care givers/family members or (2) PHI in any form is not permitted for purposes other than Treatment, Payment, or Operations and is a HIPAA violation.**

If you observe patients or visitors recording or photographing in areas where patient care is occurring or where PHI is visible, please ask them politely to stop, since information in the area is considered confidential.

Thank you for your assistance.

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