Health Information Governance

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Health information governance comprises the policies, structures, and the required procedures established and adhered to by healthcare facilities, medical insurance covers, and healthcare providers to collect, secure, organize and utilize data. Some of the health information governance components comprise; data privacy, information security, regulatory compliance, data governance, content management, and Internet technology governance. Data privacy includes the identification and protection of patient data. Some of the information that requires privacy includes medical records of patients, social security, and credit card numbers (Armautah, 2016). Organizations should develop plans that focus on preventing data breaches and responding to cases involving violations of privacy. Data privacy ensures that patient information is well protected, enhancing trust within a healthcare facility and the information system.

On the other hand, the information security component focuses on controlling access to the patients' information and providing security to confidential communications and information (Armautah, 2016). This component helps healthcare facilities address document encryption, information rights management, digital signatures, and data loss prevention. The component of regulatory compliance ensures that healthcare facilities, medical insurance companies, and healthcare providers operate within the ethical and legal frameworks and adhere to the organization's internal policies (Armautah, 2016). Data governance, also referred to as data integrity, ensures that the data collected is accurate, unique, and authentic. This component always deals with data cleansing to get rid of inaccuracies and redundant data. It also ensures that reports, conclusions, and analyses get compiled based on reliable, trusted, clean data. The content management component focuses on storage and access to electronic data and information. Another component of health information governance is IT governance. Health care facilities aim at integrating technology in their information systems to enhance the efficiency, accountability, and quality of their service provision (Armautah, 2016). Viable components of health information governance help in decision-making, improve service delivery and enhances good communication and cooperation among healthcare workers. The components also enhance privacy, security, and confidentiality of the patients' information, improving trust and reducing legal cases implicating healthcare organizations or medical insurance companies. Accountability, integrity, and transparency get enhanced when information governance gets established and adhered to by healthcare workers.

**Importance of Communication and Information Governance**

Communication plays a significant role in an organization by establishing a foundation for decision-making and planning. Managers, employees, and stakeholders use communication to initiate plans and formulate decisions for the success of an institution. Communication also facilitates coordination, increases managerial efficiency, and promotes cooperation, harmony, and peace among employees. Information governance helps organizations and individuals to deal with regulatory bodies and compliance efficiently. Private or public organizations need to implement information governance practices by setting standards of acquisition, usage, and protection of information and data to enhance the management of institutions (ERMA, 2021). Information governance also ensures that organizations get protected from cyber-crime and breach of data through internet malpractices. Leaders Initiating plans and strategies to protect data and information ensures that the information within the organization gets the required security. Protecting data and information relating to customers, patients and employees increases trust and boosts the image of employers as serious people who care about their clients and employees.

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