Curious about…

…a co-worker who has been ill?
…a victim or perpetrator you heard or read about in the news?
…your friend’s lab results?
…what’s going on in the Emergency Department today?
…a famous or wealthy patient?
…your manager or supervisor?
…someone you are thinking about dating?
…someone who is dating your teenager?

Accessing – or asking others to access – patient information just because you are curious is a violation of patient privacy.

Access patient information only as needed to perform your work-related duties. Be aware that medical information system access is routinely audited.

Privacy violations may result in civil or criminal penalties and/or scholastic/employment corrective action including dismissal. Health care professionals could be reported to licensure boards or have access privileges suspended or revoked.

If you suspect a violation of patient privacy, you have an obligation to report it. You may report to:

Your manager,
Human Resources,
Privacy Office:

- Sheila Wrobel at 402-559-6767, swrobel@unmc.edu
- Deb Bishop at 402-559-5136, dbishop@unmc.edu