

Alzheimer Society

GREY - BRUCE

The Alzheimer Society of Grey-Bruce has a longstanding policy of protecting the privacy of its clients. Our Privacy Policy has been revised to align itself with Ontario's new Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA). PHIPA controls the way personal health information may be collected, used and disclosed within the health care system as of November 1, 2004.

Alzheimer Society of Grey-Bruce clients have the right to:

- Understand the purposes for the collection, use and disclosure of personal health information
- Refuse or give consent to the collection, use or disclosure of personal health information, except in circumstances specified in PHIPA
- Withdraw consent by providing notice to ASGB
- Request access to and correction of their personal health information
- Complain to ASGB or the Information & Privacy Commission about any breach of PHIPA

Gathering, using and disclosing personal health information:

Unless we are informed otherwise, we will assume that we have the client's consent to:

- Collect and use personal health information for the purpose of client care, administration, teaching, research, statistics and complying with legal requirements.
- Disclose information to health care providers within the client's "Circle of Care" who need to the information to provide care to the client. The client's "Circle of Care" includes those health care professionals, pharmacies, laboratories, ambulance service, nursing homes, Community Care Access Centres and home service providers who provide the client with healthcare services,
- Use a client's name and address to contact a client for fundraising purposes. A client is entitled to ask not to be contacted for fundraising.

In some circumstances we are required or permitted to gather, use or disclosure your personal health information without your consent.

If you would like to withdraw your consent or restrict the way that we gather, use, or share your personal health information, please talk to your program worker.

ASGB Privacy Officer:

Deborah Barker 519-376-7230 Ext. 23

Please contact Deborah:

- for more information about our policies or Bill 31,
- to request access to your personal health information, or
- to make a complaint



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