

## URI HIPAA PRIVACY POLICY # 21

<b>Title:</b>	<b>USES AND DISCLOSURES ABOUT DECEDENTS</b>	<b>Purpose &amp; Background</b>	<b>See Memo Entitled "HIPAA at URI: Introduction to HIPAA and an Overview of HIPAA Implementation at URI" available online at the URI HIPAA website</b>
<b>Originator (Responsible Department/Unit):</b>	<b>URI HIPAA Compliance Oversight Committee</b>	<b>Effective Date:</b>	<b>05/22/2018</b>
<b>Applies to:</b>	<b>All URI Departments and Units Designated as HIPAA "Covered Components" and "Business Associate Components"</b>	<b>Revised Date(s):</b>	

### **POLICY:**

#### **I. Coroners and Medical Examiners**

A Covered Component may disclose PHI to a coroner or medical examiner for the purpose of identifying a deceased person, determining a cause of death, or other duties as required by statute. A Covered Component that also performs the duties of a coroner or medical examiner may use PHI for these purposes.

#### **II. Funeral Directors**

A Covered Component may disclose PHI to funeral directors, as required by statute, as necessary to carry out their duties with respect to the decedent.

#### **III. Additional Requirements**

Except in an emergency, a Covered Component shall consult with the Privacy Official and University Counsel prior to making a disclosure under this Policy.