Acupuncture Massage College 10 STEP QUICK REFERENCE HIPAA (PRIVACY) GUIDE

(post in an accessible and prominent office location)

- 1. Use lowered voice for all verbal communication that might disclose personal health information.
- 2. Never "call out" any information that might be considered as personal, e.g. tests required or taken, test results, medications, devices used, etc.
- 3. Do not allow computer screens to be viewed, intentionally or unintentionally, by unauthorized persons.
- 4. Exit all programs that might contain personal health information when leaving a computer workstation for a period of time.
- 5. Be certain that "sign-in" sheets **do not** require "reason for visit" information.
- 6. All chart holders must effectively obscure patient information.
- 7. All email, written, and faxed PHI must be clearly marked "confidential" and contain a privacy warning.
- 8. Never leave **files or folders open or unattended**. Filing cabinets etc. containing PHI must be secured and locked.
- 9. Do not share computer passwords. Change them regularly.
- 10. Take every precaution to control personal health information.