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Ethics

Identify the problem:

- Place the radiographers were talking about the patient: Sandy was talking about Laura in a busy cafeteria where anyone around could hear what she was saying.
- Violation of HIPPA
- Breach of patient confidentiality
- Slander, Sandy was passing along incorrect information concerning what happened to Laura and the medication she was given.

Developing alternate solutions:

- Do nothing at all.
- Tell Sandy they should not be talking about it in front of other people. Remind her about HIPPA and patient privacy.
- Inform your supervisor about what happened at lunch and ask her to talk to Sandy about patient privacy.
- Tell a coworker what happened and ask them to talk to Sandy.

Select the best solution:

- Inform your supervisor about what happened at lunch and ask her to talk to Sandy about patient privacy.

Defend your solution:

I chose to inform the supervisor about what happened at lunch so that Sandy would know the importance of keeping patient information private. Sandy might not take it as seriously if just a coworker is telling her, it may even upset her. The supervisor can inform her of HIPPA, patient privacy policy, and give all correct information needed to make sure this situation does not happen again to any other patient or family member.