GUIDING PRINCIPLES:
You are obliged to protect patient confidentiality, however it is reasonable to assume a patient would want those closest to them to be kept informed of their general condition and prognosis, unless indicated otherwise.

KNOW THE LAW:
Data Protection Act 2018 may apply to posting of recordings of identifiable people on social media without permission if not for personal reasons.

Article 8 of the Human Rights Act gives a reasonable expectation of privacy.

FURTHER READING:
Making and using visual and audio recordings of patients. General Medical Council
Confidentiality: good practice in handling patient information. General Medical Council

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