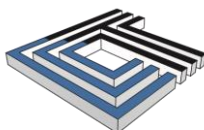


Addressing the Privacy & Security Risks of Medical Devices

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- Retired from the Air Force after holding many executive IT leadership positions
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Desired Learning Objectives



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- Define the current security and patient safety risks posed by medical devices
- Analyze the operational challenges of managing medical device risks
- Identify best practices to incorporate medical devices into risk assessments and to implement a functional medical device governance structure



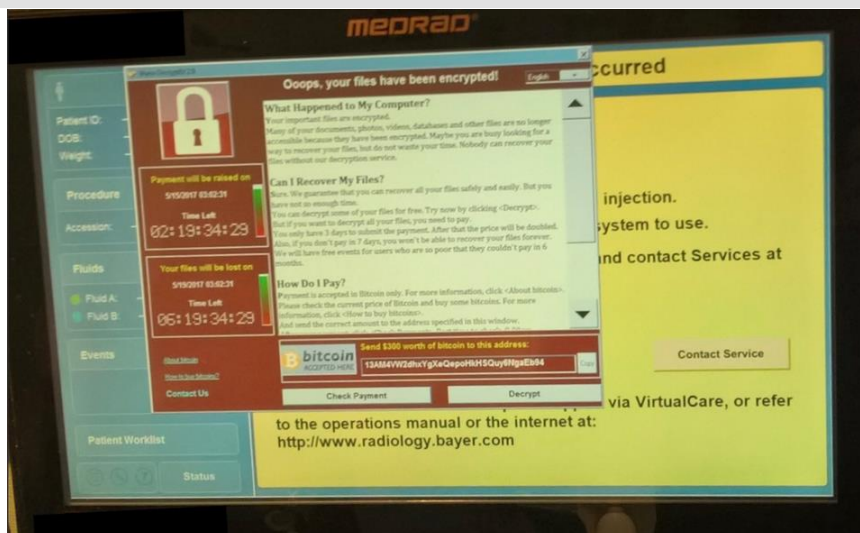
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Security and Patient Safety Risks with Medical Devices



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This Is Real, This Is Now



<https://www.forbes.com/sites/thomasbrewster/2017/05/17/wannacry-ransomware-hit-real-medical-devices/#74>

This Is Real, This Is Now

WakeMed technician accused of stealing supplies to sell on Ebay

-charged Tuesday with stealing \$20,000 worth of supplies **and medical devices** from the hospital since early November...
- ... a magistrate noted that police said he had \$20,000 worth of “equipment” in his home...
- ... worked as a clinical services technician in the Pathology Department...

<https://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/barry-saunders/article197575019.html>



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This Is Real, This Is Now

“Firmware Update to Address Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities Identified in Abbott's (formerly St. Jude Medical's) Implantable Cardiac Pacemakers: FDA Safety Communication”

The FDA has reviewed information concerning potential cybersecurity vulnerabilities associated with St. Jude Medical's RF-enabled implantable cardiac pacemakers and has confirmed that these vulnerabilities, if exploited, could allow an unauthorized user (i.e. someone other than the patient's physician) to access a patient's device using commercially available equipment. This access could be used to modify programming commands to the implanted pacemaker, which could result in patient harm from rapid battery depletion or administration of inappropriate pacing.

<https://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/Safety/AlertsandNotices/ucm573669.htm>



Ripped from the Headlines

- About 18% of provider organizations surveyed by KLAS experienced malware attacks on medical devices in the past 18 months. <https://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20181005/NEWS/181009942>
- August 31, 2018 - Nine cybersecurity vulnerabilities have been found in the Philips e-Alert Unit, a tool that monitors MRI system performance, according to an Aug. 30 ICS-CERT advisory. <https://healthitsecurity.com/news/9-cybersecurity-vulnerabilities-found-in-philips-e-alert-tool>
- October 15, 2018 - The FDA issued a medical device safety alert about cybersecurity vulnerabilities in Medtronic's CareLink programmers that could enable an attacker to change the functionality of the programmer or the implanted pacemaker it controls. <https://healthitsecurity.com/news/fda-warns-of-cybersecurity-vulnerabilities-in-carelink-programmers>
- November 7, 2018 - ICS-CERT is warning about cybersecurity vulnerabilities in Roche point-of-care handheld medical devices. <https://healthitsecurity.com/tag/medical-device-security>
- January 30, 2019 - DHS Alerts to Vulnerabilities in Stryker and BD Medical Devices – Smart medical beds subject to wireless attacks that can lead to compromise of administrator accounts. <https://healthitsecurity.com/news/dhs-alerts-to-vulnerabilities-in-stryker-and-bd-medical-devices>



And just to keep you on the edge of your seat...

- This most recent Alert puts a new lens on the issue:
 - Medical device vendors incorporated software components made by legacy vendors
 - Because of a lack of vendor transparency, providers have ZERO visibility of the security risks until it is too late

URGENT/11 Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities in a Widely-Used Third-Party Software Component May Introduce Risks During Use of Certain Medical Devices: FDA Safety Communication

Date Issued: October 1, 2019

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is informing patients, health care providers and facility staff, and manufacturers about cybersecurity vulnerabilities that may introduce risks for certain medical devices and hospital networks. The FDA is not aware of any confirmed adverse events related to these vulnerabilities. However, software to exploit these vulnerabilities is already publicly available.

A security firm has identified 11 vulnerabilities, named "URGENT/11." These vulnerabilities may allow anyone to remotely take control of the medical device and change its function, cause denial of service, or cause information leaks or logical flaws, which may prevent device function.

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/safety-communications/urgent11-cybersecurity-vulnerabilities-widely-used-third-party-software-component-may-introduce>



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But Why All the Attention Now. . .

- Medical device security was thrust into the spotlight in 2018, as the Food and Drug Administration continued to bolster its cybersecurity program.
- August 2018 MedCrypt report found that since the FDA released its cybersecurity guidance in 2016, medical device vendors reported 400 percent more vulnerabilities per quarter.



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And Why Is This a Compliance Problem?

- There are several medical device risks that can adversely impact healthcare organizations, including:
 - **Compliance risks:** medical devices contain electronic protected health information, so devices that are lost, stolen, or accessed by unauthorized individuals result in privacy incidents which must be investigated, and potentially reported as breaches



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Operational Challenges of Securing Medical Devices



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Historical Perspective – Starting with Culture

Skipping through history...

- 35 years ago Clinical Engineering was maintenance focused
 - Management/consulting services & support for discrete equipment



While on the other side...

- IT historically was focused on the business side of healthcare
 - Accounting, billing, A/P and P/R, Supply Chain

Many providers still have not closed the chasm between the two cultures

- Clinical Engineering departments typically do not report to IT departments
 - Clinical Engineering reports to Operations, Procurement, Facilities, or sometimes to vendors
- Compliance and Security teams are often left outside the door



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Securing Medical Devices Is Hard, Technically...

- Unlike IT-managed laptops & servers, medical devices...
 - Are sometimes purchased new with obsolete/EOL operating systems
 - May not have the ability to integrate endpoint protection software
 - Are generally not designed to be remotely managed
 - Are installed with default user ID and passwords
 - May not have the ability to be encrypted

– AND..., security is just not considered a priority



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Are the Manufacturers On-Board?

- 67% of medical device makers
 - Believe their devices are likely to be attacked in next 12 mo.¹
- 17% of device makers
 - Are taking significant steps to prevent attacks²
- 10 to 15 connected devices
 - Per bed in U.S. hospitals³

¹Synopsys, "Medical Device Security: An Industry Under Attack and Unprepared to Defend," <https://www.synopsys.com/software-integrity/resources/analyst-reports/medical-device-security-report.html>

²Ibid.

³Newman, L.H.; "Medical Devices Are the Next Security Nightmare," Wired, 2 March 2017, <https://www.wired.com/2017/03/medical-devices-next-security-nightmare/>



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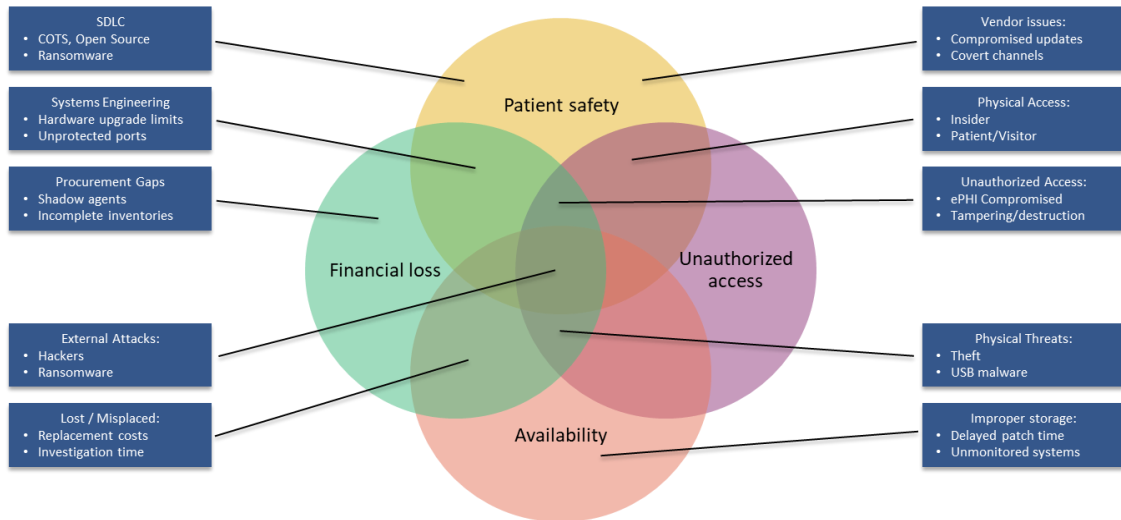
Compliance Challenges

- Asset management gaps
 - Visibility issues
 - Cultural issues
 - Accountability
- Access management gaps
 - Always on
 - Generic logins, if used at all
- Physical management
 - 10+ devices per hospital bed
- Technical vulnerabilities
 - Lax regulatory security focus
 - Delays between alerts/action
 - Legacy operating systems
 - Vulnerability scanning risks
- Resource gaps
 - Staff focused on physical assets
- Risk management lethargy
 - Risk assessment scope



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Identifying All Risk Vectors



Medical Device Management Best Practices (or Five Easy Pieces)



1: Recognizing the Future, For it Is Already Upon Us

- Integrated medical systems whose function includes:
 - Store & permit retrieval of physiological data & images
 - Permit remote viewing of stored data/images by physicians & clinicians
 - Chart information to the EMR
 - Ingest personal data from personal wearables and remote monitor
- Examples of these integrated medical systems:
 - DB servers (physiologic monitoring)
 - Cardiac Cath lab and Diagnostic Cardia ultrasound
 - Endoscopy
 - Pacs/Lab/RX
 - Alarms
 - Fitbit



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2: Identify the Drivers to CE-IT Convergence

- Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE)
- Patient Safety and Quality Outcomes Management
- Telemedicine
- Increasing application of:
 - RFID, DICOM, Bluetooth, WiFi
- Increased Government/Industry Focus
 - FDA, MDS2, other initiatives
- Information Security – integrity, availability, confidentiality
 - Cybersecurity, Privacy, Disruption (ransomware, DDoS)



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3: Develop Management Solutions

- Biomedical devices are not just hardware
 - Treat them as computing endpoints
 - Treat them as if they contain patient data – many do!
 - Protect them from unauthorized physical and network access
 - You must presume a breach if lost, stolen, or even out of your control
- Addressing biomedical risks is a management problem
 - Accountability stops w/CEO, but departments share responsibility
 - The CISO and compliance must act as a team to assess these risks
- Look at newer tools that can passively scan
 - These also interface with the common CMMS applications
 - Consider outsourcing the security management to address talent gaps



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4: Demonstrate That You Have A Problem

Conduct a litmus test to identify the extent of the problem

1. Ask for a copy of the Could Not Locate (CNL) list for previous 12 months
2. Determine if any devices on the list can create and store ePHI
3. For devices ID'ed in #2 above, ask if you have reported (or will report) a breach or have a documented "low probability of compromise" in your files
4. For all remaining devices, ask how any technical vulnerabilities have been remediated



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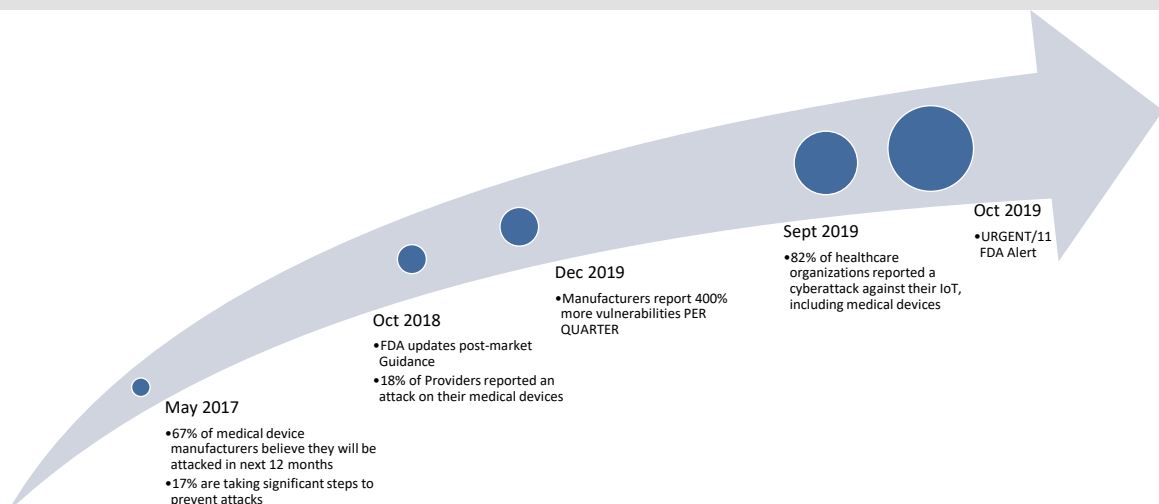
5: Adopt a Framework

- Good security hygiene and awareness are key...
- But, there is no one-size-fits-all answer, this is unique to each org.
 - Key factors that make the difference:
 - Leadership style
 - Leaderships risk tolerance
 - Corporate/practice culture
 - The message needs to be delivered in a way the recipient can understand, in their terms
 - Training materials you find or get from outside need to be customized



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A new lens to focus on the problem



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Thank You!

We look forward to working together!



Questions?



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