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Cyber Threats and Compliance Challenges: How to Manage Technology Risk

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Who We Are

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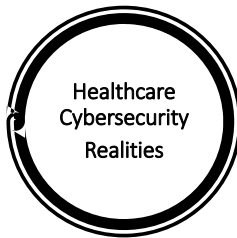
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Healthcare As A Target



- General lack of cybersecurity & compliance knowledge
- Continued failure to secure critical data
- Lack of staff training initiatives
- Misconception that smaller organization means smaller risk
- Assumption that templates or frameworks are one size fits all
- Shaping approach and not shaping culture

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Healthcare As A Target



- The healthcare industry ranks fifteenth in terms of cybersecurity health when compared to seventeen other major U. S. industries
- The healthcare industry is one of the lowest performing industries in terms of endpoint security
- Social engineering attacks continue to be a common attack vector
- The most common cybersecurity issues in the healthcare industry relate to poor patching cadence
- Healthcare organizations, even top performers, struggled with patching cadence and network security


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Top Threats



- Hacking
- Ransomware
- Email
 - Phishing
 - Scams
 - Credential Theft
- External Devices
- Viruses, Malware, and Adware are still concerns, but Ransomware has dominated and is now the most significant threat

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Ransomware

- New attack every 14 seconds
- 50% of infections were healthcare
- 300% more attacks on healthcare expected in 2020

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The Problem with People

- Insider threats are your biggest risk
- Device loss and theft
- Lack of knowledge and training
- Don't follow or understand safeguards
- Lack of IT support or IT not at the table
- Don't know what to do when things go wrong



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Laws and Other Standards



- Cybersecurity is relevant to numerous regulations
 - Health Care Compliance Plan
 - HIPAA (Privacy and Security Rule!)
 - Requirements of Participation
 - CMS Emergency Preparedness
 - State cybersecurity/data protection laws and consumer protection statutes
 - and more!!

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Ten things to
do right now!



Cybersecurity is an ongoing,
constantly evolving effort



Keep informed on emerging threats



You can't create a cyber
compliance program out of thin air.
Look to the biggest risk areas as a
starting point

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1. Train. Train Again. Keep Training.

- Staff awareness: know the threats, not just the rules
- Training on hire is only the beginning
- Set work plan for role-based training
- Bite-sized pieces are easier to digest
- Did something go wrong? Time to train. Again. Embrace the repetitive.
- This stuff is fun! It pertains to real life!

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2. Policies and Procedures: Make them Meaningful!

- Many statutes **require** written policies
 - Major risk areas require written policies even where policy may not be required by statute.
- Caveat: a policy collecting dust can create bigger problems. Share, educate, update!
- Apply consistently, sanction for violations

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3. Get your HIPAA House in Order

- You need a HIPAA Security Rule Risk Analysis and plan to address identified risks.
- The Risk Analysis is the start to a process that never ends
- Risk analysis can be DIY, conducted by a third party, can use or not use HHS tool – but it must be done!
- Identify your Security Officer **and** your key contacts for HIPAA compliance
- Inventory hardware, software, mobile devices
- Security Rule is one part of overall HIPAA compliance – Privacy Rule, Business Associate rules, Breach rules all should factor into that work plan.

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4. Manage Mobile Devices

- Get mobile devices under control – know who has them, where they are at all times, and how they can be used
- Develop a mobile device policy. Key considerations:
 - Mobile Device management
 - BYOD
- Encryption – including removable drives!

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5. Evaluate your Email

- Who needs it?
- Limit Email rights
- Policy on usage
- Train on common email schemes:
 - Phishing – What it looks like and who to contact
 - Credential Theft – how to spot the trickiest attempts

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6. Access Controls

- User Accounts require careful creation per policy – avoid the copy & paste approach!
- Account terminations require a STRICT policy that people actually follow!
- PoLP should guide access rights policy
- Auditing – put user account creation and termination review on your work plan
- Admin Rights – Limit, define by policy, and revisit – Prepare to be unpopular!
- Removable drives
- Passwords

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7. Data Transmission



- Data should only be in motion as defined in policy
- VPN for remote use
- Email encryption
- Texting

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8. Watch out for WiFi



- Open networks can be dangerous
- VPN and data transmission
- Policies and procedures – for use of your WiFi and for your Mobile Devices out in the wild
- Control of WiFi?
 - Separation of networks

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9. Integrate IT



- Whether in-house or contracted, you need technology knowledge at the table
- Technology and security are crucial components of operational strategy

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10. Plan For The Worst



- Threats evolve, and even the most prepared organization will face breaches
- Form a Cyber Incident Response Team
- Train
 - What to do if you discover ransomware
 - What to do if you lose your laptop
 - How do you stop the bleeding?
- Develop a consistent policy on reporting breaches

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Questions?

