

# NAVIGATING DIGITAL DATA AND MANAGING CYBERSECURITY COMPLIANCE

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# WHO WE ARE



## **What should scare you?**

Gain a better understanding of various threats to data (employee and patient!)

## **Why should it scare you?**

Health care is a prime target for cyber attacks – creating operational AND legal nightmares.

## **How to train staff and mitigate the risk**

Learn about innovative employee training formats to help reduce organizational risk of HIPAA breaches, including crucial role-based training

## Things we used to say...



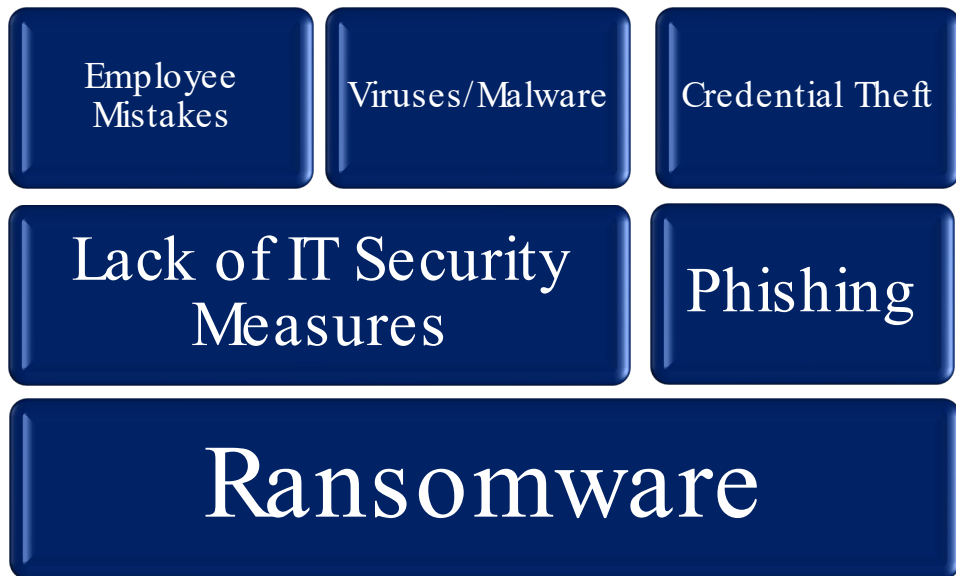
We aren't saying  
this anymore. What  
do we need to  
worry about now  
that the workforce  
looks different?

“You just can't provide care the same way via telehealth, we'll always do in-person visits.”

“People can't work at home in health care!”

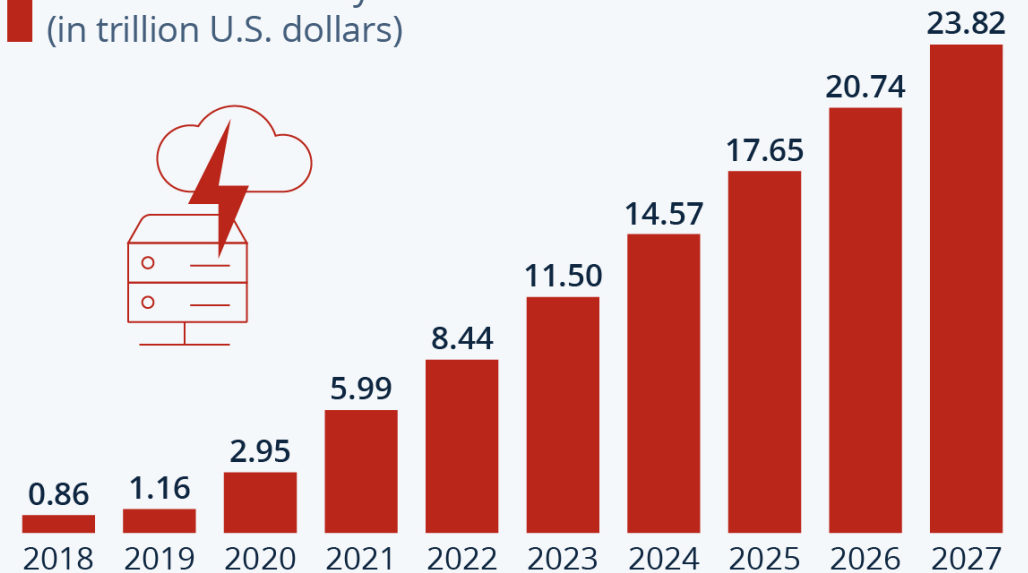
“Everybody needs an e-mail address. How else would we communicate?”

“Our people will never give up paper.”



## Cybercrime Expected To Skyrocket in the Coming Years

Estimated cost of cybercrime worldwide  
(in trillion U.S. dollars)



As of November 2022. Data shown is using current exchange rates.

Sources: Statista Technology Market Outlook,  
National Cyber Security Organizations, FBI, IMF



Cybersecurity threats can impede a healthcare organization's ability to provide necessary patient care. These threats come from various internal and external sources.



1 Phishing



2 Malware



3 Ransomware



4 Theft of patient data



5 Insider threats



6 Hacked IoT devices

**Sources:** Center for Internet Security, CSO, Healthcare IT News, TechRepublic

**Your employees are  
the biggest cyber  
threat whether they  
know it or not.  
Your workforce  
looks different  
now...so should  
your training!**





# A refresher on the law

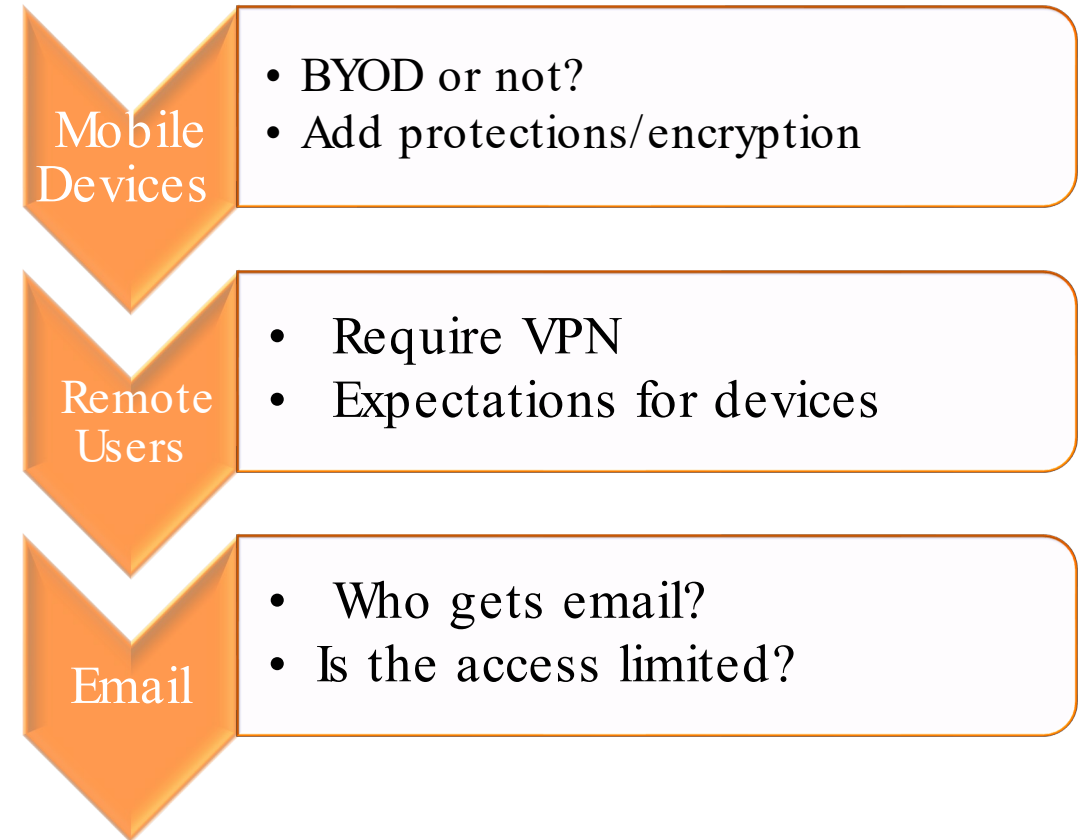
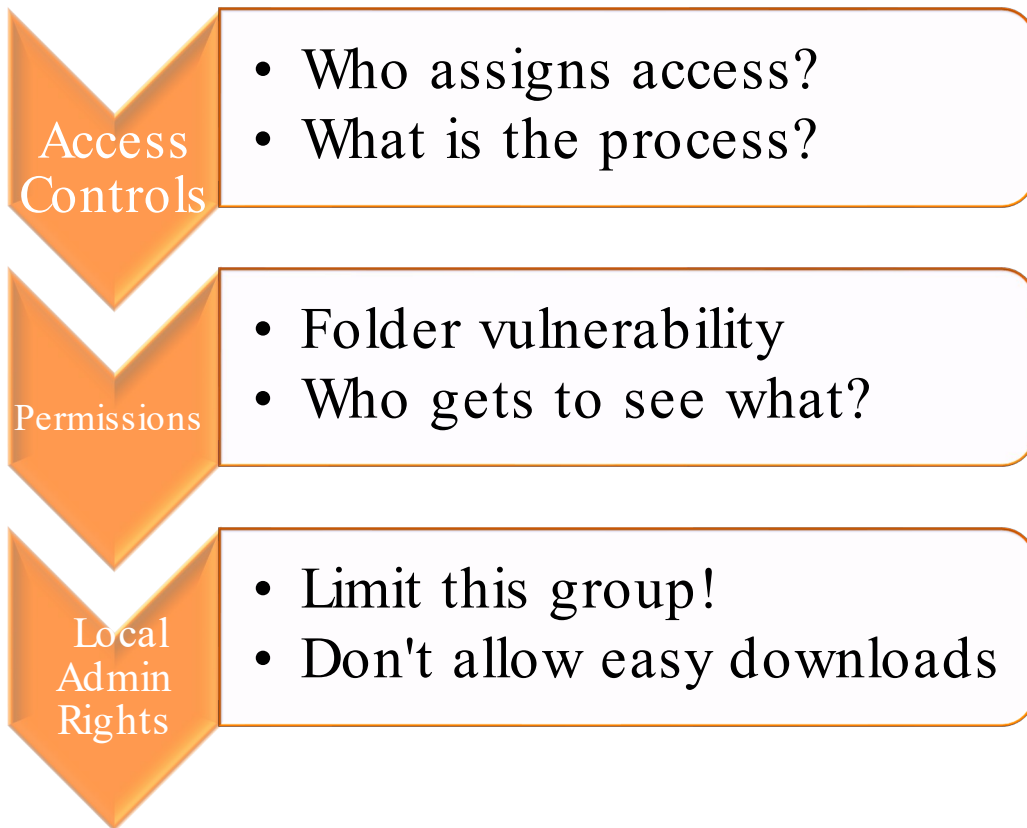
How do I navigate the MILLIONS of laws, rules, and policies covering health providers, employers, AND data security?

- You need a compliance plan! (Per the ACA, COPs)
  - Training is a vital part of any compliance plan
  - HIPAA is a MAJOR structural component
- For Health Care providers, HIPAA is the elephant in the room
  - We get the privacy stuff (mostly...)
  - HIPAA Covered Entities (that's us!) struggle with HIPAA's security rule
  - Do you have a Security Rule Risk Assessment? If so, how dusty is that document?
- States are starting to really care about this data security business!
  - State data protection statutes
  - + COPs, Emergency Preparedness, and more!

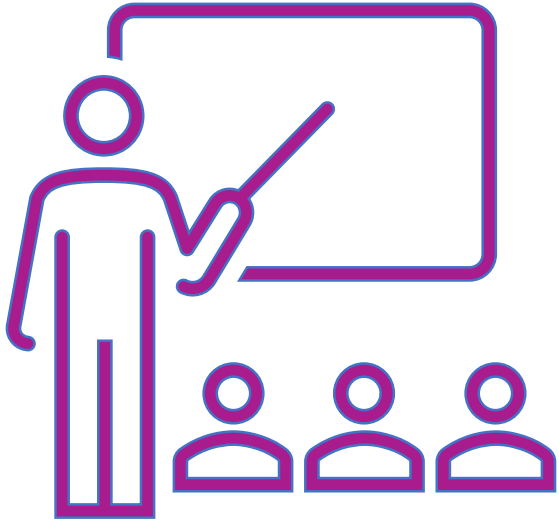


# Before Training: Make Decisions

Strong policies + meaningful training = informed employees and decreased risk



# Universal Training: What Everybody Needs to Know



## Threats

- Data theft
- Ransomware
- Lost/stolen device

## Law/Policy

- HIPAA
  - Privacy
  - Security
  - What is PHI
- Documentation
- Care and use of devices
- Unique credentials
- Passwords

## What to Do

- How to dispose of paper, data
- How to communicate within/outside of company
- If device malfunctions
- Device lost/stolen
- 2FA/MFA

# Role-based Training: Bite-Sized Info Related to Duties

Human  
Resources

- Creating profiles
- Terminating access
- Transmitting data to staff

Maintenance/EVS

- Physical security measures (keys, codes, etc.)
- Destruction of documents

Mobile/remote  
employees

- Not all WiFi is created equal
- VPN 101
- Device expectations

# Mobile Device Users: Key information

About the  
Device

- Do not share
- Encryption features
- Enforce policies/restrictions
- Permission to remove from facility

How to  
Connect

- Rules on WiFi
- VPN use
- Apps

Mobile/remote  
employees

- What to do if lost/stolen
- Do I have to deal with this update?
- Device security on the go



# Email Users

Email is the  
biggest target  
for Ransomware

Know how to  
spot suspicious  
emails

Common email  
scams

Encryption

Best practices

What to do with  
suspicious email



# Text Communications



Texts containing PHI can be sent if mechanisms are in place to comply with the technical safeguards of the HIPAA Security Rule

Not all texting is secure!

SMS and some instant messages give no control over final destination

SMS texting lacks encryption, texts may be stored by telecom vendor/wireless carrier

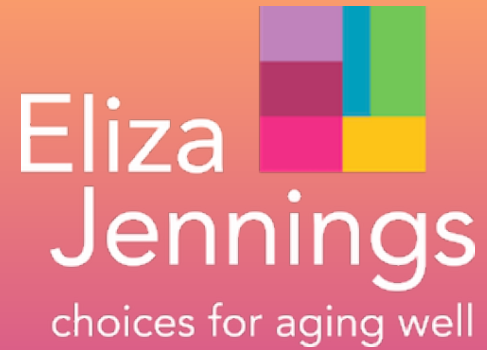
Texting ePHI should only be via a system with access controls, audit controls, and method of removing messages from a device and archiving them securely


# Telehealth and IOT



## Telehealth

- Not all are created equal
- Pandemic exceptions have ended
- Understand processes and differences with technology
- Documentation still necessary – what is the process?



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