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# 5 Challenges in Managing Medical Device Cybersecurity

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# Learning Objectives

- ▶ Identify 5 key challenges with cybersecurity management
- ▶ Outline reported perspectives from both HDOs and vendors
- ▶ Outline practical recommendations for each of the key challenges

# Agenda

- ▶ ECRI Institute – Medical Device Cybersecurity Efforts
- ▶ 5 Key Challenges
- ▶ Recommendations

# ECRI Institute

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- Independent, not-for-profit research institute
- Mission:
  - Improve patient safety, cost effectiveness, and quality of healthcare



#1 Ransomware and Other  
Cybersecurity Threats to  
Healthcare Delivery Can  
Endanger Patients

Top 10 Health Technology  
Hazards for 2019 – 10/1

# Ransomware Attacks: How to Protect Your Medical Device Systems

Do's and Don'ts to deal with ransomware and medical devices



# ECRI – Medical Device Cybersecurity

- ▶ Increased member interest in cybersecurity
- ▶ Increase in problem reports related to cybersecurity
- ▶ Increase in vendor notifications about cybersecurity

# ECRI's response:

- ▶ Incorporate security assessment in ECRI's medical device evaluations
  - Standardized information about medical devices
  - 30-40 different device categories covered annually
- ▶ Publish guidance articles specific to medical device security
  - [Cybersecurity: The Essentials](#)



# ECRI Alerts – Increased coverage of vendor security notifications

Accession Number: S0348

High Priority

Published: Wednesday, April 25, 2018



**SamSam Ransomware Infections May Affect Care Delivery**

Accession Number: S0346

High Priority

Published: Thursday, April 19, 2018



**Ethicon—Gen11 Systems: Software Update May Result in Inability to Use Non-OEM Reprocessed HARMONIC ACE +7 Ultrasonic Devices [ECRI Exclusive User Experience Network]**

Accession Number: A30432

High Priority

Published: Tuesday, April 24, 2018



**Philips—iSite and IntelliSpace Picture Archiving and Communications Systems: May Exhibit Potential Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities**

# ECRI's response:

- ▶ Aid health systems with inventory based security risk analysis
  - Legacy device data capture
  - Recommendations for remediation
- ▶ Cybersecurity gap analysis – Medical Devices
  - Policies & Procedures
  - Procurement
  - Medical Device Management
  - IT and network security

# 5 Key Challenges

1. Effective Response to Security Threats
2. Patching Medical Devices
3. Large Legacy Device Fleets
4. Medical Devices - Remote Server Access
5. Lack of standardization in sharing security data

# 1. Responding to Security Threats

## ▶ Incomplete inventory

- Insufficient details recorded in CMMS about software versions, operating systems, and networking
  - ▷ Processes not in place to update asset details
- Some CMMS solutions not configurable to meet the need
- ECRI Institute Top 10 Health Technology Hazard 2017
  - ▷ #6 Software Management Gaps Put Patients, and Patient Data, at Risk

## ▶ Insufficient data shared by some vendors

# WannaCry Response

- ▶ **Healthcare delivery organization (HDO) Perspectives**
  - Inventory lacking information about Win OS versions
    - ▷ Unable to automatically map inventory to impacted assets
  - Manual process to identify impacted assets
    - ▷ Call each vendor
  - Slow vendor responses reported
    - ▷ Impractical recommendations - “Take it off the network”
- ▶ **Vendor Perspectives**
  - Need to verify and validate that update does not adversely impact the medical device operation



## 2. Patching Medical Devices

- ▶ Patching requires an independent approach from normal IT assets
  - Context of workflow and device criticality needed
- ▶ Thousands of medical devices from hundreds of vendors



## 2. Patching Medical Devices

### ▶ HDO Perspectives

- Impractical updates
  - ▷ Updates can directly impact clinical workflow
  - ▷ Manual updates commonplace
  - ▷ May require vendor Field Service Technician
- Vendor claims - Cannot update the device software due to FDA
- Updates as a response to impending threats, not as a proactive measure



## 2. Patching Medical Devices

### ▶ Vendor Perspectives

- Difficulty in getting to the right person within an HDO
  - ▷ No centralized method to communicate about available updates / patches
- Software update/patch validation requires significant resources



# Impact of Security Updates

- ▶ Ethicon Gen11 Cybersecurity Notice (November 20, 2017)
  - Routine cybersecurity update to mitigate an authentication vulnerability
  - Update impacts some 3<sup>rd</sup> party reprocessed consumables

# Impact of Security Updates

## ▶ ECRI publication

- [Ethicon–Gen11 Systems :  
Software Update May Result in Inability to Use Non-OEM Reprocessed HARMONIC ACE +7 Ultrasonic Devices](#)

### **ECRI Recommendations:**

1. Before installing any current or future updates for Gen11, review the update and determine its implications on the use of non-OEM accessories.
2. If the software update has already been applied to Gen11 at your facility:
  1. Remove all non-OEM reprocessed HARMONIC ACE +7 ultrasonic devices for Gen11 from operating rooms and any other clinical areas in the facility to avoid incompatibility issues.
  2. Use only OEM HARMONIC ACE +7 ultrasonic devices with the Gen11 going forward.

## ▶ Important to assess impact of software updates

# 3. Large Legacy Device Fleets

- ▶ Long useful life of a medical device
  - 7 -10 years
- ▶ Unsupported OS platforms not uncommon with medical devices
  - e.g., Windows XP
- ▶ Not designed with security in mind

# 3. Large Legacy Device Fleets

## ▶ HDO Perspectives

- Incomplete data on legacy devices to assess security risk
  - ▷ Vendor may no longer exist
- Cannot replace all legacy devices
  - ▷ Prioritization needed
  - ▷ When is the security risk unacceptable?
- Replacing a legacy device
  - ▷ Currently available devices may not be any better

# 3. Large Legacy Device Fleets

## ▶ Vendor Perspectives

- How long to support a legacy device?
  - ▷ Pushing HDOs to transition to newer platforms or accept security risk
- Vendors marketing new devices as more secure
  - ▷ A common theme in a lot of product demonstrations provided to ECRI

# 4. Medical Devices - Remote Server Access Management

- ▶ Increasing number of devices require / offer external remote server access
  - Maintenance
  - Calibration
  - Data analytics
- ▶ Achieve workflow efficiencies

# 4. Medical Devices - Remote Server Access Management

## ▶ HDO Perspectives

- No process in place to manage vendor access
- Default vendor service passwords in use
- No support for VPNs

## ▶ Vendor Perspectives

- Achieves workflow efficiencies
- Added features

# 5. Lack of standardization in sharing security data

## ▶ Standardized

- MDS2 form

- ▶ Baseline document
- ▶ ECRI members report - Not detailed enough

## ▶ Non-standardized

- Facility specific security questionnaires
- Facility specific RFI/RFPs
- Vendor specific security disclosures
- Vendor specific software bill of materials



# 5. Lack of standardization in sharing security data

## ▶ HDO Perspectives

- Some vendors not transparent
- Difficult to compare non-standard security data effectively
- Security not formally assessed during procurement

# 5. Lack of standardization in sharing security data

## ▶ Vendor Perspectives

- What information to share beyond MDS2?
- Some vendors sharing software bill of materials (SBOM)
  - ▷ Is there a practical use for SBOM today?
- Non-standard questionnaires taking significant resources
  - ▷ Led to the development of vendor specific security disclosures (non-standard)
- Security bulletins on vendor sites
  - ▷ Lack of centralized access or notification

# Recommendations

- ▶ **Complete medical device inventory is a priority for effective threat response**
  - Prerequisite for other actions e.g., legacy device assessment
  - Fill in gaps in inventory during PMs
  - Significant resources required to complete

# Recommendations

## ▶ Establish practical solutions for medical device patching/updates

- Must assess impact to workflow and device criticality
- Leverage PMs
- Compile a list of security contacts for medical device vendors
- Monitor vendor security bulletins

# Recommendations

## ► Periodically monitor vendor security bulletin sites

Vendor	Security Notification Site
BD	<a href="http://www.bd.com/en-us/support/product-security-and-privacy">http://www.bd.com/en-us/support/product-security-and-privacy</a>
Beckman Coulter	<a href="https://beckmancoulter.com/wsrportal/wsr/support/WannaCry-Ransomware-Cyber-attack/index.htm">https://beckmancoulter.com/wsrportal/wsr/support/WannaCry-Ransomware-Cyber-attack/index.htm</a>
Carestream	<a href="https://www.carestream.com/en/us/services-and-support/cybersecurity-and-privacy">https://www.carestream.com/en/us/services-and-support/cybersecurity-and-privacy</a>
Draeger	<a href="https://static.draeger.com/security/">https://static.draeger.com/security/</a>
GE Healthcare	<a href="http://www3.gehealthcare.com/en/support/security">http://www3.gehealthcare.com/en/support/security</a>
Honeywell	<a href="https://www.honeywellprocess.com/en-US/support/Pages/security-updates.aspx">https://www.honeywellprocess.com/en-US/support/Pages/security-updates.aspx</a>
J&J	<a href="https://www.productsecurity.jnj.com/advisories.html">https://www.productsecurity.jnj.com/advisories.html</a>
Medtronic	<a href="http://www.medtronic.com/us-en/product-security/security-updates.html">http://www.medtronic.com/us-en/product-security/security-updates.html</a>
Philips	<a href="https://www.usa.philips.com/healthcare/about/customer-support/product-security">https://www.usa.philips.com/healthcare/about/customer-support/product-security</a>
Siemens	<a href="https://www.siemens.com/global/en/home/products/services/cert.html">https://www.siemens.com/global/en/home/products/services/cert.html</a>
Smiths Medical	<a href="https://www.smiths-medical.com/company-information/smiths-medical-cyber-security-updates">https://www.smiths-medical.com/company-information/smiths-medical-cyber-security-updates</a>
Stryker	<a href="https://www.stryker.com/us/en/about/governance/cyber-security/product-security.html">https://www.stryker.com/us/en/about/governance/cyber-security/product-security.html</a>

# Recommendations

## ▶ Identify and assess legacy medical devices continuously

### ■ Replace

- ▶ What is the cost of replacement?

### ■ Upgrade (if available)

- ▶ Software and or hardware?

- Cost may be associated

### ■ Accept risk

- ▶ Develop scalable compensating controls

# Recommendations

- ▶ Remote access control – Medical Devices
  - Identify need of remote connection
    - ▷ Required or preferred extra
  - Do not use publicly facing RDP or VNC
    - ▷ SamSam Ransomware
  - **Utilize VPNs and two factor authentication when available/practical**

# Recommendations

- ▶ **Include standardized security questions during procurement**
  - Formal evaluation of security features and functionality based on documentation
  - Consider participating in efforts to standardize security questionnaires



# Summary

- ▶ Medical device cybersecurity is a **shared responsibility**
- ▶ Identifying practical solutions is paramount
- ▶ There is no silver bullet – medical device cybersecurity requires on-going attention

# Questions?

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## Thank You