



Auditing the Trifecta:

Compliance  Privacy  Security

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About Piedmont



Atlanta 1905 (1957 location)



Fayette 1997



Mountainside 2004



Newnan 2006



Henry 2012



Newton 2015



Athens Regional 2016



Rockdale 2017



Columbus Regional Midtown & Northside Campuses 2018



Walton 2018

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Who We Are

Healthcare marked by compassion and sustainable excellence in a progressive environment, guided by physicians, delivered by exceptional professionals, and inspired by the communities we serve. Piedmont is a not-for-profit, community health system comprised of the following entities:

- Piedmont Athens Regional
- Piedmont Atlanta Hospital
- Piedmont Columbus Regional
- Piedmont Fayette Hospital
- Piedmont Henry Hospital
- Piedmont Mountanside Hospital
- Piedmont Newnan Hospital
- Piedmont Newton Hospital
- Piedmont Rockdale Hospital
- Piedmont Walton Hospital
- Piedmont Heart Institute
- Piedmont Physicians
- Piedmont Clinic
- Piedmont Healthcare Foundation



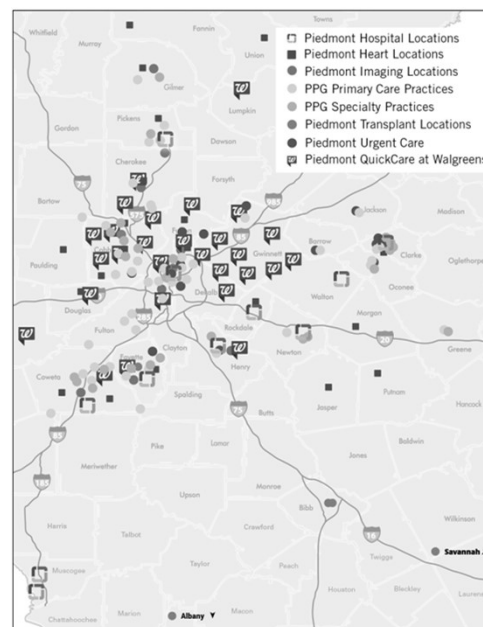
Piedmont provides a wide variety of services including, but not limited to:

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| Heart | Brain Tumor | Imaging | Sleep |
| Cancer | Urology | Orthopaedic | Spine |
| Transplant | Emergency | Rehabilitation | Surgical |
| Primary Care | Bariatrics | Respiratory | Urgent Care |
| Neurology | Breast Health | Robotic Surgery | Wound Care and Hyperbaric |
| Women's Services | Diabetes | Sixty Plus Older Adult | |

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About Piedmont

- Founded in 1905 by two physicians
- Areas of clinical expertise include: cancer, heart, neuroscience, transplant and women's services
- Serves the metro Atlanta area as well as communities in Fayette, Coweta, Henry, Newton, Pickens, Clarke, Rockdale, Walton, Muscogee (and surrounding) counties
- Named to AJC's List of Top Work Places, 2016, 2017 & 2018
- AlwaysSafe program: systemwide safety behaviors and prevention tools
- Epic: industry-leading EMR and practice management system provides better care by facilitating quality improvements and enhances the patient experience



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About Community Medical Centers

Private, not-for-profit, locally-owned – \$199 million in community benefit outreach
40+ years UCSF partnership on graduate medical education

Largest healthcare provider in California’s central San Joaquin Valley

- **1,129 licensed beds** in 3 hospitals, inpatient behavioral health hospital and subacute care center
- **179,452 ER visits | 55,726 admissions | 9,621 babies born** last year

Valley’s largest private employer

- **8,550 employees**
- **1,400 affiliated physicians | 325 medical/dental residents**



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Serving 15,000-square-mile region



- ❑ **Only Level 1 trauma and comprehensive burn center** between Los Angeles and San Francisco
- ❑ **Level 3 NICU and high-risk birthing center** serves 5-county region

with unique health challenges

- ❑ **Concentrated poverty** – more than 35% of children live in poverty
- ❑ **100+ languages spoken**, 43% adults don’t speak English well
- ❑ **Higher than California average rates for obesity, diabetes, lung disease and asthma**
- ❑ **48% of population on Medi-Cal (Medicaid)**
- ❑ **10% of Fresno County babies born premature** – higher than some third-world countries
- ❑ **Lowest doctor-to-patient ratios in California**

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Community Medical Centers highlights

- ❑ Founded in 1897 when doctors joined with successful boarding house
- ❑ Becker's *Top 150 Places to Work in Healthcare* list & Advisory Board's *Workplace of the Year 3x*
- ❑ 3-year Health Ethics Trust certification for our compliance and ethics
- ❑ GetWell Network's national Leadership and Overall Achievement Awards
- ❑ Epic EMR integration throughout CMC, connecting more than 1,000 private physicians in region
- ❑ 9 consecutive Healthgrades' Outstanding Patient Experience Awards to Fresno Heart & Surgical
- ❑ 3 consecutive Beacon Awards for Critical Care Nursing
- ❑ Top Performer Distinctions on Key Quality Measures by the Joint Commission for two hospitals & Advanced Stroke certification for another hospital
- ❑ Among 2 of 5 hospitals in California with Perinatal Certification for best practices and outcomes for mothers and babies



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Community Medical Centers Facilities & Affiliations





FRESNO
HEART & SURGICAL
HOSPITAL



COMMUNITY
REGIONAL
MEDICAL CENTER



CLOVIS
COMMUNITY
MEDICAL CENTER



COMMUNITY
SUBACUTE &
TRANSITIONAL
CARE CENTER



UCSF Benioff Children's
Hospitals



COMMUNITY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
CENTER



COMMUNITY
CANCER INSTITUTE

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Remember Your Shared Goals

What can compliance, privacy, security, and legal teams do to build an effective incident response program that is consistent and is developed as a collaborative effort between their respective teams?

Here are a few places to start..... And how to audit them

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Remember Your Shared Goals

- Compliance
- Privacy
- Security
- Legal
- Risk Management
- Internal Audit

- Roles do not have mutually exclusive areas of influence or responsibility.
- How is the shared burden of risk management, issue evaluation and incident response addressed, monitored and evaluated?

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Remember Your Shared Goals

- Part of building a more collaborative atmosphere starts with understanding one another's roles and main focus.

Each of these perspectives together round out a full view of regulatory compliance.

- Understanding legal risks, implementing privacy policies and procedures, safeguarding data and applying the appropriate controls for that data – each are critical aspects of a strong program.

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Compliance



Compliance Hot Topics for Today:

- Conflicts of Interest
- Devicemaker-Doctor Relationships
- Vendor Controls for Automated Clearing House (ACH) Payments and Wire Transfers
- Privacy
- Security

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Conflicts of Interest



Board directors are the first-line defense against avoiding conflicts of interest.

It's important for board directors to be trained on the types of situations that could be considered conflicts of interest and situations that could give the appearance of a conflict of interest. Board directors also need education about how the organization evaluates a conflict of interest and how best to manage it.

The whole board is ultimately responsible for providing oversight for conflicts of interest. They should be diligent about identifying and handling conflicts of interest.

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Conflicts of Interest

What is Conflict of Interest?

Examples:



NEPOTISM

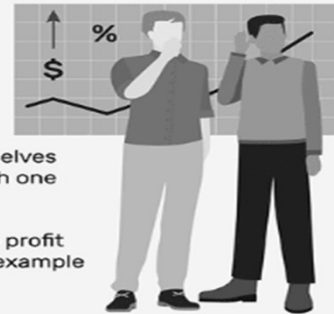
Giving favors to relatives and close friends.



SELF-DEALING

When someone acts in their own interest rather than the interest of the organization.

When it is Illegal:



PUBLIC SECTOR

- Judges must recuse themselves if there is a relationship with one of the parties in a case.
- If the legislator attempts to profit from knowledge, this is an example of insider trading.

PRIVATE BUSINESSES

If a company has proof that a board member profited from their role on the board, the board member can be taken to court.



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Conflicts of Interest



Best practices that boards can follow to ensure proper management of conflicts of interest:

- Enlist the help of a disinterested party to perform a confidential review of current conflict of interest policies and procedures.
- Share findings of the review with the board.
- Use the review as an educational opportunity to learn more about handling conflicts of interest.
- Update your current conflict of interest policies and procedures.
- Set up a process for the board chair to handle conflict of interest matters and for a staff member who is responsible as part of their duties to perform the administrative functions involving conflict of interest policies and procedures, such as following up on the submission of conflict of interest forms where information is missing, inaccurate or incomplete.
- Staff should follow procedures implicitly so that directors don't feel singled out.

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Conflicts of Interest Audits and Targeted Reviews

A technique for internal audit to consider is random and targeted reviews of travel and entertainment expenses, especially in high-volume areas and high-risk departments. These may uncover suspicious spending that indicates a possible conflict. Expense reports can also suggest potential conflicts of interest. Surveying vendors and suppliers can reveal situations where a disgruntled contractor or prospective seller believes a competitor has been unfairly favored. Continual monitoring can help identify red flags and highlight risk areas for more focused review.

There are tools available to the internal auditor to support the company's management of related-party transactions and conflicts of interest. More frequently, we see the use of analytic technology emerging as a tool to detect potential conflicts of interests. A data match can be performed between employee and vendor data files to identify relationships that suggest possible conflicts and control weaknesses. The matching would look for employees and vendors with the same address, tax ID number, or bank account.

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Devicemaker - Doctor Relationships

U.S. Justice Department intervened in a whistleblower suit against Life Spine for allegedly paying kickbacks in the form of consulting fees, royalties and intellectual property acquisition fees to induce physicians to use the manufacturer's spinal implants, devices and equipment.

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Vendor Controls for Automated Clearing House (ACH) Payments and Wire Transfers

Many organizations utilize Automated Clearing House (ACH), an electronic funds transfer system that facilitates payments in the United States. The process relies on the accuracy of the ACH Direct Deposit Authorization Form to transfer payments to each vendor.

- Are your controls effective to detect an impersonator that requests a change to the ACH Direct Deposit Authorization Form?
- Are controls in place to prevent wire transfers requested by an unauthorized individual?

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Vendor Controls for Automated Clearing House (ACH) Payments and Wire Transfers Internal Control Questionnaire

1. Do you have documented policies and procedures that address ACH payments and wire transfers?
2. Is a process in place to verify and validate not only requested changes in the electronic funds transfer system, but also any related accounts?
3. How are requests for and actual changes to wire transfers handled?
4. Who has access to make a wire transfer? How is this access monitored and managed?
5. How is the ACH Direct Deposit Authorization Form independently verified?
6. How are Treasury and Accounts Payable involved in new vendor setup and changes to vendors details?
7. What mechanism is in place to notify Accounts Payable and Finance leadership of changes to vendor records?

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8. Are you independently verifying the ACH Direct Deposit Authorization Form with a "known" contact at the requesting company? If so, how is this documented and where is the documentary evidence maintained?
9. Do you require a bank letter, and independently verify the validity of the letter with the bank? If so, how is this documented and where is the documentary evidence maintained?
10. Is prenoting of the account implemented, and validation with the known contact conducted? An ACH prenote is a financial transaction with a \$0.01 value submitted via the ACH network. Its purpose is to validate the banking information before committing the funds to transfer.
11. Where are all verification documents maintained and housed?
12. Is a routine vendor notification implemented to alert stakeholders of changes to vendor records?
13. What monitoring is in place to review rejected payments and vendor accounts to effectively track required payments and rejected payments? What is the communication protocol regarding these rejected payments?

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Vendor Controls for Automated Clearing House (ACH) Payments and Wire Transfers Internal Control Questionnaire

14. Are you checking on a daily basis to review notifications –
 - When the funds were returned or the account closed?
 - When the banking information changed?
15. What are your insurance coverage limits if an inappropriate payment is made as a result of a request from an impostor? Do you have additional approval of changes that are equal to or exceed this amount?
16. What escalation parameters and actions are to be taken when suspected inappropriate activities are found? Who is on the Incident Response Team?

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Vendor Controls for Automated Clearing House (ACH) Payments and Wire Transfers Internal Control Questionnaire

17. Do you have a documented Social Engineering Fraud Incident Response Plan? A social engineering fraud is a confidence scheme that intentionally misleads an employee into sending money or diverting a payment based on fraudulent information provided to the employee in a written or verbal communication such as an email, fax, letter or even a phone call.
 - a) How are these groups involved:
 - i. Information Security
 - ii. Finance
 - iii. Legal
 - iv. Risk Management
 - v. Compliance
 - vi. Internal Audit

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Vendor Controls for Automated Clearing House (ACH) Payments and Wire Transfers Internal Control Questionnaire

- b) How are these events handled:
- i. Responsibility for internal investigation of events surrounding any incident
 - ii. Notification of FBI, Secret Service or other Law Enforcement agencies
 - iii. Communication with impacted vendors, if any
 - iv. Communication with banking/financial partners
 - v. Notification of insurance carriers
 - vi. Preservation of physical or electronic evidence

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Privacy



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Privacy Act Change Repercussions

The California Consumer Privacy Act allows any consumer to demand to see all the information a company has saved on them, as well as a full list of all the third parties that data is shared with.

In addition, the California law allows consumers to sue companies if the privacy guidelines are violated, even if there is no breach.

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Auditing Privacy and Security

HIPAA Audit Protocol
180 Requirements



Top 10 violations that result in significant fines:

1. Database breaches
2. Third-party disclosure of PHI
3. Improper disposal of PHI
4. Mishandling medical records
5. Employees disclosing information
6. Not performing an organization-wide risk analysis
7. Employees legally accessing patient files
8. Lost or stolen devices
9. Lack of training
10. Not encrypting PHI on portable devices

To learn more about OCR's Phase 2 Audit program, visit website at <http://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/compliance-enforcement/audit/index.html>

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HIPAA RULE

HIPAA Privacy Rule

- Sets national standards for when PHI may be used or disclosed
- Gives individuals certain rights with respect to their PHI

HIPAA Security Rule

- Includes standards that covered entities must implement to protect their electronic PHI (ePHI)

HIPAA Breach Notification Rule

- Requires covered entities to notify affected individuals, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and, in some cases, the media, following a breach of unsecured PHI

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Patient Rights and Covered Entity Responsibilities under Privacy Rule



Examples:

- General Privacy Compliance
- Notice of Privacy Practices
- Minimum Necessary
- Business Associates
- Appropriate Communications
- Media Relations
- Marketing
- Fundraising
- Research
- Security
- Authorizations
- Verbal Authorizations
- Required or Permitted Disclosures without Authorization
- Patient's Right of Access
- Patient's Right to Amend
- Patient's Right to Accounting
- Restriction Requests
- Psychotherapy Notes

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Potential Privacy Breaches (Examples)



1. Using Electronic Health Record (EHR) to keep track of medical problems and care of estranged family members.
2. Using the EHR to check on patients you used to care for, but are now discharged or moved to another floor.
3. Announcing a patient's name or diagnosis loudly in a lobby area.
4. Verbal disclosure of lab results to others who are interested, but who have no job related need to know.
5. Visiting a patient on a restricted unit, such as Maternity, without his/her permission.
6. Visiting a co-worker who is hospitalized, without his/her permission.
7. Borrowing someone's password to access records or lending someone your password.
8. Accessing a computer that is logged on under another's password.

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Potential Privacy Breaches (Examples cont.)



9. Disposing of anything with a patient's name on it in regular trash.
10. Mailing or giving Discharge Instructions or medications to the wrong patient.
11. Faxing PHI without a FAX COVER SHEET and/or to the wrong Fax number.
12. Accessing charts of ex-husbands or ex-girlfriends, etc., out of curiosity or concern, or to use in a custody battle.
13. Accessing a chart to see why a co-worker is in the emergency department.
14. Disclosing patient presence in the hospital after they had "opted out" of the facility's directory.
15. Leaving paper charts or census sheets open and unattended. Leaving PHI in the hall, restroom or library.
16. Talking about your patients in a public place like the cafeteria, hairdresser's or in a grocery store.

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HIPAA Security vs. Privacy



- **Privacy rule** identifies what is to be protected and outlines the individual's rights to control access to their **Protected Health Information (PHI)**.
- **Security rule** requires Covered Entities (CE) to protect PHI in electronic form.
 - The security rule only applies to PHI maintained or transmitted in electronic form, called ePHI
- ***You can have security without privacy but you cannot have privacy without security.***

Covered entities are defined in the HIPAA rules as (1) health plans, (2) health care clearinghouses, and (3) health care providers who electronically transmit any health information in connection with transactions for which US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has adopted standards.

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Information Security – By Definition

- Information Security is the process by which an organization protects information and its critical elements including the systems, media, and people, along with the facilities that process, store and transmit that information.
- In Healthcare: Enable and not disable empowerment of information for doctors and staff first.



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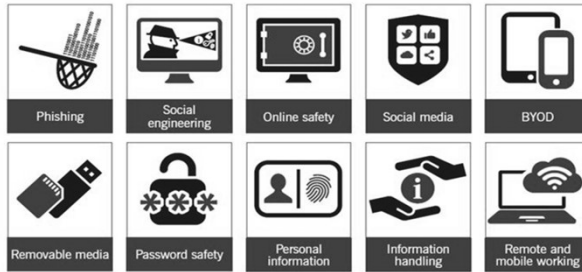
Creating a Resilient Cyber Environment

Protecting everything is not only impractical it's financially not feasible for most organizations.

- Focus on the basics first.

- Patch Management
- Access Management
- Valid Backups
- Are existing logs being monitored on the Firewalls, Backups, Anti-virus reporting, CPU surges, others?

- What environment can be developed to withstand attack?



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Knowing Your Cybersecurity Landscape

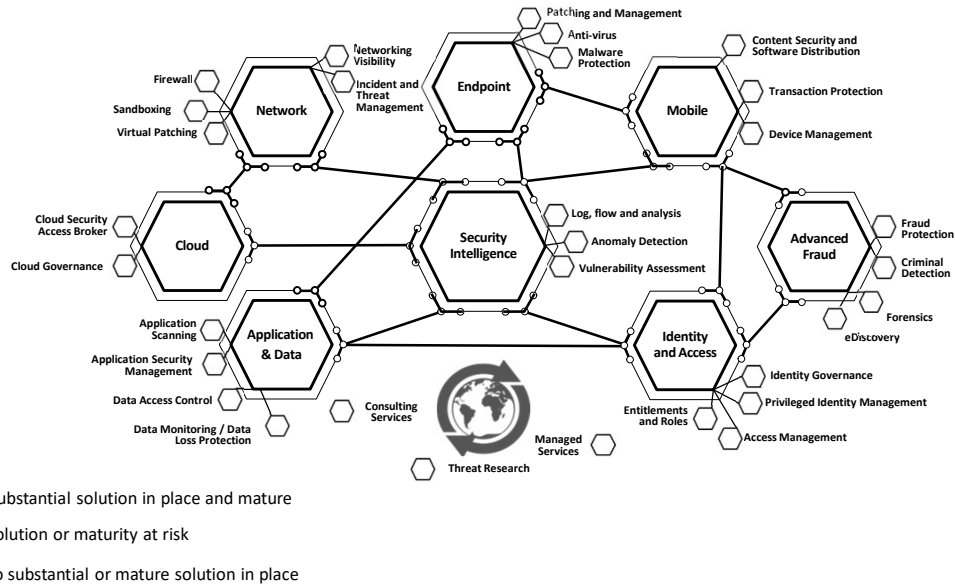
- Digital Eco-System
 - Thinking Locally and Globally
 - Sharing Threat Information in our community
 - We are electrons apart from bad actors not miles
- Understanding the existing Cybersecurity Portfolio
 - What are the Existing Protections?
 - Are the existing Cybersecurity Assets in a Healthy State?
 - What's missing from the Portfolio?



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IT Security Portfolio – An Example



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Security

- Create an Internal Control Questionnaire for vendor controls
- Access Provisioning – controls for badges, restricted areas, parking decks, software programs, conference call lines, WebEx
- Assembling and analyzing all security assessments that also impact disaster preparedness/business continuity – such as Epic Unplanned Outage Readiness (there is a need to cross-reference and map security assessments and risk assessments, as there is a lot of activity in different areas that affects this)

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Security Rule Safeguards

Technical – controls around protecting information

Technical Safeguards
Technical Safeguards focus on the technology that protects PHI and controls access to it. The standards of the Security Rule do not require you to use specific technologies and are designed to be “technology neutral.”

1. Access Control
2. Audit Controls
3. Integrity
4. Authentication
5. Transmission Security

Physical – secure location and backups

Physical Safeguards
Physical Safeguards are a set of rules and guidelines that focus on the physical access to PHI.

1. Facility Access Control
2. Workstation Use
3. Workstation Security
4. Device and Media Controls

Administrative – secure and appropriate granting and termination of access

Administrative Safeguards
Administrative Standards are a collection of policies and procedures that govern the conduct of the workforce and the security measures put in place to protect PHI.

1. Security Management Process
2. Assigned Security Responsibility
3. Workforce Security
4. Information Access Management
5. Security Awareness and Training
6. Security Incident Procedures
7. Contingency Plan
8. Evaluation of Business/Law Changes
9. BAA Contracts and Other Agreements

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Information Security Compliance DOs and DON'Ts

- Don't be tricked into giving away confidential information
- Don't use an unprotected computer
- Do lock your computer and mobile device when not in use
- Do be vigilant and report suspicious activity
- Do password protect sensitive files and devices
- Do always use hard-to-guess passwords
- Do be cautious of suspicious emails and links
- Do not plug in personal devices like USB flash drives and smartphones
- Do not install or download unauthorized programs on work computer

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Email Security



- **Phishing** – emails that falsely claim to be from a legitimate organization or source with malicious fraudulent intent.
 - If you receive a phishing email, DO NOT respond, instead delete the email immediately. **Conduct phishing exercises on employees to educate.**
- **Spam** – unsolicited, unwanted bulk or junk email.
 - This form of email has become a favorite of attackers attempting to draw in the unsuspecting victim. **Add an email header to alert that the email is from an external sender.**
- **Email Encryption**
 - When you transmit any ePHI or private information (sensitive or confidential) to and/or from a NON-Work email address, it **MUST** be manually encrypted.
 - Any email that has ePHI in an attachment, such as an Excel or Word file, also needs to have the attachment password protected before it is sent out.

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Comments and Questions



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