

MEDICAL DEVICE CYBERSECURITY: A TOTAL PRODUCT LIFECYCLE APPROACH

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Key Terms - What is a Medical Device?

- **FD&CA 201(h)** The term “[device](#)” means an instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, contrivance, implant, in vitro reagent, or other similar or related article, including any component, part, or accessory, which is—**(1)** recognized in the official National Formulary, or the [United States Pharmacopeia](#), or any [supplement](#) to them,
- **(2)** intended for **use in the diagnosis** of disease or other conditions, or **in the cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease**, in man or other animals, or
- **(3)** intended to **affect the structure or any function** of the body of man or other animals, and
- which **does not achieve its primary intended purposes through chemical action** within or on the body of man or other animals and which is not dependent upon being metabolized for the achievement of its primary intended purposes. The term “[device](#)” does not include software functions excluded pursuant to section 360j(o) of this title.

Key Terms - What is Cybersecurity?

- **Cybersecurity** is the process of preventing unauthorized access, modification, misuse or denial of use, or the unauthorized use of information that is stored, accessed, or transferred from a medical device to an external recipient.

Key Cybersecurity Terms

- **Asset:** The people, property, and information to be protected. In medical device cybersecurity, assets include the patient, the medical device, and data transmitted about the patient.
- **Threat:** Anyone or anything that can exploit a vulnerability, intentionally or accidentally, and steal, damage, or destroy an asset. In medical device cybersecurity, the threat is often an unauthorized person who intentionally accesses and controls a device and uses that access to issue commands to the device.
- **Vulnerability:** A weakness or gap in a security program or protocol that can be exploited by threats to gain unauthorized access to an asset. In medical device cybersecurity, the vulnerability is typically associated with a security gap in the software or firmware used by the device.
- **Risk:** The *potential* for loss, damage, or destruction of an asset which occurs when a threat exploits a vulnerability. Risk is the intersection of assets, threats, and vulnerabilities. In medical device cybersecurity, the risk is typically associated with an unauthorized person (threat) accessing the device(s) of one or more patients by exploiting a vulnerability (such as a security weakness in the device's software or firmware). Examples include inappropriate pacing or shocks from a pacemaker or inappropriate dosing from an infusion pump.

Framing the Issue



- Connected medical devices, like all other computer systems, incorporate software that are vulnerable to threats
- We are aware of cybersecurity vulnerabilities and incidents that have directly impact medical devices or hospital network operations
- When medical device vulnerabilities are not addressed and remediated, they can be exploited which can result in:
 - patient harm
 - serve as access points for entry into healthcare delivery organization (HDO) networks
- May lead to compromise of confidentiality, integrity, and availability

Cybersecurity Total Product Lifecycle (TPLC)



2014 Premarket Review

Contains Nonbinding Recommendations

Draft – Not for Implementation

Content of Premarket Submissions for Management of Cybersecurity in Medical Devices

Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff

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Postmarket Management of Cybersecurity in Medical Devices

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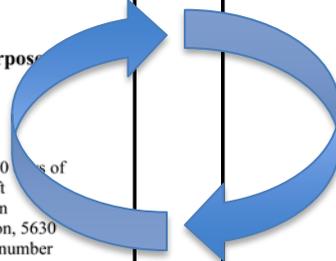
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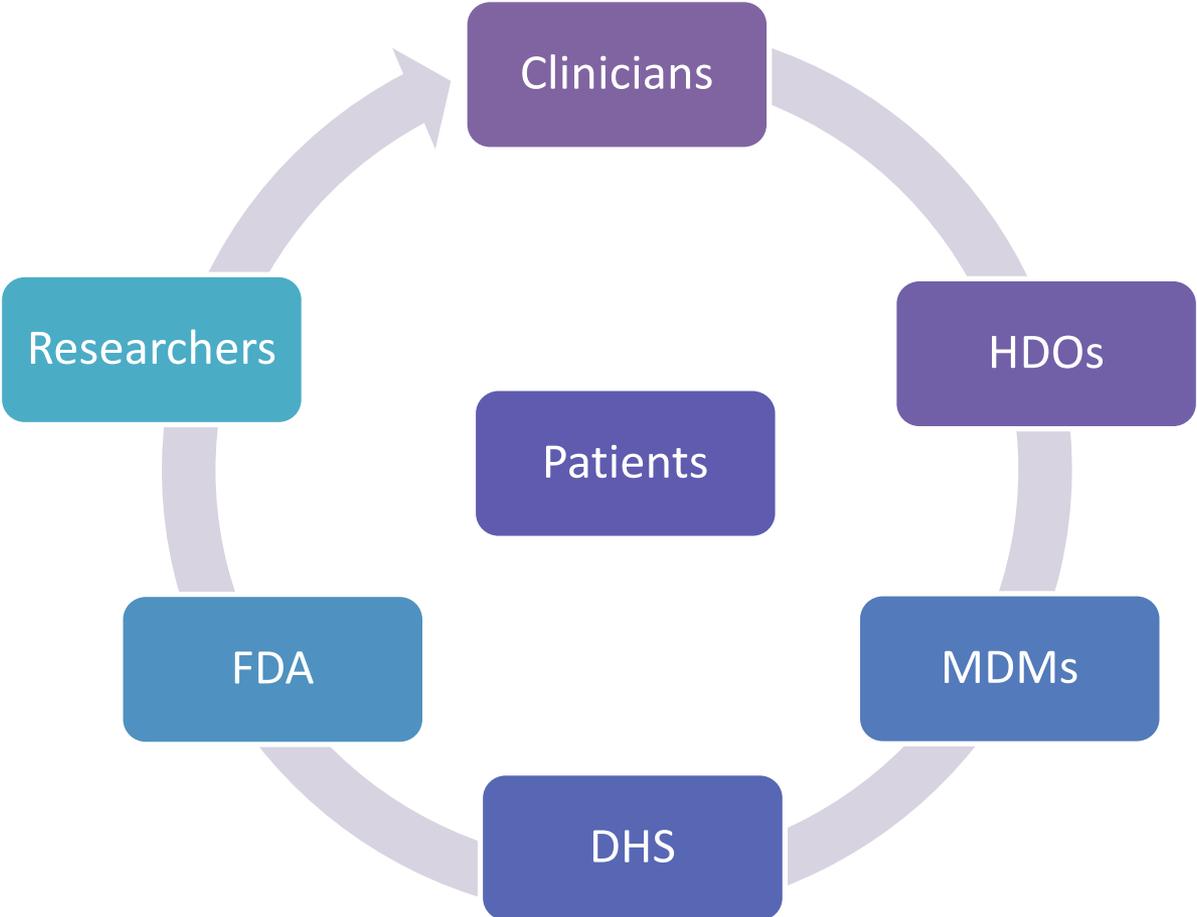
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Medical device cybersecurity is a shared responsibility



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