

It Takes a Village: A Team-Based Approach to Clinical Cybersecurity

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Agenda

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- Background
- Clinical Cybersecurity Journey
 - Our Approach
 - Key Stakeholders
 - Process Improvements
 - Useful Tools
- Barriers & Challenges
- Outcomes & Key Results
- Takeaways & Lessons Learned
- Q & A



Learning Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Define a team-based approach to clinical cybersecurity.
2. Describe the importance of collaboration and ownership to the success of a clinical cybersecurity program.
3. Choose stakeholders required for effective implementation of a clinical cybersecurity program.
4. Analyze various tools to support enhanced visibility of network-connected clinical devices.
5. Evaluate processes to improve medical device procurement and shorten organizational response time for clinical cybersecurity incidents.

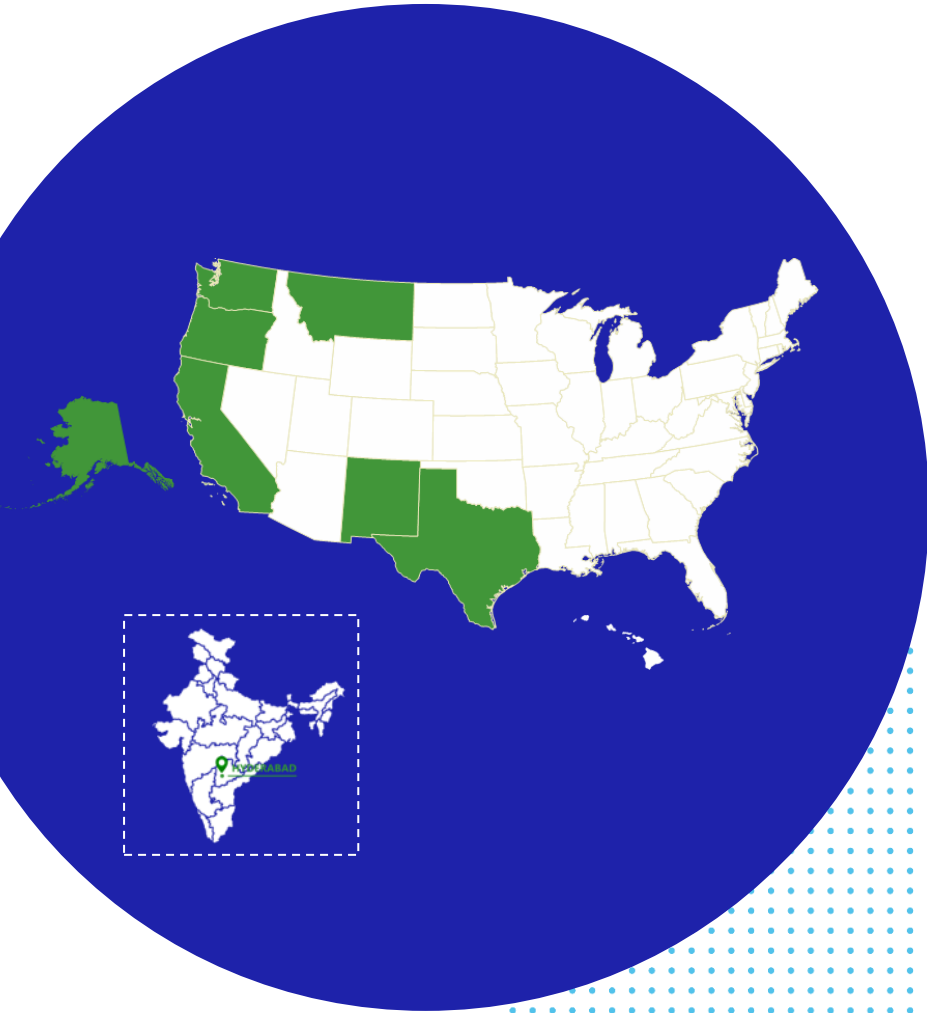




Background

- Who is Providence?
- Why create a Clinical Cybersecurity program?
- Our Journey

Who is Providence?



122K
Caregivers



38K
Nurses



34K
Physicians



\$2.1b
Community Benefit



51
Hospitals



1000
Clinics



29m
Total Patient Visits



2.6m
Covered Lives



1700+
Published Research
Studies



1
Health Plan



18
Supportive Housing
Facilities



High School, Nursing
Schools & University



1200
Volunteer Governance
Members

Why Create a Clinical Cybersecurity Program?

Globally, healthcare remains one of the most frequently-targeted industries for cyber attacks due to:

- Vulnerable devices (especially medical devices...)
- Valuable patient information (PHI, PII...)
- Very critical to national infrastructure
- Virtual entry points (VPNs...)
- Vast technical debt

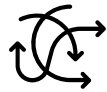


Why Create a Clinical Cybersecurity Program?

Internally, we recognized a need to...



Decrease cyber incident response time.



Reduce misunderstandings between teams about their roles and interdependencies.



Improve and streamline the procurement and onboarding of new clinical devices.



Evolve the traditional “IT” approach to managing technical debt and security for clinical devices.



Unite as a team to solve these challenges.

Our Clinical Cybersecurity Journey

Initiation



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Planning



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Formalization



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Maturation



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Resilience



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STEP 1
Program
Initiation

KEY ACTIVITIES:

- Define program scope
- Establish common language & goals
- Develop device criticality classifications & governance principles

Clinical Cybersecurity Program Scope

We established this program to:

- ✓ Develop a common language to identify and discuss distinct types of clinical and medical devices.
- ✓ Create a Clinical Cybersecurity team responsible for enhancing the security of clinical devices.
- ✓ Deploy a standard set of tools to enhance visibility of network-connected clinical devices.
- ✓ Collaborate to align clinical device lifecycle and procurement roadmaps.
- ✓ Improve the medical device procurement processes.
- ✓ Set realistic goals and measure progress toward these accomplishments.

Initiation



Bringing the “Villages” Together

Establishing a Common Language

(Some) Examples:

- Patch vs. Update vs. Upgrade
- Medical Device vs. Clinical Device
- Compute Device vs. Application
- Workstation vs. Workstation
- Incident vs. Service Request

Monitor



VS

Monitor



Initiation



Incident Response Methodology by Device Type

Definition:

Device is essential to operations. We cannot function without it. Could cause physical harm to patients if interrupted.

Incident Response: Device cannot be pulled off network without consent from device owner.

Examples:

Interventional procedures, HVAC system, Life Support Equipment, HUGS, Fetal Monitoring

Definition:

Significant impact to operations, patient care, and clinical workflows if interrupted, but cannot cause physical harm to patients. Includes regulated devices only. Workaround requires additional staffing.

Incident Response:

Notify owner first, then pull device off network.

Examples:

Imaging Devices (MRI, CT, Xray), Pyxis, Nurse Call

Definition:

Devices supporting patient care with least disruption to patient care and clinical workflows if impacted. Includes regulated and non-regulated devices.

Incident Response:

Pull device off network, then immediately notify owner.

Examples:

PACS, Middleware, Data Aggregators

Definition:

Devices not directly supporting the delivery of patient care.

Incident Response:

OK to pull from network and then deliver automated notification per SLAs.

Examples:

WOWs, Nurse Workstations, Caregiver laptops

**“Compute Devices/
Corporate IT”**

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“Medical Devices”

“Clinical Devices”



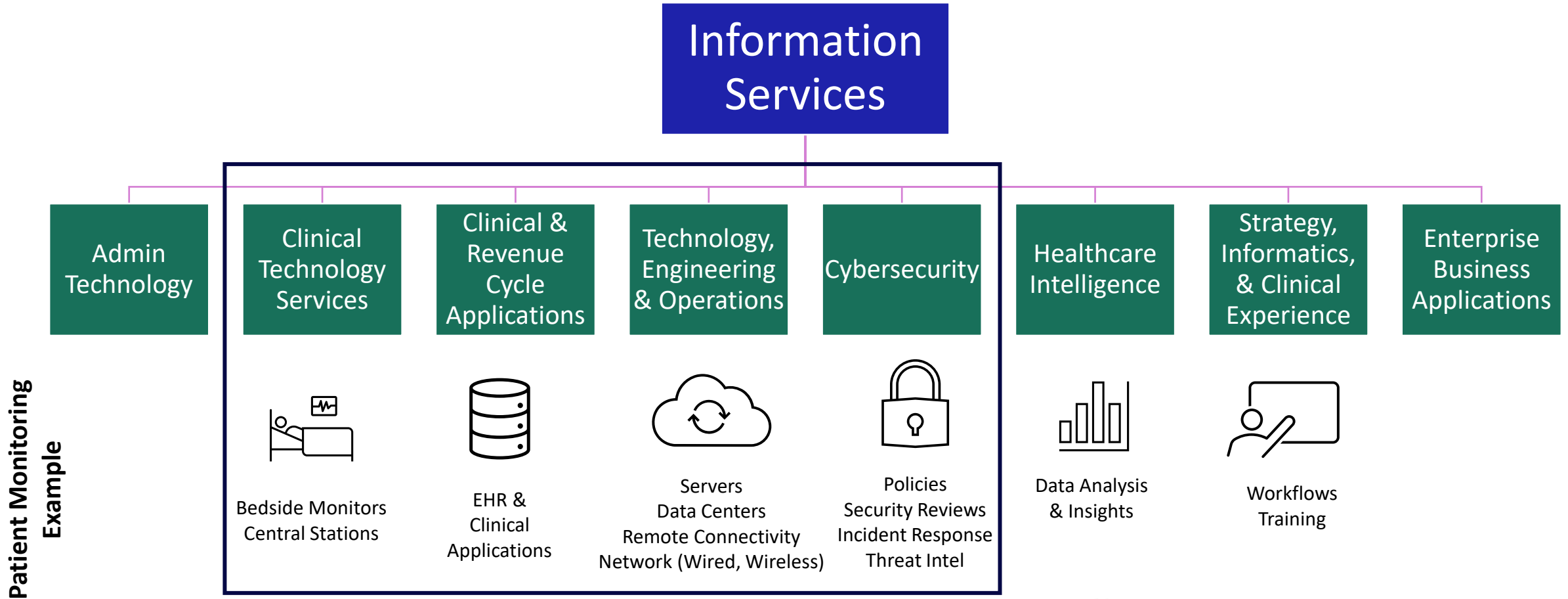


STEP 2
Program
Planning

KEY ACTIVITIES:

- Engage stakeholders
- Understand current state
- Utilize tools to prioritize the work

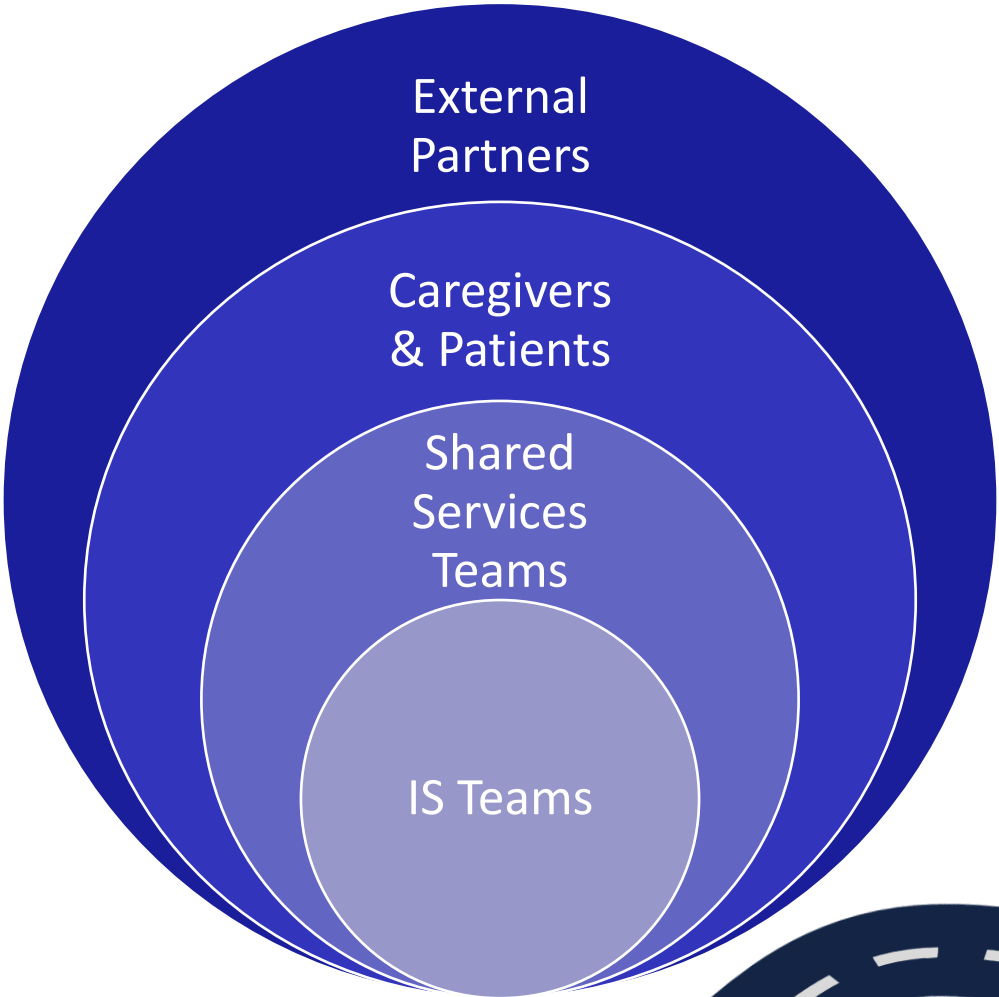
Key Stakeholders – IS Teams



Planning



Key Stakeholders – Beyond IS Teams (It Takes a Village)



External Partners

Medical Device Vendors
Other Health Systems
Consultants

Shared Services Teams

Purchasing / Contracting
Risk Management
Finance

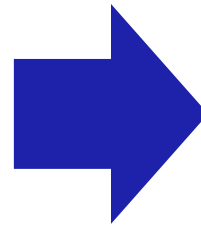
Planning



Understanding the Current State & Prioritizing our Work

Tools used:

- Centralized asset management database (Inventory)
- Anti-malware & vulnerability management software platforms (Security)
- Deep-packet inspection tools to identify network-connected clinical devices (Network)



Opportunities for improvement:

- Remediate Technical Debt
- Improve Procurement Processes
- Streamline Technology Reviews
- Enhance Incident Response
- Strengthen Vendor Management
- Increase Understanding & Awareness

Planning





STEP 3
Program
Formalization

KEY ACTIVITIES:

- Establish guiding principles
- Create data alignment & transparency
- Maintain cross-functional collaboration

Our Guiding Principles

- Prioritizing **clinical** requirements in a **secure** cyber culture
- Medical devices are **not** IT devices
- IT does **not** make clinical decisions
- Focus on the **people**, not the “stuff”
- Processes need to move at the **speed** of business



Formalization



Aligning our Data

Goal

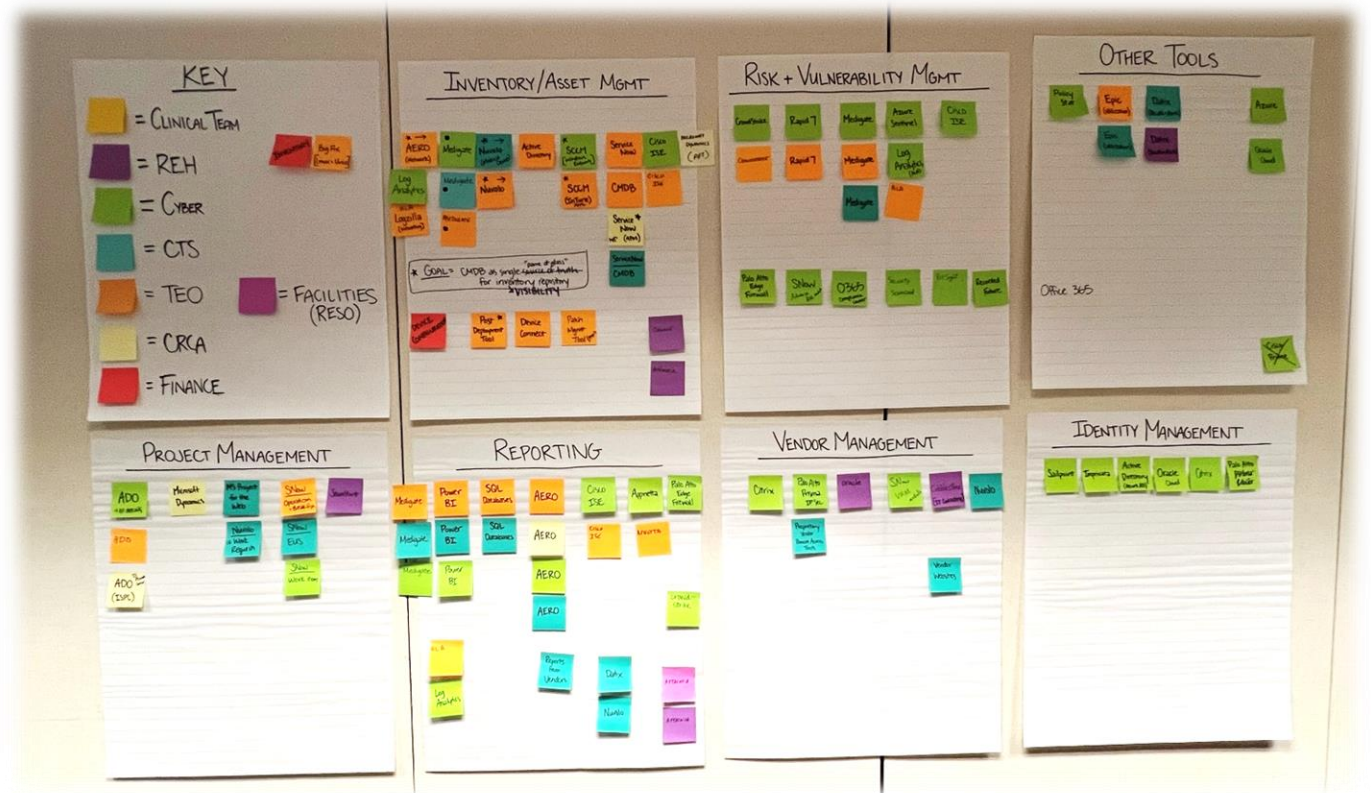
- Ensure data accuracy and visibility across the organization

Considerations

- What data sources do our teams currently rely on? For what purposes?

Solution

- Master Data Management Console (*work in progress*)



Formalization



The Collaboration Continues...

- Setting common goals and metrics.
- Implementing a variety of projects and process improvements to achieve stated goals.
- Checking-in regularly to maintain alignment across teams.
- Educating others about the importance of clinical cybersecurity.
- Gathering feedback from stakeholders.
- Proactively planning for the future.

Formalization





STEP 4
Program
Maturation

KEY ACTIVITIES:

- Establish a Vendor Management Council
- Implement Regular Business Reviews
- Improve Cyber Incident Response Processes

Vendor Management Council

Strategic Goals

- Support cross functional teams to provide input necessary to make informed decisions through a streamlined, consistent and transparent review process for all strategic vendors.
- Create a collaborative forum to align on vendor strategies, incident response and technology onboarding.

Chair

REH Director

General Manager

REH Team Member

Membership:

Functions Represented

- Clinical & Revenue Cycle Applications (CRCA)
- Cybersecurity
- Clinical Technology Services
 - IS Field Services
 - Clinical Engineering
- Technology Engineering & Operations (TEO)
 - Network
 - Endpoint
 - Server
- Resource, Engineering & Hospitality (REH)
 - Equipment Strategy & Planning
 - IT Contracting

Scope

Focus Areas

1. Develop and maintain standard business process flows in collaboration with cross-functional teams
2. Communicate SME feedback to appropriate Clinical Councils, in particular risks and key operational considerations for medical equipment, that will inform current or future decisions
3. Balance vendor requirements with IS requirements: Allow for a venue to document vendor issues while ensuring appropriate actions and remediations are taken
4. Ensure visibility of organizational standards to carry out teams' independent strategic initiatives
5. Act as a resource for business/operational leaders to consult on upcoming RFPs and strategic initiatives to designate appropriate stakeholders and share organizational risks, and other system-wide implications.

Scope

- Performance management of medical equipment vendors
- Quarterly business reviews for top 5 collaborative clinical/technology vendors
- Review vendor rules of engagement
- New technology; how it will impact current standards

Interdependencies

- Interdependence with Clinical Councils and Division Executive Leadership



Maturation

Vendor Management Scorecard (Business Reviews)

Focus areas include:

- ✓ Mission
- ✓ Account Support
- ✓ Contract Management
- ✓ Innovation
- ✓ Collaboration
- ✓ Compliance
- ✓ Service Quality
- ✓ Cybersecurity
- ✓ Technology



Maturation

Cyber Incident Response Planning

- Identify device locations & ownership
- Establish an incident command structure
- Develop a robust communications plan
- Prepare for the worst-case scenario
- Implement redundancies
- Conduct regular tabletop exercises
- Debrief to improve processes
- Repeat



Maturation



STEP 5
Program
Resilience

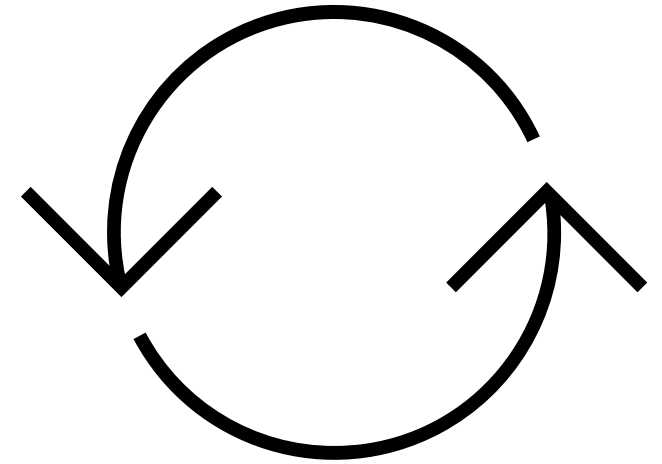
KEY ACTIVITIES:

- Improve Device Procurement Processes
- Develop Standard Reference Architecture
- Establish Ongoing Support Models

Program Resilience & Sustainability

This work drives the future of healthcare!

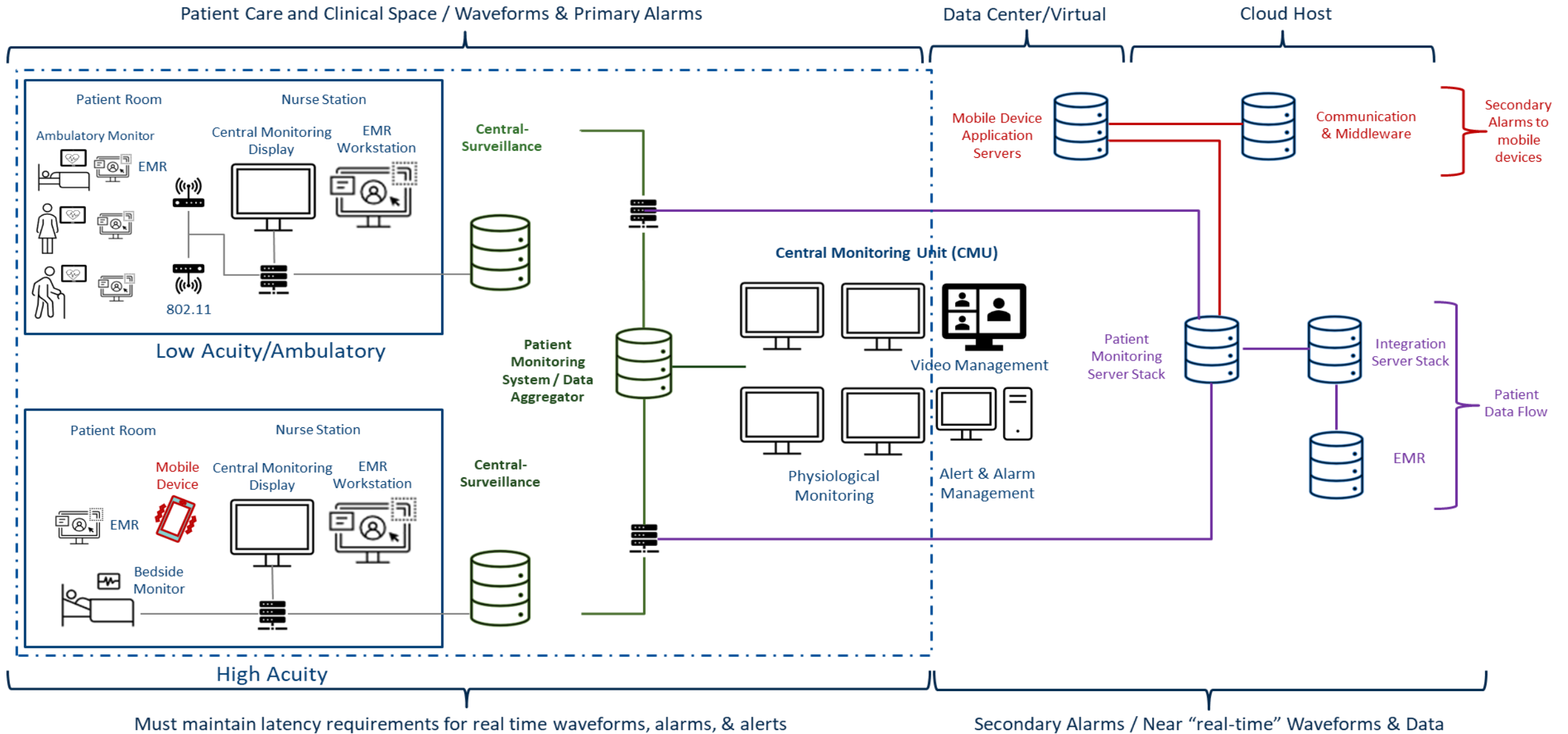
- Bring awareness to process gaps & define impact
- Communicate about cybersecurity & technical debt
- Establish device standards & reference architecture
- Build an “end-to-end” procurement process
 - Medical Device standards
 - Infrastructure & Integration standards
 - Aligned with contractual obligations
- Prepare to educate & be educated; rinse & repeat



Resilience



Reference Architecture - Standard Configuration & Deployment



Procurement & Support Models

| Stakeholders / Teams | Healthcare Environment | | |
|---|--|---|---|
| | Pre-Purchase / Pre-Deployment | Clinical Care Area / Deployed | Technical & Infrastructure / Post-Deployment |
| Infrastructure - Network (TEO) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Design ✓ Engineering ✓ Standards Development ✓ Policy Requirements ✓ Security Assessment ✓ Design Review ✓ Integration Alignment ✓ Installation Planning ✓ Deployment Timing ✓ Clinical Operation ✓ Patient Care Standards ✓ Caregiver Education ✓ Contract Negotiation & Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation • Scheduled Maintenance • Service Response • Knowledge Base • Caregiver Operational Support • Caregiver Education • Security Patching • System Updates • Device Upgrades • Documentation • Regulatory Compliance • Decommission (Core services Clinical Engineering delivers to the Organization) • Applications & Infrastructure • Outcomes or Usage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SOP = Monitoring (network & infrastructure health) ▪ Cybersecurity ▪ Security Patching ▪ Support Tools ▪ Upgrades ▪ Decommission ▪ Installation ▪ Service & Service Response ▪ Security Patch ▪ Updates ▪ Upgrades ▪ Knowledge Base ▪ Documentation ▪ Decommission |
| Infrastructure – Workstation Engineering (TEO) | | | |
| Data Infrastructure - Servers (TEO) | | | |
| Cybersecurity / Security Operations | | | |
| Clinical Applications (Integration) | | | |
| Clinical Applications (Clinical Apps) | | | |
| Clinical Engineering | | | |
| End User Support | | | |
| Clinical Stakeholder | | | |
| Regulatory | | | |
| REH / Contracting / Legal (Purchase Agreements) | | | |

Summary

- Barriers & Challenges
- Outcomes & Key Results
- Takeaways & Lessons Learned

Providence's Clinical Cybersecurity Journey

Program Initiation

- Define program scope
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Program Planning

- Engage stakeholders
- Understand current state
- Utilize tools to prioritize the work



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Program Formalization

- Establish guiding principles
- Create data alignment & transparency
- Continue cross-functional collaboration



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Program Maturation

- Establish a Vendor Management Council
- Implement Regular Business Reviews
- Improve Cyber Incident Response Processes



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Program Resilience

- Improve device procurement processes
- Develop standard reference architecture
- Establish ongoing support models



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Barriers & Challenges

- Initially underestimating the complexity of medical devices.
- Navigating Providence's size and complexity to scale the work and move with speed.
- Balancing competing priorities, including technology, risk, and clinical operations.
- Addressing IT knowledge gaps related to medical device capabilities.
- Difficulties collaborating with 3rd party vendors.



Outcomes & Key Results

To date, our Clinical Cybersecurity program has:

- ✓ Remediated over 11,000 medical devices.
- ✓ Completed 3 separate patching pilots with different types of medical device modalities across various Providence geographic locations.
- ✓ Implemented a standardized cybersecurity risk identification tool, as well as an enterprise-wide inventory management tool.
- ✓ Improved cyber incident response time for clinical devices from hours to minutes.
- ✓ Increased engagement with key vendor partners through regular business reviews.

Takeaways & Lessons Learned

- **Establishing a common language is key to success.** It is important for everyone to be on the same page about the various device definitions to reduce confusion and ensure shared understanding and alignment.
- **Clinical cybersecurity cannot happen in a silo.** It is important to utilize a team-based approach and build trust to drive the successful execution of a clinical cybersecurity program.
- **Medical devices cannot be approached the same way as traditional IT devices.** Due to their complex nature and interdependencies with direct patient care, changes to medical devices must be implemented with an abundance of caution to avoid negative impacts to patient care and operations.
- **Clinical cybersecurity is a dynamic space.** Rapidly changing requirements and other challenges require the creation of a flexible program structure that is easily adaptable to change.
- **It is okay to ask for help.** Collaboration with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders is critical for the development of a successful clinical cybersecurity program based on industry best practices.



Questions?



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