

Ransomware In Healthcare: An Emergency Managers Response and Recovery Manual

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Presentation Abstract: Ransomware is a plague on healthcare systems as cyber criminals view data rich entities like hospitals as desirable targets. Ransomware is not a white collar crime, it is a threat-to-life crime that dismantles a hospitals ability to provide patient care, putting patient safety at risk. Ransomware is no longer the exclusive domain of IS to resolve - it requires Emergency Managers to revise how they view their Hazard Vulnerability Assessment, and develop a response and recovery plan, just as they would for earthquakes or hurricanes.

Learning Objectives:

Revision of the Hazard Vulnerability Assessment for ransomware.
Construct a Ransomware Incident Response Guide for any healthcare facility.

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