



# UNVEILING THE PERSISTENT RISKS OF CONNECTED MEDICAL DEVICES

Forescout analyzed over 2 million medical devices to uncover the most vulnerable assets in hospital networks today

## TRENDS IMPACTING HEALTHCARE'S SECURITY POSTURE

Healthcare delivery organizations (HDOs), such as hospitals and clinics, host a broad range of Information Technology (IT), Internet of Medical Things (IoMT), Operational Technology (OT) and Internet of Things (IoT) devices.

The growing number and diversity of devices in HDOs has introduced new cybersecurity risks. The ability to compromise devices and demand large ransom payments, as well as the possibility of monetizing patient data, has led to an increase in the number and sophistication of cyberattacks targeting HDOs in recent years.



Surge of Connected Medical Assets



Fragmented Solutions, Unprotected Vulnerabilities

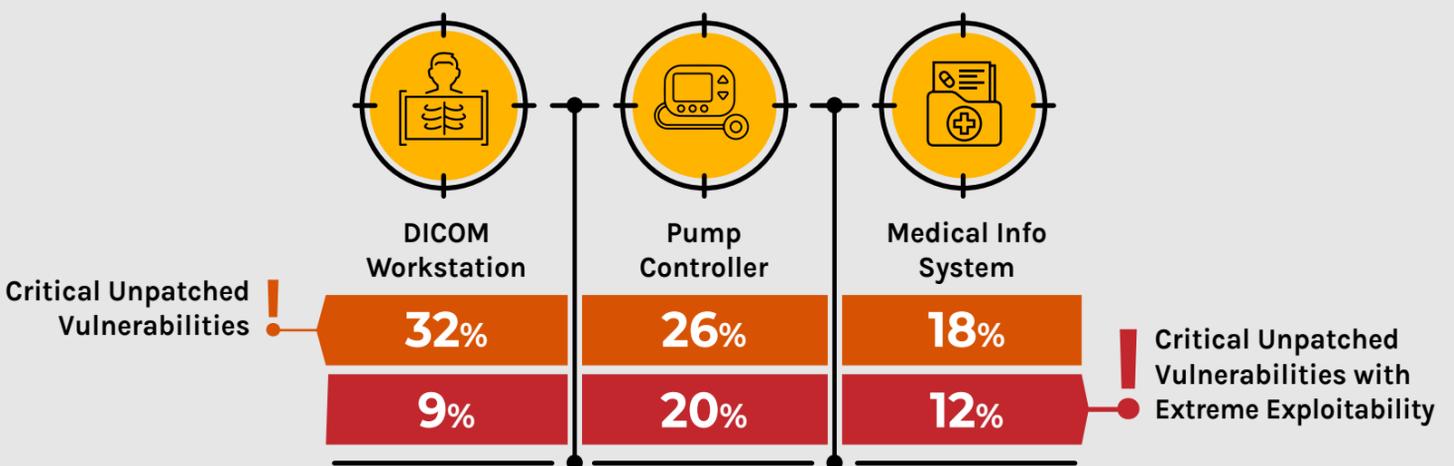


Distributed Facilities & Anywhere Operations



Shortage of Cybersecurity Personnel

## TOP 3 RISKIEST CONNECTED MEDICAL DEVICES



In Internet Exposed DICOM Workstations (2017 - 2024)

## OPEN PORTS & INTERNET EXPOSURE

DICOM workstations and PACS often run legacy vulnerable IT operating systems, have extensive network connectivity to allow for sharing imaging files, and use the DICOM standard for sharing these files.

## UNIQUE OPERATING SYSTEMS ARE DIFFICULT TO MANAGE

The variety of special purpose operating systems is a nightmare for security teams to keep track of and is one of the main reasons for more visibility into networked devices. We observe more than 110 unique versions present in HDOs. Embedded firmware is also well known for presenting systematic security issues, such as backdoors, hardcoded credentials and keys and memory corruption vulnerabilities.

110

Unique OS in HDO Networks

300+

Different Device Vendors

10%

Are Running Active Anti-malware

It's critical for a healthcare organization's clinical, security, and risk management leaders to work together to secure all devices across the extended HDO. A holistic approach to security requires continuous visibility and control over the entire connected-device ecosystem—including understanding the role a device visibility and control platform can play in orchestrating actions among heterogeneous security and IT management tools.

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