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The deadline for compliance with HIPAA's Security Rule is April 21, 2005

- Has your facility assessed current security conditions?
 - Has a plan been developed for mitigating risks?
- Have appropriate staff been assigned to implement and monitor the compliance program?
 - Did you know that the HIPAA Security Rule is more than an IT-related issue?
- Did you know that the typical hospital has 300% to 400% more biomedical than IT devices and systems?

Healthcare organizations have little time to spare and a tremendous task ahead of them. The HIPAA Security Rule requires that healthcare organizations ensure the integrity, availability, and confidentiality of individually identifiable health information that is either maintained or transmitted electronically. With medical technology now capable of storing and transmitting a variety of patient-related data, there is a long list of biomedical devices and systems that will be affected by the HIPAA Security Rule.

ECRI and ACCE have done the hard work for you.

Together, ECRI and the American College of Clinical Engineering (ACCE) have produced *Information Security for Biomedical Technology: A HIPAA Compliance Guide*".

This CD-ROM emphasizes best practices and contains an extensive overview of the HIPAA Security Rule, reviews necessary compliance measures for medical technology, and provides recommendations on implementing the rules with specific medical technology-related examples.

The HIPAA Security Rule is more than just an IT issue.

The Security Rule will apply to biomedical devices and systems that are beyond the normal scope of responsibility of the organization's IT department. Many IT personnel have minimal knowledge of biomedical technology, and biomedical technology experts typically have minimal experience in dealing with the concepts of information security. The great diversity of biomedical technologies, the variety of data maintained and transmitted by these technologies, and the risks to patient safety and care associated with compromised data security will substantially challenge the information security management efforts of most healthcare organizations. Therefore, this Guide was developed to help users, including IT and biomedical technology experts, identify and address information security issues, many of which are unique to the acquisition, application, and maintenance processes associated with biomedical devices and systems.

The HIPAA Compliance Guide is a must-have tool for any healthcare facility's data security program and will be an important resource for:

- Information technology, clinical engineering, and biomedical technology managers
- Healthcare consultants
- Security officers
- Risk managers
- HIPAA compliance officers
- Anyone managing technology-intensive clinical departments (e.g., cardiology, medical imaging, clinical laboratory)
- Independent service organizations
- Medical equipment manufacturers
- Computer maintenance management software (CMMS) developers

Highlights of the HIPAA Compliance Guide

- A CD-ROM that facilitates customization of forms, survey documents, policies, and procedures
- Recommended best practices
- Checklists for inventorying and analyzing risks
- Self-assessment tools to analyze ongoing levels of compliance
- Tools for setting priorities and implementing a mitigation plan
- Sample information security incident report and business associate agreement
- Typical policies and procedures

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