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Hospital Cybersecurity: Ransomware

Ransomware is a type of malware which infects a user’s computer and encrypts the files, rendering them unusable. The attacker then demands payment from the victims for the release of their data. A recent advisory bulletin by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, the Department of Health and Human Services and the FBI warned of an increase in ransomware attacks on U.S. hospitals. An especially risky target due to the high volume of PHI, hospitals are advised to increase cybersecurity awareness at both the administrative and employee levels. RRH employees concerned they may have been the target of ransomware can contact the IT Support Center immediately at (585) 922-4357 / ITService.

- Physician Practice Cybersecurity Threats: Ransomware. Budke CA, Enko PJ.
- Why Employees (Still) Click on Phishing Links: Investigation in Hospitals. Jalali MS, Bruckes M, Westmattelmann D, Schewe G.
- Cybersecurity in healthcare: A narrative review of trends, threats and ways forward. Coventry L, Branley D.

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