# Keeping EHR Safe

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Quest Diagnostics Says Up to 12 Million Patients May Have Had Financial, Medical, Personal Information Breached

It includes credit card numbers and bank account information, according to a filing Published Jun 3, 2019 at 8:49 AM | Updated at 7:38 PM EDT on Jun 4, 2019

#### Summary

- In June 2019, 12M patients records including Credit Cards, Personal data and medical information was stolen
- The breach was a result of malicious activity on a third-party collections vendor named American Medical Collection Agency (AMCA)
- At the time of hacking, AMCA payment site **did not enforce encryption** and also used wrong certificate when manually switch to secure connection
- The breach lasted 8 months from August 1, 2018 until March 30, 2019
- Multiple lawsuits filed for Quest and AMCA. AMCA has filed bankruptcy protection

# SingHealth Cyberattack July 2018

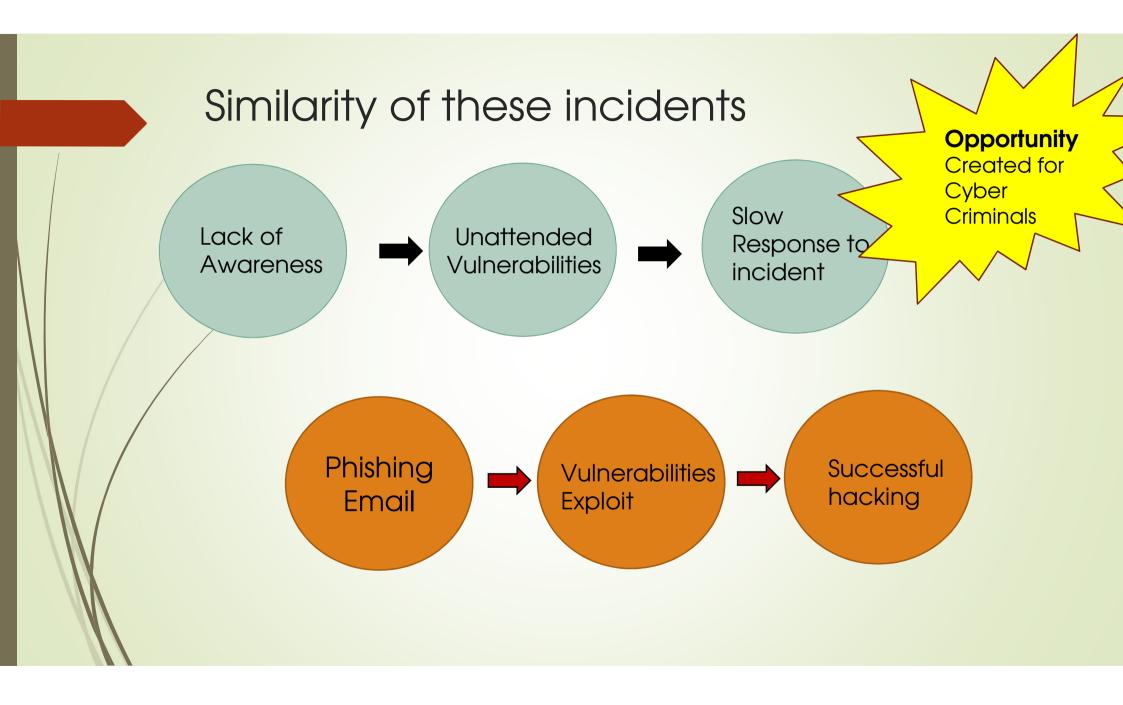
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- In July 2018, 1.5M Patient and medical records including Prime Minister was hacked
- Initial attacks day back to 2017 when a workstation was compromised by phishing email.
- Attacks gained privileged access through servers that had not been patched for 14 months
- Senior manager reluctant to report suspicious activities to avoid pressure from top and also not sure about his role in reporting security incident



#### Summary

- The WannaCry cyber attack began on the morning of Friday 12 May 2017, affected 4.7% of all NHS computers running Windows XP or unpatched Windows 7
- The attack target on known windows vulnerabilities but the patch had been made available 2 months before the attacks
- Cancelled 19,000 appointments and cost £92m to clean-up
- As of today, NHS admitted there are still over 2300 workstations running 17 years old Windows XP, 2 years after WannaCry attack



### Takeaways



Cyberworld is full of dangers and traps

Inaction / inattentive to vulnerabilities = open invitation to hackers

Be cyber resilience!

### The Hacking Economy

#### 71% of Ransomware Attacks Targeted Small Businesses in 2018

Ransomware attacks hit healthcare the hardest last year, with small to medium sized businesses targeted most by hackers due to fewer security resources than their larger counterparts.



#### Patient medical records sell for \$1K on dark web

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Healthcare data protection company Protenus revealed there were 222 hacking incidents in 2018, up nearly 25 percent from 2017. Of these data breaches, more than 11 million patient records were affected, *CBS News* reports.

Often these patient records can be found on the dark web or black market. Sellers offering patient records promote they have gained access to the medical information through hacking a hospital or payer database.

One seller offered children's health records from a pediatrician. Another dark web post advertised for an entire Georgia hospital database, filled with 397,000 patient records.

Patient records can sell for up to \$1,000 due to the amount of information found in the documents, including date of birth, credit card information, Social Security number, address and email. Social Security numbers can be purchased for as little as \$1, and credit card information sells for up to \$110, according to *CBS News*.

Of the patients who have their medical records compromised, many are left grappling with the effects years later.

Social Security Number : US\$1 Identity Proof : US\$ 30 Credit Card # : US\$ 110 Online Banking : US\$160 Medical Records : US\$ 1000 Attacks on healthcare are expected to increase by

400%

in 2020

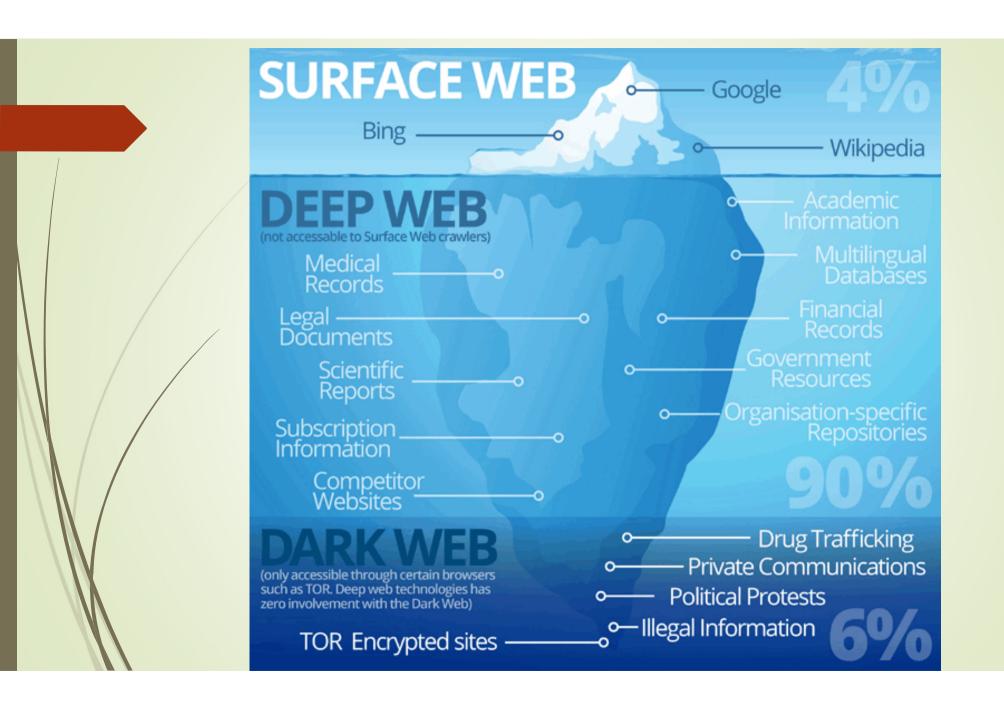
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The cost of cyber crime is expected to exceed

### **\$6 Trillion**

Annually by 2021





## **Cybercrime black markets: Dark web services and their prices**

A closer look at cybercrime as a service on the dark web

### **Ransomware-as-a-Service**

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Image 2: Subscription plans offered by cybercriminals for Ranion ransomware

### Selling Access to Servers

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### DDoS-as-a-Service

3 hours ddos botnet attack (~ 200k requests / sec)

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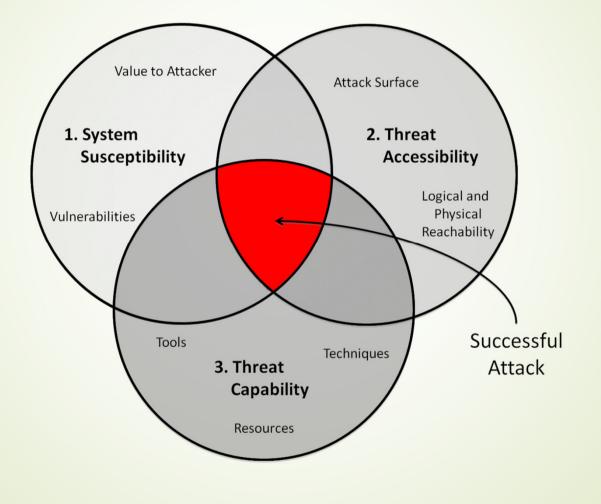


Cybercrime has become a commodity

Healthcare data theft is lucrative and easy

Be cyber resilience!

### Cyber security is an end-less Tug-of-War



### Key Objectives of eHR Security



#### Confidentiality

- Ensuring that information is accessible only to those authorised to have access
- Compliance with eHR Ordinance & PDPO

#### Integrity

• Safeguarding the accuracy and completeness of information and processing methods

#### Availability

- Ensuring that authorised users have access to information and associated assets when required
- o Ensuring the overall system reliability



### Strong Access Control and Traceability

Least Privilege Access
Separation of duties
Privacy by default
Fully audit on all control
Notification to patients



# On going monitoring & threat detection



• The operation of eHRSS is ISO 27001 certified

#### o But no system is invincible !

 Exercise of due diligent, regular review etc. is critical for discovery of unknown threats, eg. Zero day vulnerability

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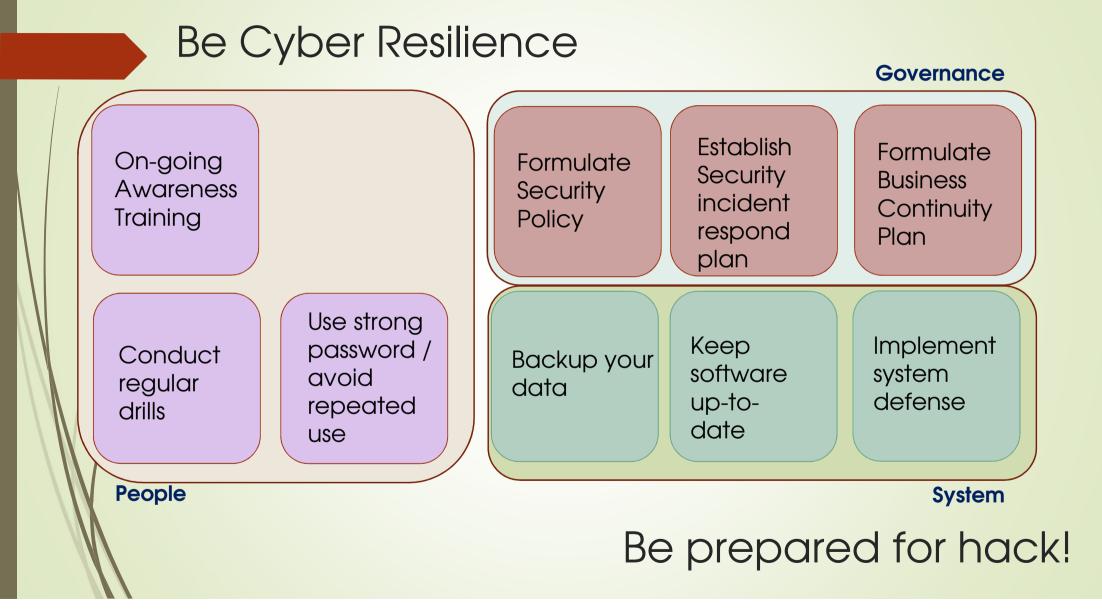
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 Regular drills & awareness training turn discipline to habit

### Modernized & automated Security Practice





### Key takeaways



- o Maintain cyber hygiene
- eHR is a ecosystem and keeping eHR Safe is everyone's responsibility
- Be cyber resilience!

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