



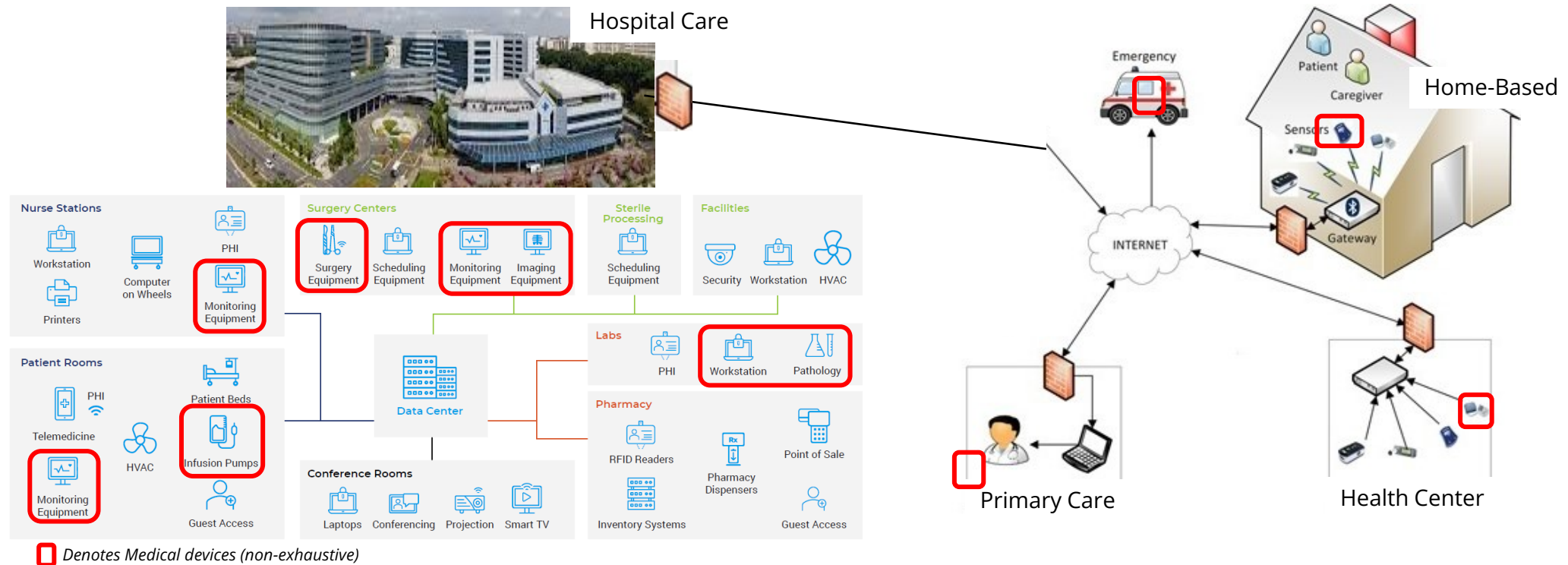
Uplifting Safety and Trust: Cybersecurity Labelling Scheme (Medical Devices), CLS(MD)

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Increasing connectedness in Healthcare delivery model

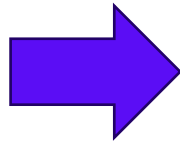
Connectivity and digitalisation of medical devices has revolutionised the delivery of healthcare.



The global IoMT market size is predicted to grow **from USD30.8B in 2021 to USD187.6B in 2028***.

* Fortune Business Insights Oct'21

Top 5 Healthcare Threats



Social Engineering/ Phishing



Ransomware



Attack Against Connected Devices



Loss or Theft of Equipment or Data



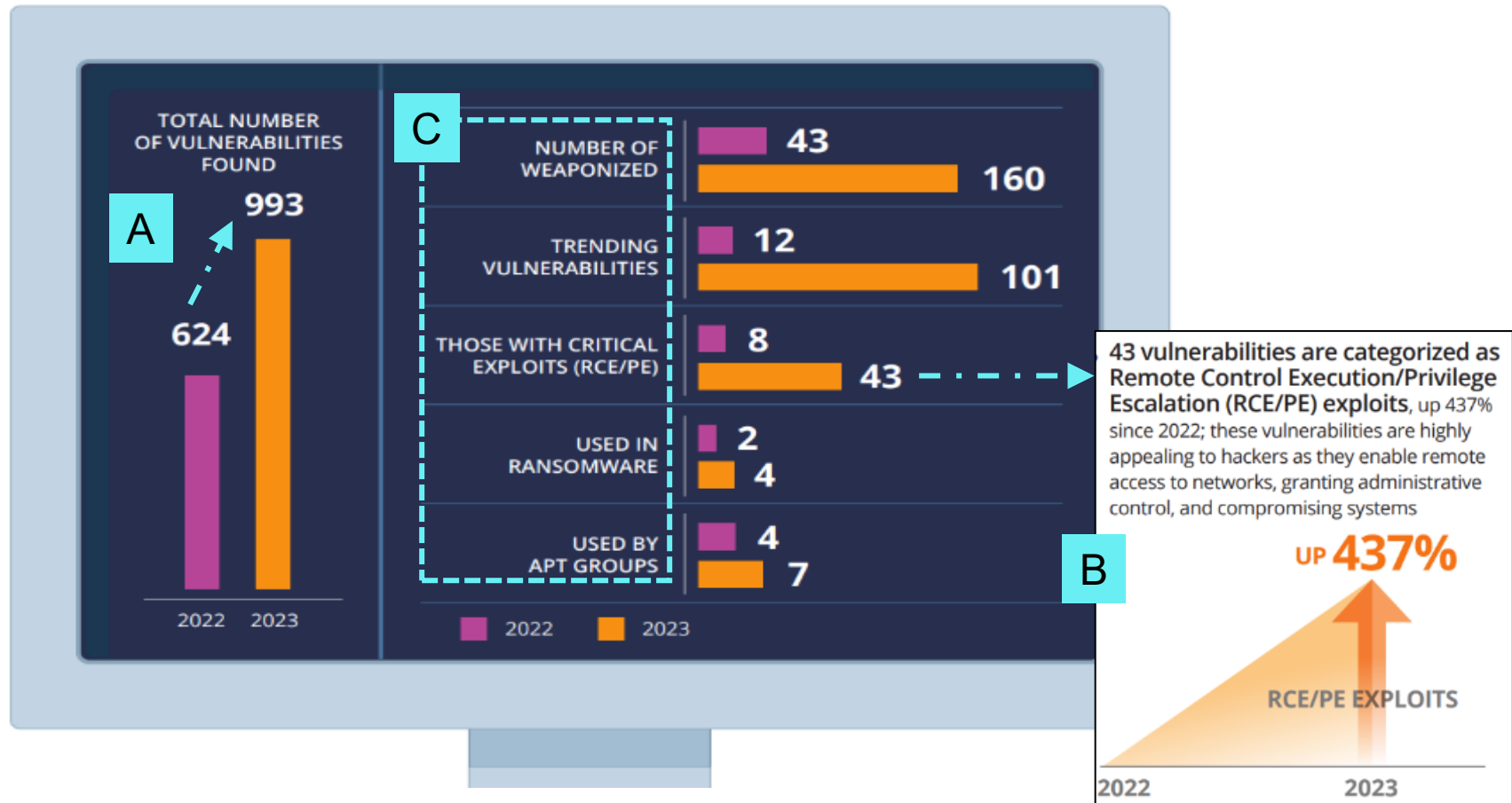
Insider Accidental or Malicious Data loss

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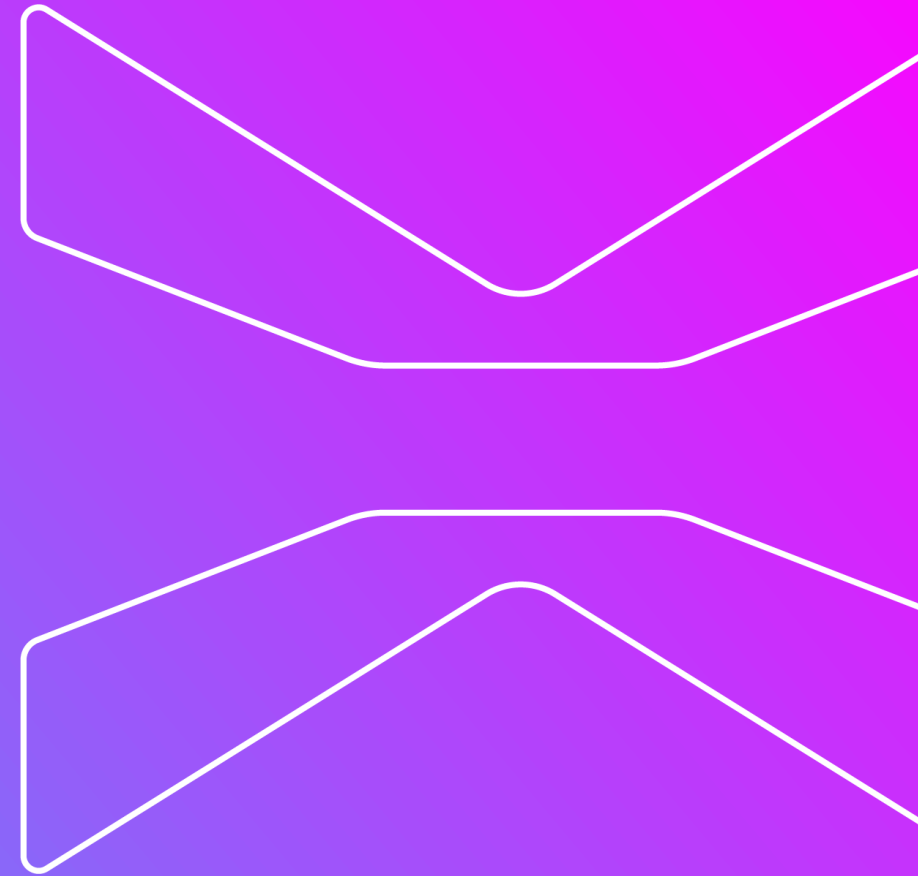
Exploitable vulnerabilities in medical devices have increased

2023 State of Cybersecurity for Medical Devices and Healthcare Systems
(by H-ISAC, Securin, Finite State)



Cybersecurity incidents arising from IoMT devices are a matter of **'when', not 'if'**

Contec CMS8000 vulnerability and threat alert



Contec CMS8000 vulnerability

Background:

- The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has released information on a possible backdoor affecting the **Contec Health CMS8000 Patient Monitor (NCSC-25-01-031)** and its rebranded variant, the **Epismed MN-120**
 - Affected devices contain a hidden, unauthorised backdoor that has been intentionally programmed to connect to an IP address[#] registered to a University in Beijing, China.
 - The hard-coded IP address cannot be easily changed or disabled by users, leading to serious cybersecurity vulnerabilities ranging from high to critical severity* which could potentially allow attackers to carry out remote code execution, device modification, and to disrupt the devices' normal operations. The FDA further warned that this backdoor could compromise patient safety, disrupt hospital operations, and lead to regulatory repercussions for healthcare organisations.
 - Cybersecurity firm Claroty reported on 2 February 2025 that the IP address in question was documented in the Contec CMS8000 user manual for configuring the devices, indicating that it is a poor, insecure design flaw rather than a hidden backdoor for malicious purposes



**The vulnerabilities are: out-of-bounds write vulnerability (CVE-2024-12248, CVSS v4 score: 9.3), hidden functionality or backdoor (CVE-2025-0626, CVSS v4 score: 7.7) and privacy leakage (CVE-2025-0683, CVSS v4 score: 8.2).*

[#]Hard coded IP addresses: 202.114.4.119 and 202.114.4.120

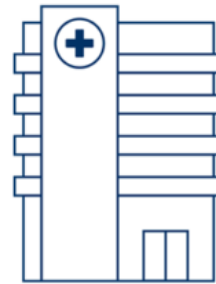
Compromised medical devices pose serious risks

Patient Safety



Compromised medical devices can lead to misdiagnosis, improper treatment, and possibly loss of life.

Hospital Operations



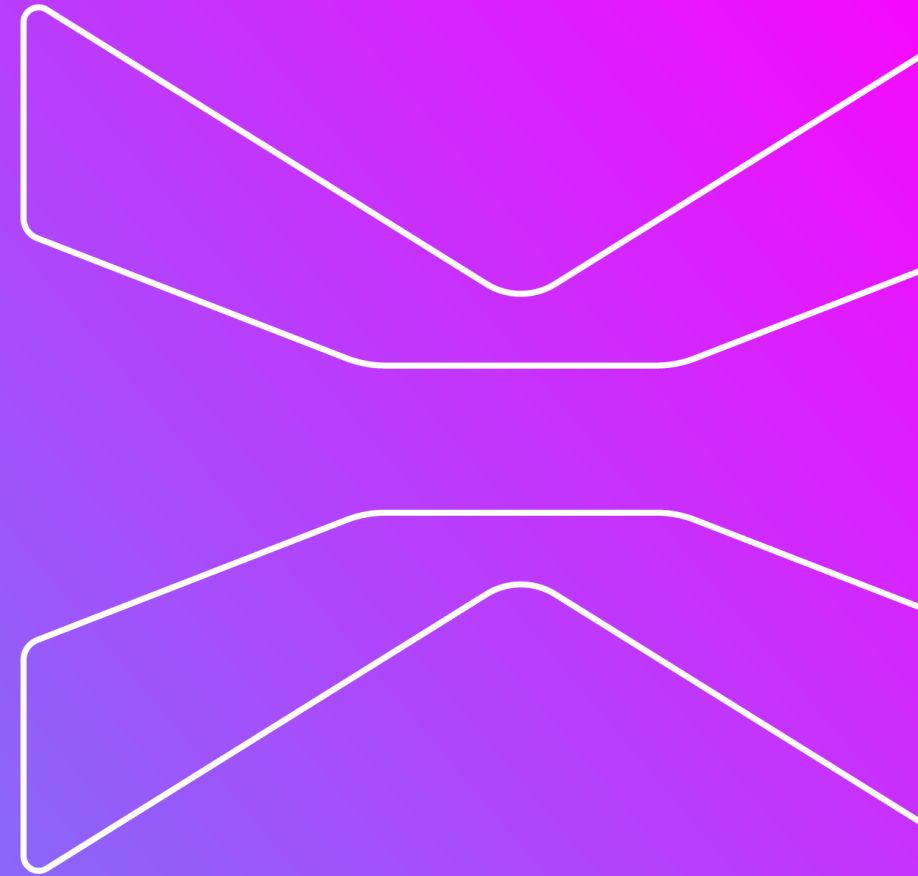
Infected devices can cause systems to malfunction, ranging from life-saving medical devices to everyday hospital operation systems.

Data Confidentiality



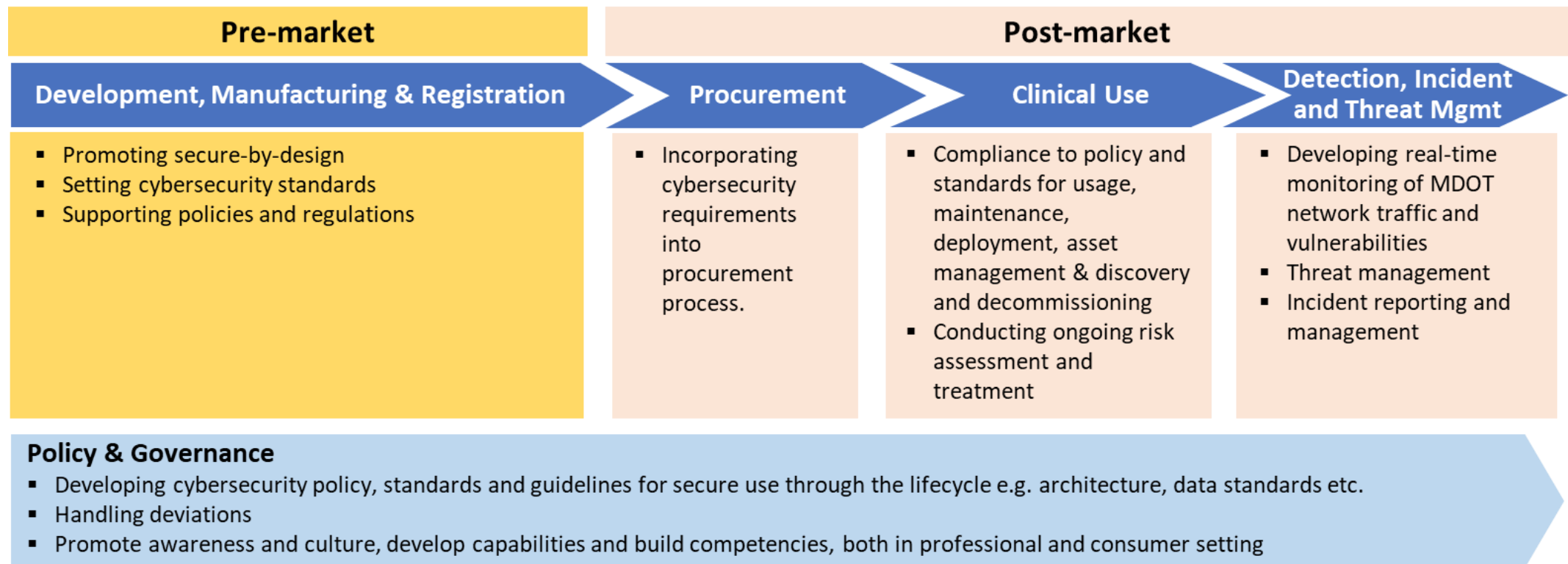
Data breaches can lead to loss or exposure of patient data, compromising patient confidentiality and patient care.

Medical Device Oversight Committee Program (MDOC)

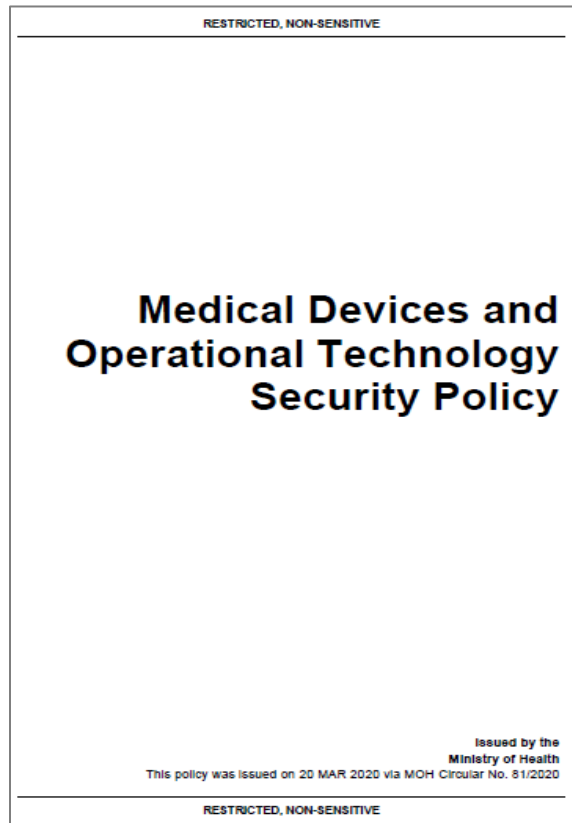


Adopting a Life cycle approach to uplift the cybersecurity of Medical Devices

- Focusing to uplift pre-market capabilities, providing post-market diligence during procurement, securing clinical use, building detection, threat and incident handling capability as well as the development of policies, standards and governance.



Synapxe developed the Cybersecurity policy for public healthcare to comply for Medical Devices and Operational Technology

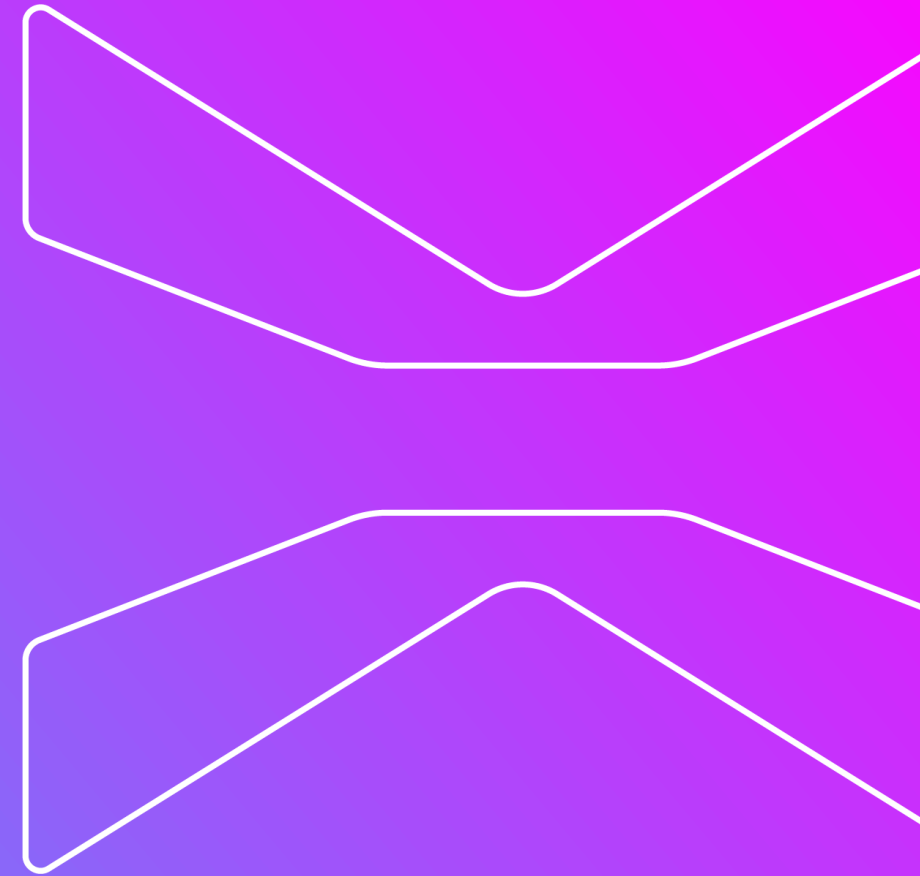


History of Medical Devices and Operational Technology Security Policy (MDOTS)

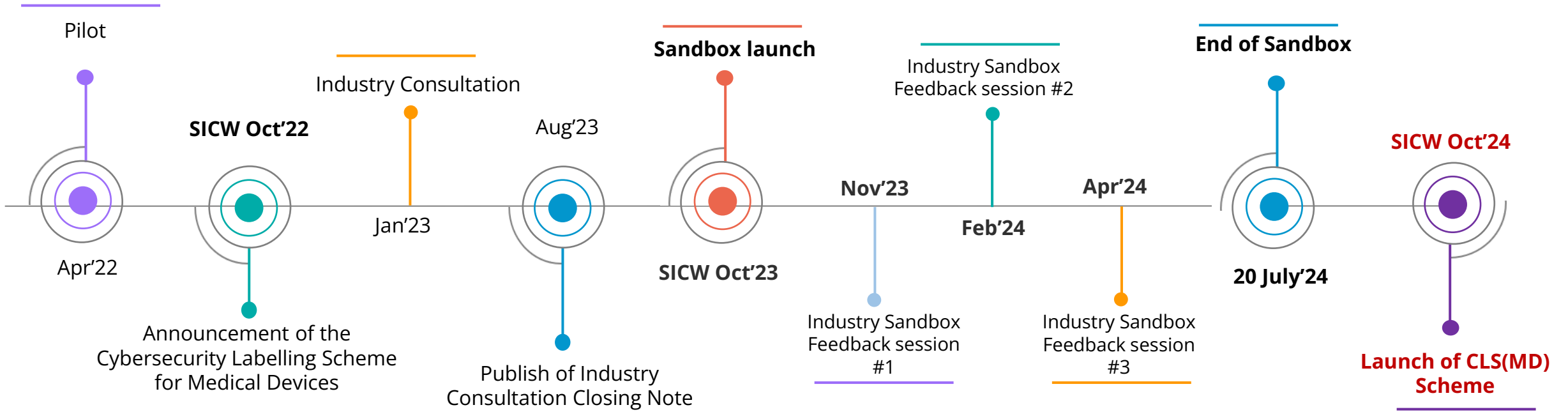
- ❑ 20 Mar 2020: MOH Circular No. 82/2020 - Interim MDOTS policy
 - ✓ *5 measures + requirement for asset inventory*
- ❑ 29 Sep 2021: MOH Circular No. 136/2021
 - ✓ *Revised password requirements*
- ❑ 31 Aug 2023: MOH Circular No. 62/2023 - latest HIM-MDOTS policy
 - ✓ *Stepped up to 10 policy domains*
 - ✓ introduces additional requirements across five new domains, referencing industry standards and regulatory guidelines.

Successfully uplifted the cybersecurity baseline and awareness for Medical Devices and Operational Technologies in the public healthcare sector.

Cybersecurity Labelling Scheme for medical devices, CLS(MD)



CLS(MD) Journey



Cybersecurity Labelling Scheme (Medical Devices)



- Announced in Oct 2024, the CLS(MD) seeks to improve Medical Devices security, raise overall cyber hygiene levels and better secure Singapore's cyberspace.
- Medical devices that are in scope will be rated according to their level of cybersecurity provisions.
- This will enable consumers and healthcare providers to identify products with better cybersecurity provisions and make informed decisions.
- Incentivize manufacturers to develop more cyber-secure products.
- Consider nudges for market to use higher-level CLS(MD) devices in the near future.

Joint initiative between:



In partnership with:



Medical Devices In-Scope for CLS(MD)

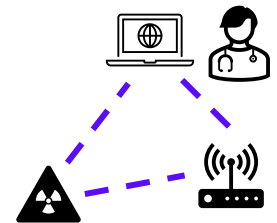
The CLS(MD) is a **voluntary scheme**.

The scope of the CLS(MD) applies to **medical devices** as described in the First Schedule of the Health Product Act (Cap122D, 2008 Rev Ed) **and** have any of the following characteristics:

i. Handles personal identifiable information (PII) and clinical data and has the ability to collect, store, process, or transfer such data;



ii. Connects to other devices, systems, and services - Has the ability to communicate using wired and / or wireless communication protocols through a network of connections.



The CLS(MD) Framework



Levels	Descriptions
1	Manufacturers need to meet the existing 4 mandatory HSA requirements* based on international standards adopted by major MD regulatory bodies (e.g. US FDA, Health Canada, Japan MHLW, TGA Australia) & 2 additional requirements pertaining to No Universal default password and the need to possess anti-brute force mechanism.
2	Manufacturers need to meet the 32 enhanced security requirements* titrated from MDS2, Post-market policies and existing CLS standards.
3	The software of the medical device (i.e., firmware, mobile applications if available) to undergo automated binary analysers to ensure no known critical software weakness, vulnerabilities or malware. & The device is to undergo a timebound penetration testing to assure basic level of resistance against common cybersecurity attacks.
4	The software of the medical device (i.e., firmware, mobile applications if available) undergo automated binary analysers to ensure no known critical software weakness, vulnerabilities or malware. & The device is to undergo a timebound security evaluation to assure higher level of resistance against cybersecurity attacks.

Guidance on Medical Device Cybersecurity (GMDC) launched at GovWare on 16th Oct 2024, in collaboration with Global Digital Health Partnership to further CLS(MD) awareness globally

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CYBERSECURITY HEALTHCARE

Synapxe collaborates with global health coalition to develop cybersecurity guidelines for medical devices

By Amit Roy Choudhury | Oct 22, 2024

The new framework launched by the Global Digital Health Partnership provides comprehensive cybersecurity guidelines for manufacturers and healthcare providers to safeguard connected medical devices



with the global launch of Guidance for Medical Device Security at Singapore's GovWare Healthcare Forum 2024



Cyber Security Work Stream, in collaboration with Synapxe,

GDHP Global Digital Health Partnership

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data with them, from security risks and cyberattacks. Manufacturers' Disclosure statement for medical device security (MDS2), NIST framework and ISO/IEC and TR67 standards. The 4 levels are adapted from Cybersecurity Labelling Scheme for Medical Device [CLS(MD)] framework that is progressively tiered from Level 1 to provide increasing security assurance as they attain compliance to higher levels.

[Download the Guidance for Medical Device Cybersecurity \(GMDC\)](#) [Media release document](#)

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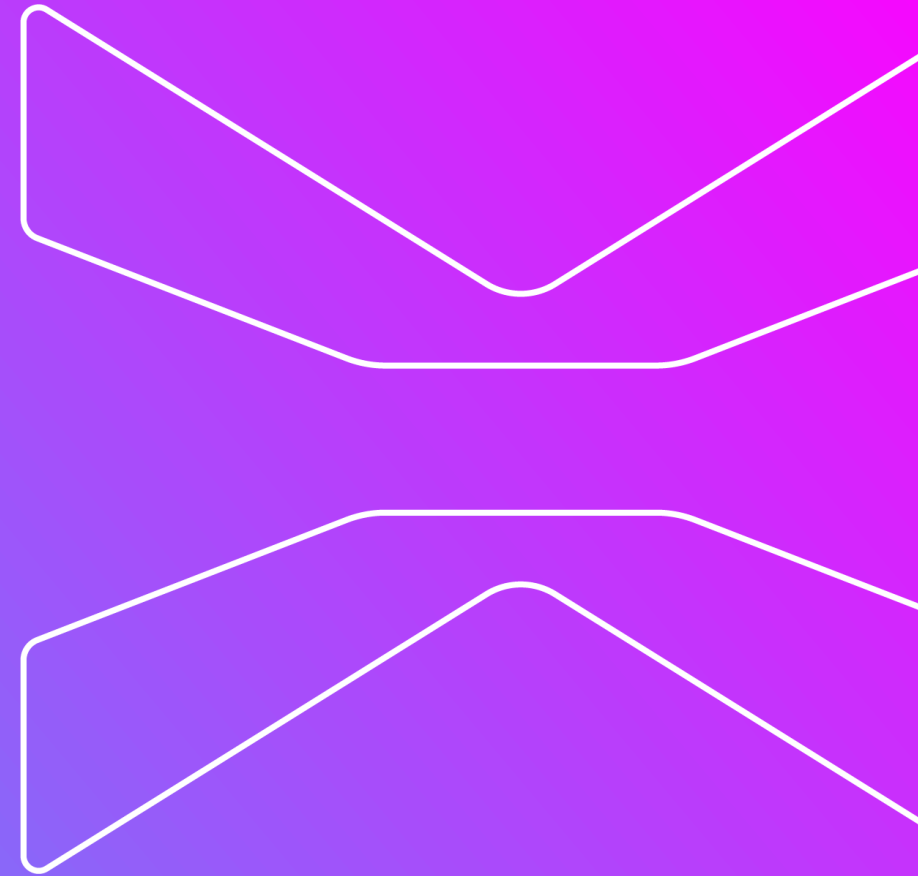
Guidance for Medical Device Cybersecurity (GMDC)

GDHP Cyber Security Workstream



GDHP Guidance for Medical Device Cybersecurity_final [Download](#)

Application Statistics



Application Statistics

- Overview of applications (as of 14 Feb 2025)

CLS(MD) Applications

Submitted 49

Submitted CLS(MD) Applications

Level 1	14
Level 2	29
Level 3	5
Level 4	1

The following 5 devices have successfully attained Level 1.

Cybersecurity Labelling Scheme for Medical Devices - CLS(MD) Product List

Search:

Filters: 4 articles

- CLS(MD) Level**
 - Level 1 * (4)
- Manufacturer**
 - Abbott Medical (1)
 - Boston Scientific (1)
 - Johnson & Johnson (1)
 - TIIM Healthcare (1)
- Category**
 - Cardiovascular (2)
 - Neurology (1)
 - Orthopedic (1)
- Year**
 - 2025 (1)
 - 2024 (3)

13 February 2025 **Vercise™ Genus Implantable Pulse Generator System**
 CLS(MD) Level: Level 1 *
 Manufacturer: Boston Scientific
 Model: DB-1216 Vercise Genus™, Model DB-1232 Vercise Genus™
 Issued date: 16 October 2024...
 Neurology

16 October 2024 **VELYS™ Hip Navigation for Windows**
 CLS(MD) Level: Level 1 *
 Manufacturer: Johnson & Johnson
 Model: 451580051
 Issued date: 16 October 2024
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 Orthopedic

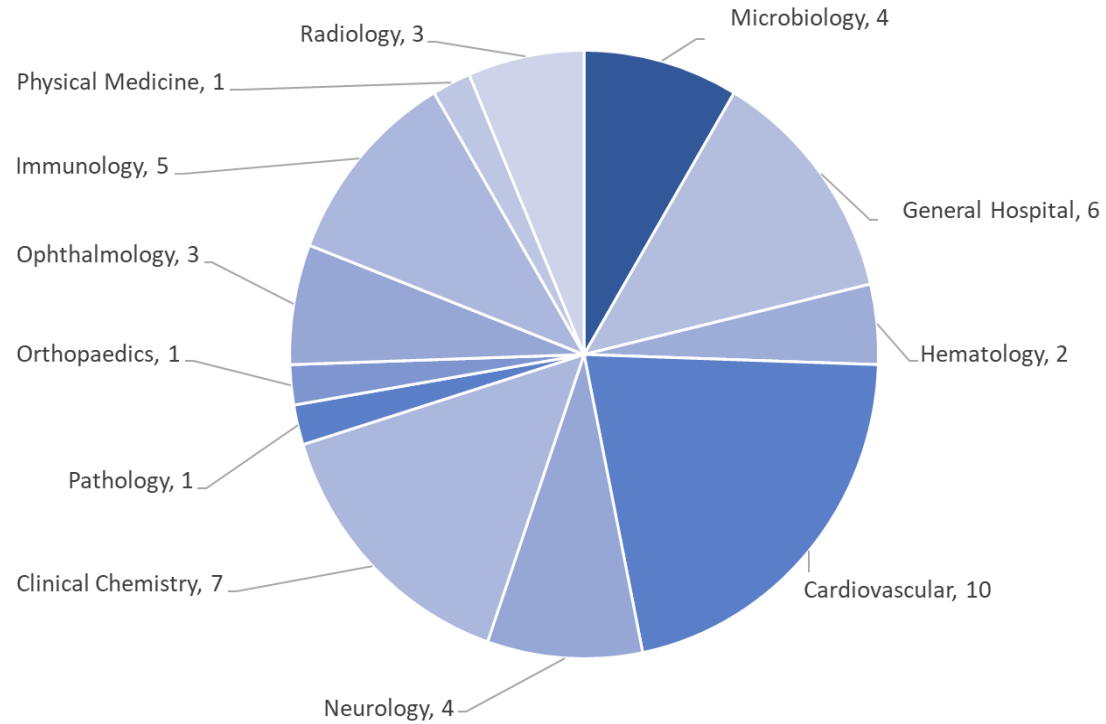
16 October 2024 **Aveir Leadless Pacemaker**
 CLS(MD) Level: Level 1 *
 Manufacturer: TIIM Healthcare
 Model: V1
 Issued date: 16 October 2024
 Expiry date: 15 October 2027
 Cardiovascular

16 October 2024 **aiTriage**
 CLS(MD) Level: Level 1 *
 Manufacturer: Abbott Medical
 Model: LSP112V
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 Cardiovascular

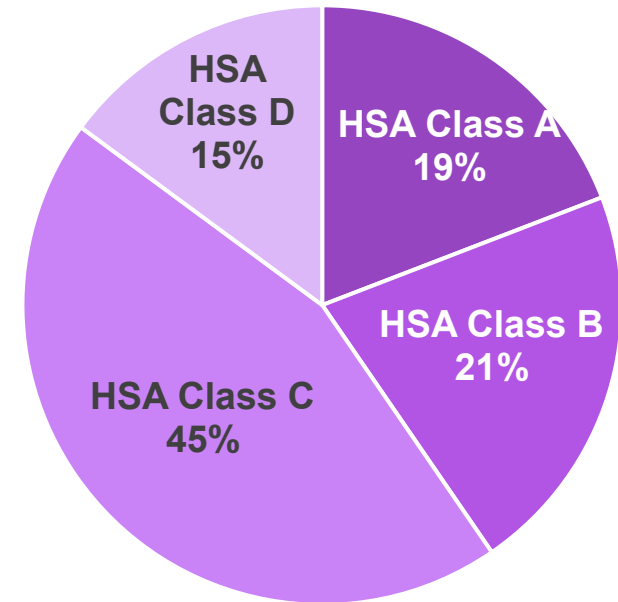
CYBERSECURITY LABEL (MEDICAL DEVICES)
 REGISTRATION ID: CSA/MDW12345
 www.mdc.gov.au/cls-md

Application Status

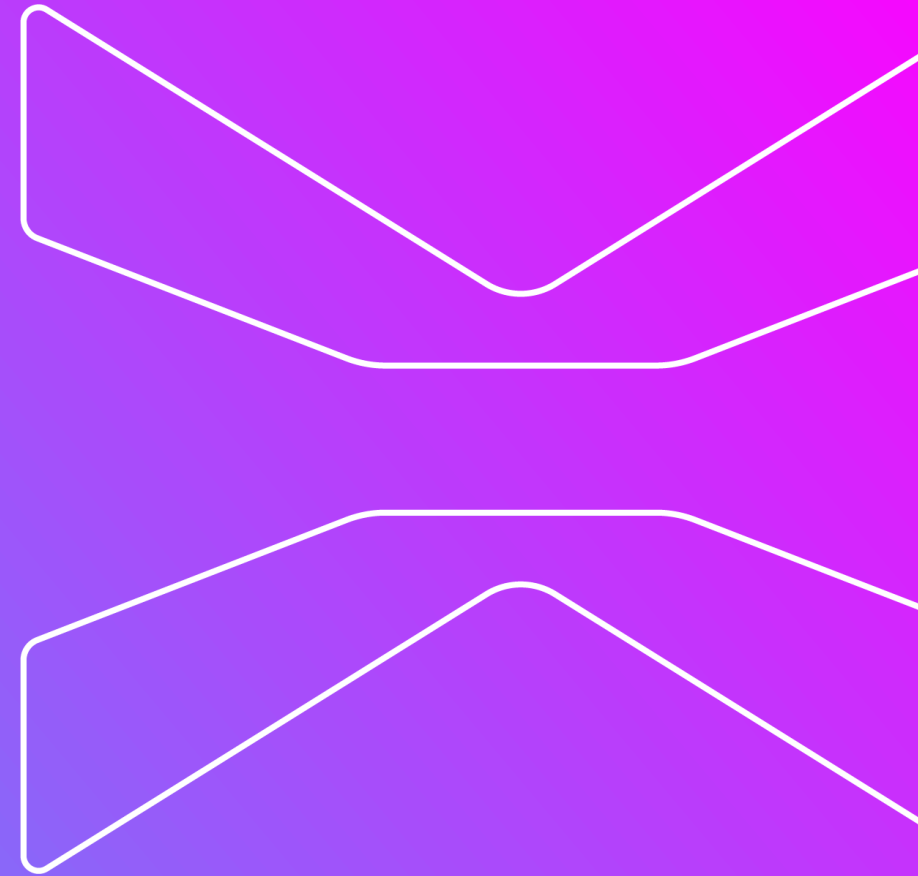
Overview of Applications grouped by HSA device categories



Overview of Applications grouped by HSA Classes



Key Changes to the CLS(MD)



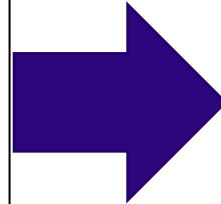
Declaration of Review to be Performed by Approved Test Laboratories

- For **new applications received from 16 October 2024**, manufacturers are required to engage an approved Test Laboratory (TL) for the review of the Declaration of Conformity (DoC) and Supporting Evidence (SE) before applying to the CLS(MD).
- For **applications (either in progress or waitlisted) received during the Sandbox**, the review of the Declaration of Conformity (DoC) and Supporting Evidence (SE) for levels 1 and 2 will continue to be reviewed by CSA.

Procedural Overview

Pre-Application Phase

1. Manufacturer will reach out to TL to establish terms of engagement and relevant non-disclosure agreements.
2. TL will perform the review of the manufacturer's DoC and SE.
3. When TL's review is complete, the CLS(MD) application can be submitted via GoBusiness Portal (*TLs may apply on behalf of manufacturers*).



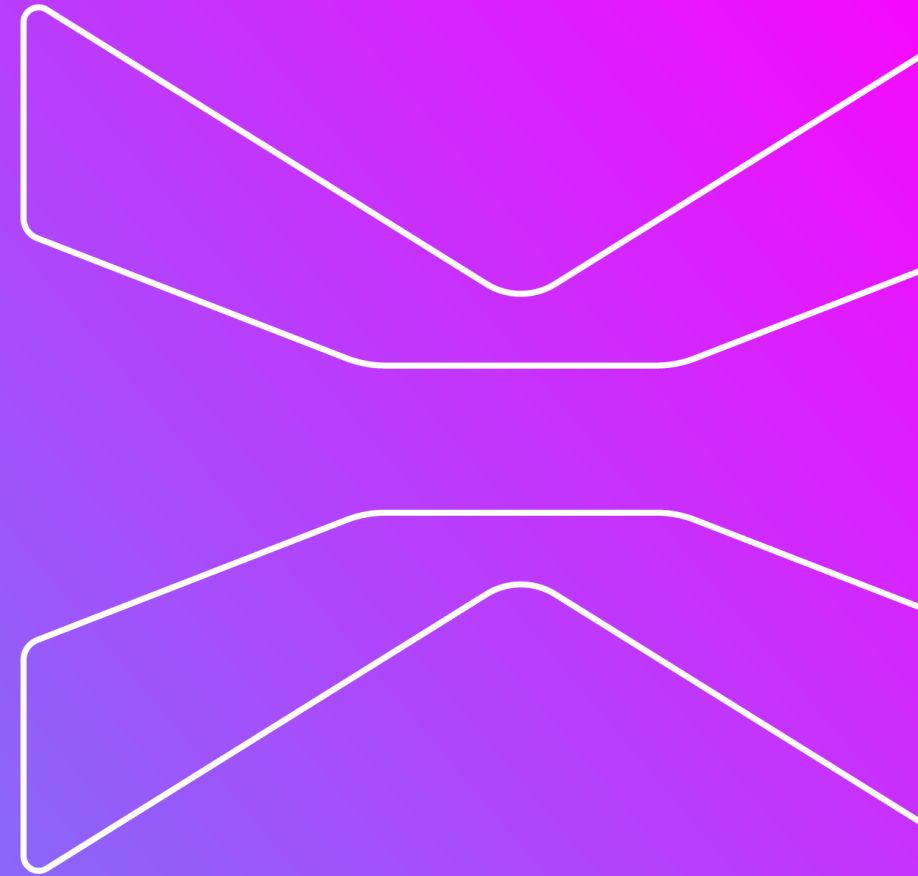
Application Phase

1. The applicant shall submit the DoC, SE, and the TL's Assessment of the DoC/SE to CSA.
2. CSA will review the TL's assessment.
3. If the application is successful, CSA will proceed with label issuance.

Approved Test Laboratories



SG Healthcare Regulatory updates



To safeguard data and systems, a new Health Information Bill is proposed

The Health Information Bill (HIB) aims to ensure that health information will be securely shared across providers and care settings for holistic care and care continuity.



- 1 Building upon the current National Electronic Health Record (NEHR) repository, **mandate contribution of summary data** to NEHR by Healthcare Services Act (HCSA) licensees (e.g. hospitals, clinics, laboratories) and prescribe allowable uses of the repository
- 2 **Facilitate proactive data sharing** across MOH entities, HCSA licensees and appointed community partners
- 3 **Ensure safeguards for data sharing** are in place to protect patient confidentiality and respect patient autonomy
- 4 Put in place **cybersecurity and data protection measures** to safeguard health information

Cybersecurity and data governance measures to safeguard health information

Everyone must play their part in safeguarding health information

Healthcare providers and data intermediaries **must meet cybersecurity requirements and data governance measures** for IT systems and medical devices

Healthcare providers must **report suspected cybersecurity incidents and data breaches** to MOH in a timely manner

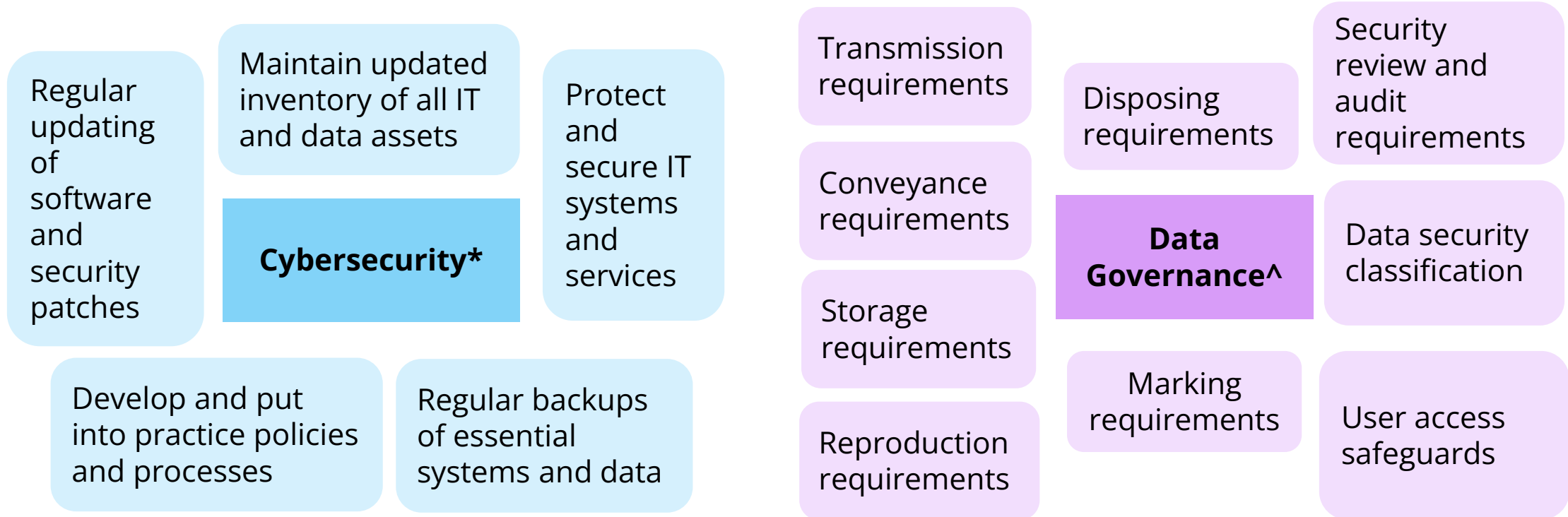


Data intermediaries, such as providers of Clinic Management Systems and Medical Devices, are also important stakeholders in the health information landscape.

Data intermediaries will also **be held accountable** if they cause cyber / data breaches

Strict penalties will be imposed for any contraventions to the HIB requirements

Healthcare entities must meet a unified set of baseline cyber & data requirements




*Builds on existing requirements under the **MOH Healthcare Cybersecurity Essentials (HCSE)**

^Aligned with prevailing PDPC **Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA)** standards

MOH Healthcare Cybersecurity Essentials (HCSE): an interim approach to ensure healthcare providers meet basic cybersecurity standards

- MOH (supported by CSA) developed and issued **Healthcare Cybersecurity Essentials (HCSE)**
 - Guide healthcare providers on basic cybersecurity measures.
- A **dedicated website** providing general information pertaining to cybersecurity was also set up
- **Consultations** are carried out as part of Health Information Bill (HIB) efforts on the cybersecurity standards required of medical devices, operational technology, and information and communications technology.



MINISTRY OF HEALTH SINGAPORE

REMEMBER YOUR 12 HEALTHCARE CYBERSECURITY ESSENTIALS

Amidst the constant and evolving cybersecurity threats, the Ministry of Health (MOH) has developed a set of basic 'Healthcare Cybersecurity Essentials' (HCSE) to better support healthcare providers to strengthen your cybersecurity posture at the endpoints and network environment. This will safeguard and ensure the integrity of the personal and medical data within the medical records as part of managing clinical risk and upholding patient safety.

Whom do HCSE apply to?

All healthcare providers licensed under the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act (PHMCA) and the Healthcare Services Act (HCSA), as well as entities providing intermediate and long term care services.

Share the guidelines with persons in your organisation who have access to or manage data and systems, e.g. healthcare professional, IT staff, clinic assistant.

What do you need to do?

- C** Create IT asset inventory
- S** Secure data, detect, respond to, and recover from breaches
- I** Implement by putting measures into practice

MOH – Healthcare Cybersecurity Essentials for Providers

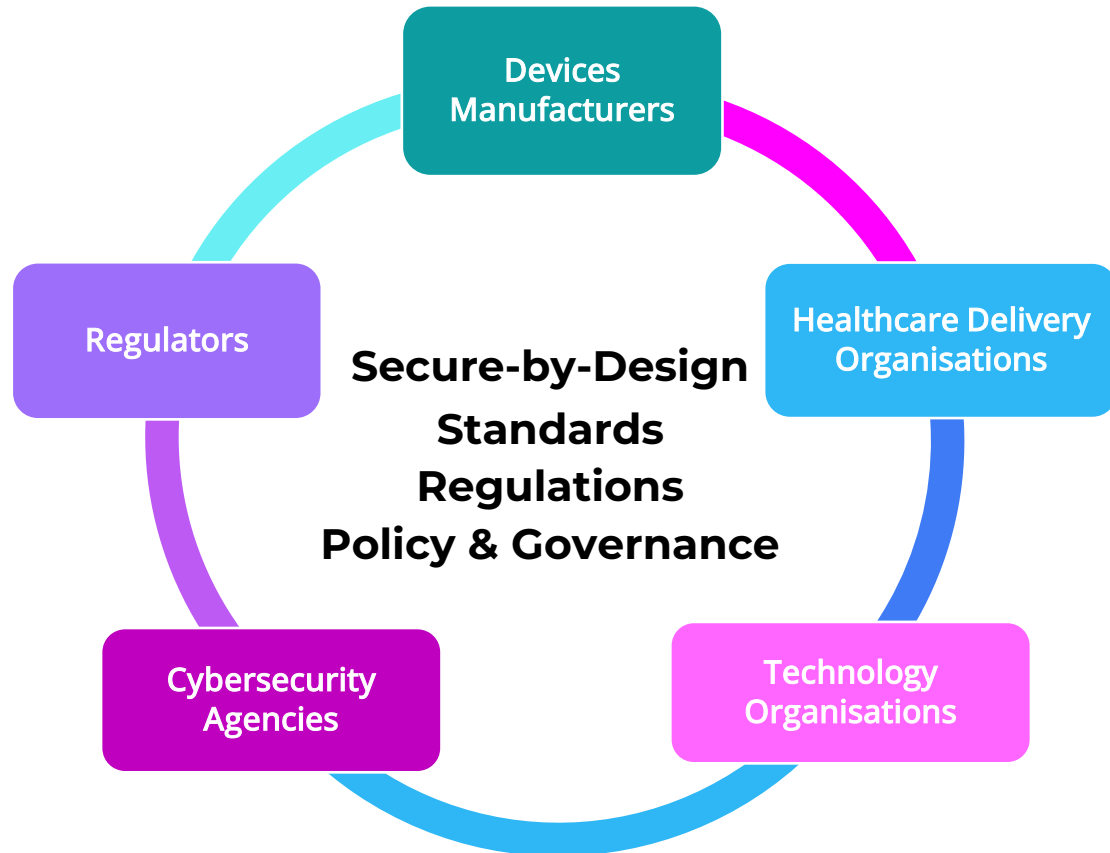
HEALTHCARE CYBERSECURITY ESSENTIALS

Supported by Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA)

August 2021

Call to Action: Collaborative Approach

Cybersecurity is a Team Sport.... Every member counts!



Multi-layered collaboration to Elevate the cybersecurity of medical devices

- Strong engagement of stakeholders
- Raise awareness and education
- Design and develop safer devices
- Regulatory and policy measures
- Balance cyber security and patient safety
- International Mutual Recognition

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