



True HIPAA Compliancy and How We Can Help You Obtain It

HIPAA concerns for small to medium medical businesses and practices

You are a small medical practice and have followed all the recommended steps to begin Electronic Medical Record (EMR) charting: You purchased the computers and Internet service. You researched EMR software and contracted with a vendor who guaranteed their software as HIPAA compliant. Your staff was trained, everyone did the required practice, and together you survived "Go-Live" day.

During the process, you and your partners conducted HIPAA research and the anticipated costs of IT security services. You decided to slash that expense due to the fact that your EMR software vendor guaranteed HIPAA compliance. You're covered. You'll be compliant. Right

IT security goes far beyond what a software package can provide. Someone steals your laptop from your car...was it encrypted? Your wireless network is protected with a strong password, which certainly will safeguard your practice from any hacking attempts. Right?

One look at the HIPAA breach "Wall of Shame" will surely cause you to reconsider obtaining bulletproof security for your data. Listed on this U.S. Department of Health & Human Services website are instances of protected health information breaches of 500 or more patients. How small is that figure compared to your practice volume? Are you protected at a level strong enough to keep you from appearing on the Wall?

Combined Systems Technology can help manage HIPAA concerns for small to medium medical businesses and practices:

- Network monitoring and management. Who currently monitors your EMR log files for suspicious activity?
- Firewall design and installation. What do you currently have in place, who is responsible for monitoring for intrusions and do they have the necessary experience to stop an intrusion?

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- Centralized and continuously monitored anti-virus and malware management. Do you have policies and procedures in place regarding business email, has the staff been trained to avoid downloading of games or instant messaging programs? Did you know these are potential gateways to viruses and malware?
- Data and communication encryption solutions. Are your mobile devices (laptops, smartphones, tablets) encrypted in case of loss or theft?

Combined Systems Technology can help you achieve true HIPAA compliance. [Contact us](#) for a risk assessment. We will help to keep you off the Wall.



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