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Wireless Infusion Pumps: Securing Hospitals' Most Ubiquitous Medical Device



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In the News



POPULAR SCIENCE

HEALTH

HACKED MEDICAL DEVICES MAY BE THE BIGGEST CYBER SECURITY THREAT IN 2016

Healthcare IT News

TOPICS 🥼 SIGN UP MAIN MENU

Threat matrix: Malware and hacking pose dangers to medical devices

CSO

NEWS

Attackers targeting medical devices to bypass hospital security





Lax medical device security needs urgent action



Medical Devices Used as Pivot Point in Hospital Attacks: Report

Risks, Threats, Vulnerabilities to Infusion Pumps



RISKS

- Patient safety (lives)
- Operational/downtime
- Patient trust & staff morale

THREATS

- Collateral damage
- Malware
- Theft/loss
- Lateral attack
- Hacktivism

VULNERABILITIES

- Tightly regulated "turn-key" systems
- Long useful life
- Poorly protected & patched
- No detection & alerting
- System complexity



Courtesy of Axel Wirth

Infusion Pumps



- Infusion pumps are medical devices that deliver fluids and medications into a patient's body in controlled amounts.
- Infusion pumps among the most are ubiquitous connected medical devices in hospitals.
 - Estimated that more than 2 million infusion pumps are in use in hospitals.





Infusion Pumps in the News





HACKER CAN SEND FATAL DOSE TO HOSPITAL DRUG PUMPS





BloombergBusiness

Hospital Drug Pump Can Be Hacked Through Network, FDA Warns

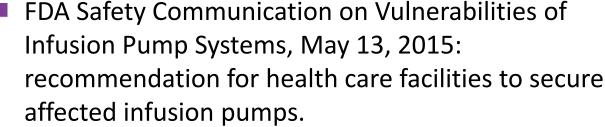


VIDEO SHOWS A TERRIFYING DRUG INFUSION PUMP HACK IN ACTION

Infusion Pump Vulnerability Notices









■ ICS-CERT Advisory (ICSA1512501B): provides details of vulnerabilities including CVE numbers and CVSS scores.

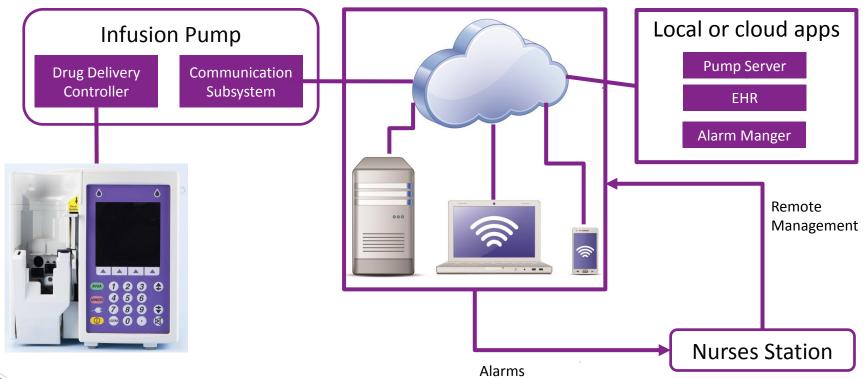


Postmarket Management of Cybersecurity in Medical Devices: draft guidance on cybersecurity risk management, remediation, and reporting



Infusion Pump Physical Architecture







Demo

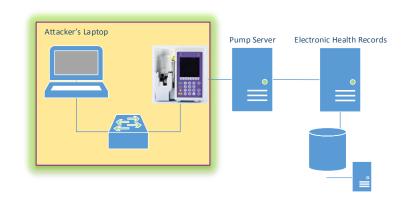




Exploit #1: Compromise Patient Information



- TELNET access to "root" account
 - No authentication required
 - CVE-2015-3459
- Risk
 - Gain root access to pump
 - Pump used as a pivot

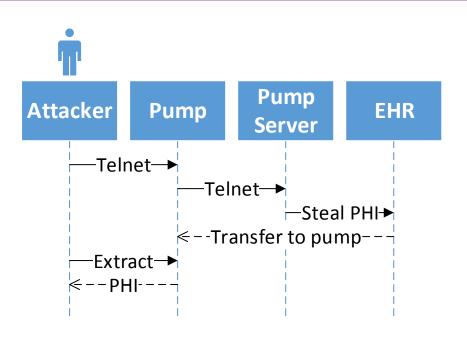




Exploit #1: Compromise Patient Information



- Unauthenticated telnet to pump
 - Use pump to pivot
- Extract desired information
- Move information to web server
- Extract via web browser

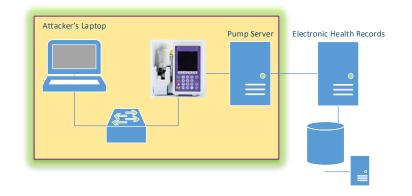




Exploit #2: Crash Communication Subsystem



- Denial of service attack
 - Stops network communication
 - Using resource consumption
 - Can corrupt flash file system



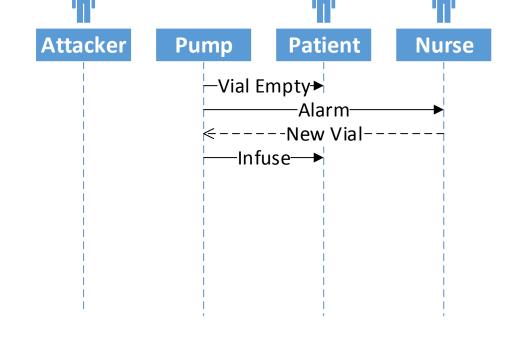
- Risk
 - Stops pump from sending alerts and messages



Exploit #2: Crash Communication Subsystem



- Normal Operations
- Error condition
 - Empty vial
 - Alarm sent
- Error condition cleared
 - Nurse replaces vial
- Infusion resumes

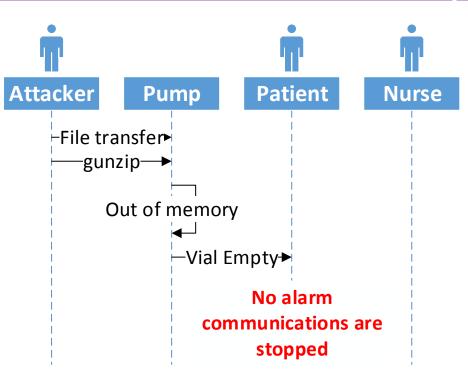




Exploit #2: Crash Communication Subsystem



- Anonymous FTP to pump
- Upload gzip'd file
- TELNET access to "root" account
- gunzip file
 - Consumes all available RAM
 - Corrupts part of file system
 - No file system repair tools

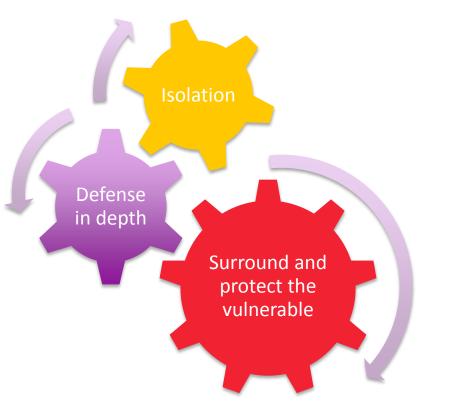




All Devices Have Vulnerabilities



- Although the vulnerabilities might not be known
- Just because it's vulnerable doesn't mean it's exploitable
- Patching may not be possible right away





Wireless Infusion Pump Problem Statement



RESEARCH



BUILD



SHARE

- Help health care delivery organizations understand risks & secure medical devices on an enterprise network
- Focus on wireless infusion pumps as archetype of medical device

- Assess risk
- Identify mitigating security technologies
- Build example implementation
- Independent validation of implementation

 Publish practice guide: NIST Special Publication 1800 series



Challenges



- Firmware version control
 - Multiple versions in service
- Access control
 - Physical and networked
 - "Break the glass"
 - Malware or other unexpected software on pump
- Wireless access point and network configuration
- Alarms
- Asset management and monitoring

- Identity management and Credentialing
- Maintenance and firmware updates
- Pump variability
 - Multiple types of pumps
 - Multiple models in usage





NCCoE Strategy





MISSION

ACCELERATE ADOPTION OF SECURE TECHNOLOGIES

Collaborate with innovators to provide real-world, standards-based cybersecurity capabilities that address business needs



VISION

ADVANCE CYBERSECURITY

A secure cyber infrastructure that inspires technological innovation and fosters economic growth



PROVIDE PRACTICAL CYBERSECURITY

Help people secure their data and digital infrastructure by equipping them with practical ways to implement standards-based cybersecurity solutions that are modular, repeatable and scalable



GOAL 2

INCREASE RATE OF ADOPTION

Enable companies to rapidly deploy commercially available cybersecurity technologies by reducing technological, educational and economic barriers to adoption



GOAL 3

ACCELERATE INNOVATION

Empower innovators to creatively address businesses' most pressing cybersecurity challenges in a state-of-the-art, collaborative environment



NCCoE Tenets





Standards-based: Apply relevant local, national and international standards to each security implementation and account for each sector's individual needs; demonstrate reference designs for new standards



Modular: Develop reference designs with individual components that can be easily substituted with alternates that offer equivalent input-output specifications



Repeatable: Enable anyone to recreate the NCCoE builds and achieve the same results by providing a complete practice guide including a reference design, bill of materials, configuration files, relevant code, diagrams, tutorials and instructions



Commercially available: Work with the technology community to identify commercially available products that can be brought together in reference designs to address challenges identified by industry



Usable: Design usable blueprints that end users can easily and cost-effectively adopt and integrate into their businesses without disrupting day-to-day operations

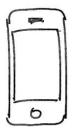


Open and transparent: Use open and transparent processes to complete work, and seek and incorporate public comments on NCCoE documentation, artifacts and results



Participate





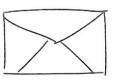
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