

Audit Plan

IT General Controls (ITGC) – Healthcare Portfolio Engagement

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Engagement Type: Simulated Internal Audit (Portfolio)

Organization: Jacob's Dome (Fictional) – Healthcare, 75 employees, 2 key systems

1. Objective

Evaluate the design and operating effectiveness of IT General Controls supporting the HR System and Medical Records System to provide assurance over confidentiality, integrity, and availability (CIA).

2. Scope

In Scope	Details
Systems	HR System; Medical Records System
Domains	Access Controls (AC), Change Management (CM), IT Operations (OP)
Time Period	Last 6 months (simulated evidence set)

Out of Scope: application functionality/clinical workflows; financial reporting accuracy; penetration testing.

3. Risk Focus

Primary risks assessed include unauthorized access (including excessive privilege), payroll manipulation, PHI exposure, unapproved changes impacting system integrity, and inadequate monitoring/log review execution.

4. Methodology

- Risk-based planning and control mapping (COBIT, ISO/IEC 27001, COSO referenced).
- Design effectiveness assessment: confirm control intent, ownership, frequency, and evidence requirements.
- Operating effectiveness testing: inspection/inquiry using samples from recent activity; document exceptions.
- Issue evaluation: assess frequency (pattern), system criticality, and potential impact to determine severity.
- Reporting: condition/criteria/cause/effect/recommendation with remediation actions and follow-up cadence.

5. Planned Tests (Summary)

Control	Test Objective	Sample / Evidence
AC-01 Provisioning	Verify documented approvals prior to granting access	10 active users; request/approval evidence
AC-02 Deprovisioning	Verify access removal within 24 hours of termination	5 terminations; disablement records

CM-01 Change Approval	Verify approvals and emergency review/testing	5 production changes; tickets/approvals
OP-03 Log Review	Verify log review cadence and evidence	Review schedule + exception handling evidence

6. Deliverables

- Audit plan and workpapers (risk matrix, controls matrix, findings register)
- Final ITGC audit report (executive summary, findings, remediation recommendations)
- Follow-up plan (90-day validation for High-Risk findings)

Note: This portfolio engagement uses fictional data and does not include real PHI or employee information.