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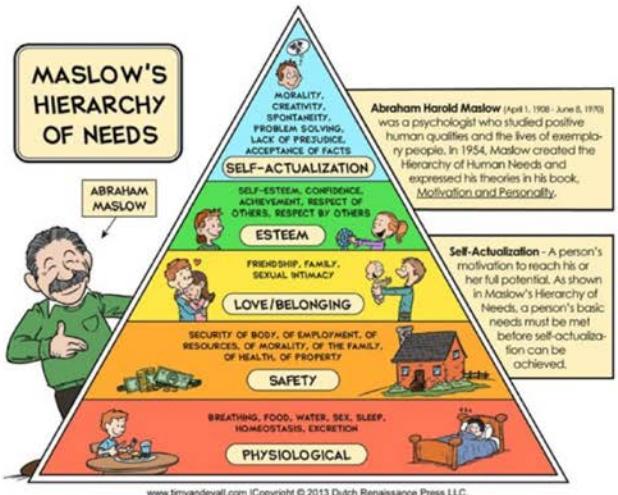
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Safer. Sooner. Together.

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Through our over dependence on undependable IT, we have created the conditions such that the actions any single outlier can have a profound and asymmetric impact on human life, economic, and national security.

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Patients of a Vermont Hospital Are Left 'in the Dark' After a Cyberattack

A wave of damaging attacks on hospitals upended the lives of patients with cancer and other ailments. "I have no idea what to do," one said.



The University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington, Vt., was the victim of a cyberattack in late October. Elizabeth Frantz for The New York Times



By Ellen Barry and Nicole Perlroth

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The Before Times...

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SPECIAL ARTICLE

CONCLUSIONS

Medicare beneficiaries who were admitted to marathon-affected hospitals with acute myocardial infarction or cardiac arrest on marathon dates had longer ambulance transport times before noon (4.4 minutes longer) and higher 30-day mortality than beneficiaries who were hospitalized on nonmarathon dates. (Funded by the National Institutes of Health.)

ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND

Large marathons frequently involve widespread road closures and infrastructure disruptions, which may create delays in emergency care for nonparticipants with acute medical conditions who live in proximity to marathon routes.

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HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY CYBERSECURITY TASK FORCE

June 2017

REPORT ON IMPROVING CYBERSECURITY IN THE HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY

HEALTHCARE CYBERSECURITY IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Severe Lack of Security Talent

The majority of health delivery orgs lack full-time, qualified security personnel

Legacy Equipment

Equipment is running on old, unsupported, and vulnerable operating systems.

Premature/Over-Connectivity

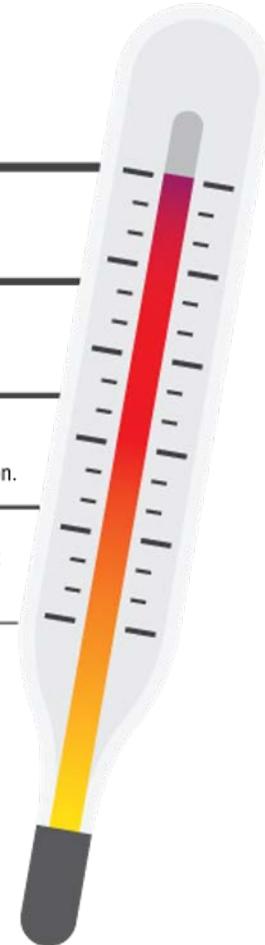
'Meaningful Use' requirements drove hyper-connectivity without secure design & implementation.

Vulnerabilities Impact Patient Care

One security compromise shut down patient care at Hollywood Presbyterian and UK Hospitals

Known Vulnerabilities Epidemic

One legacy, medical technology had over 1,400 vulnerabilities



*If you can't afford to protect
it...*

You can't afford to connect it...



CYBERMED SUMMIT

Phoenix, 8-9 June 2017

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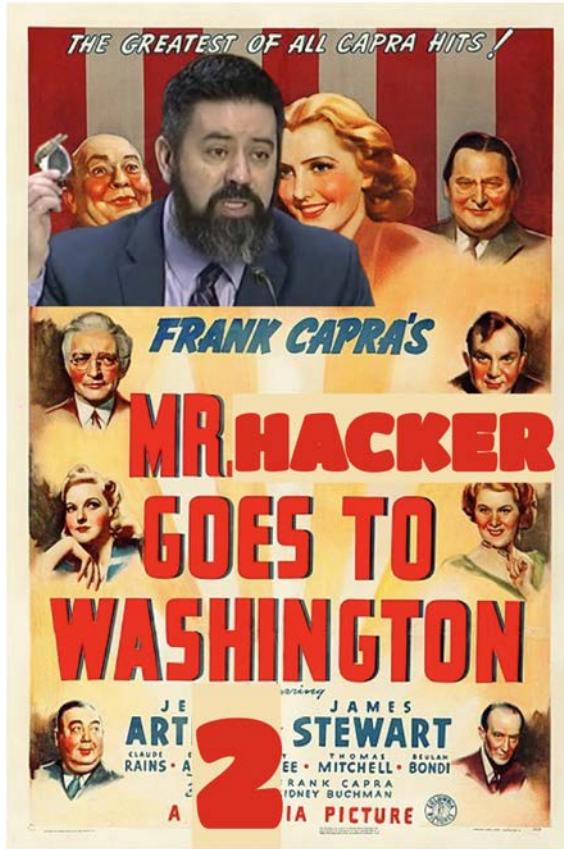


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Shattered Expectations... [Pandemic]

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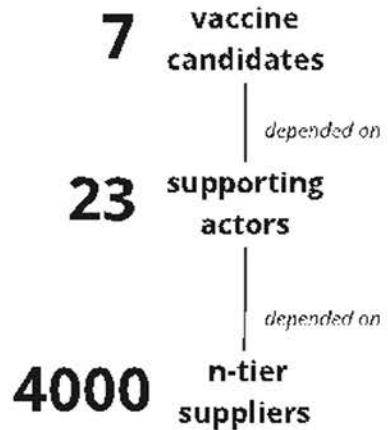
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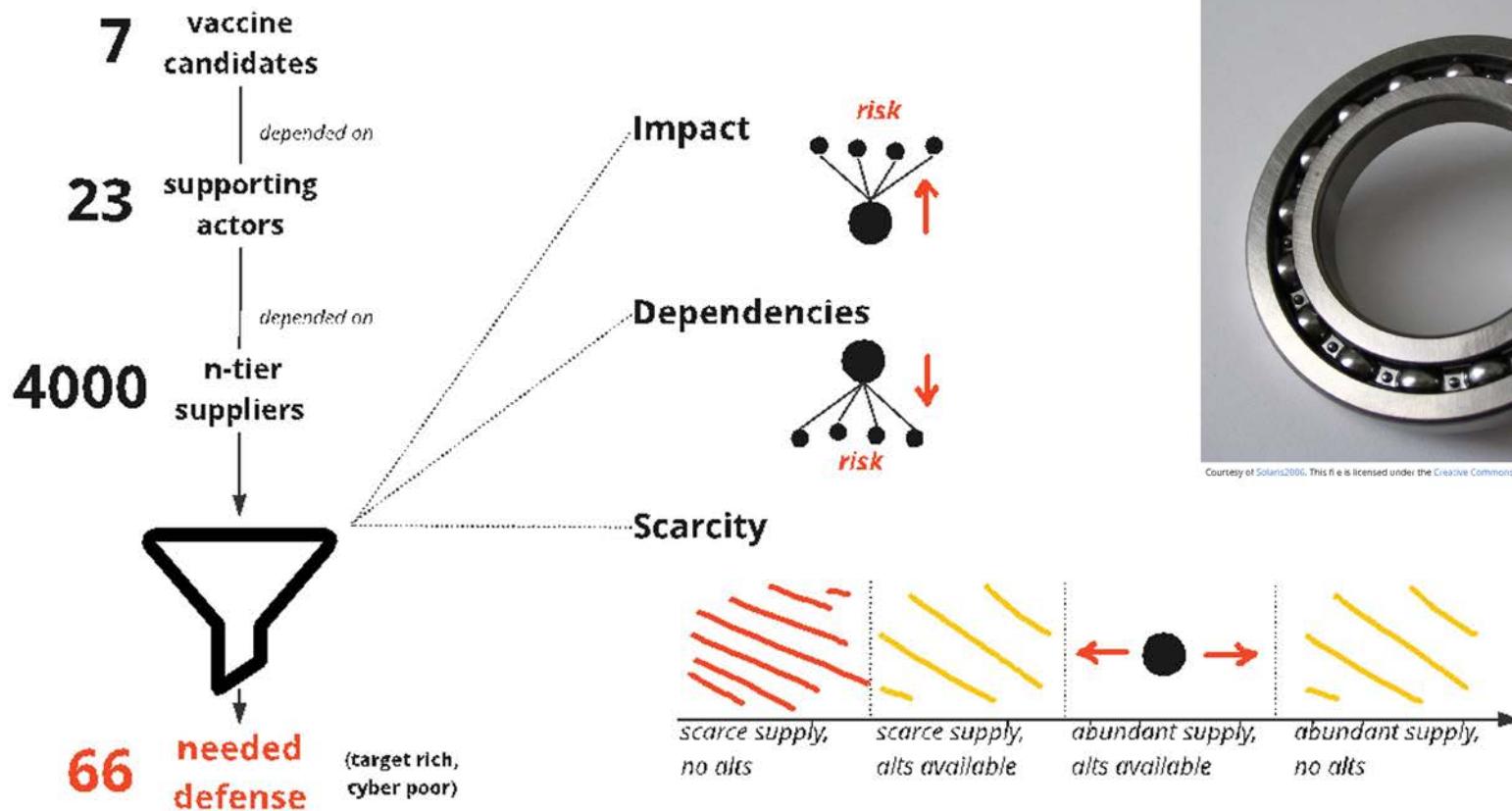
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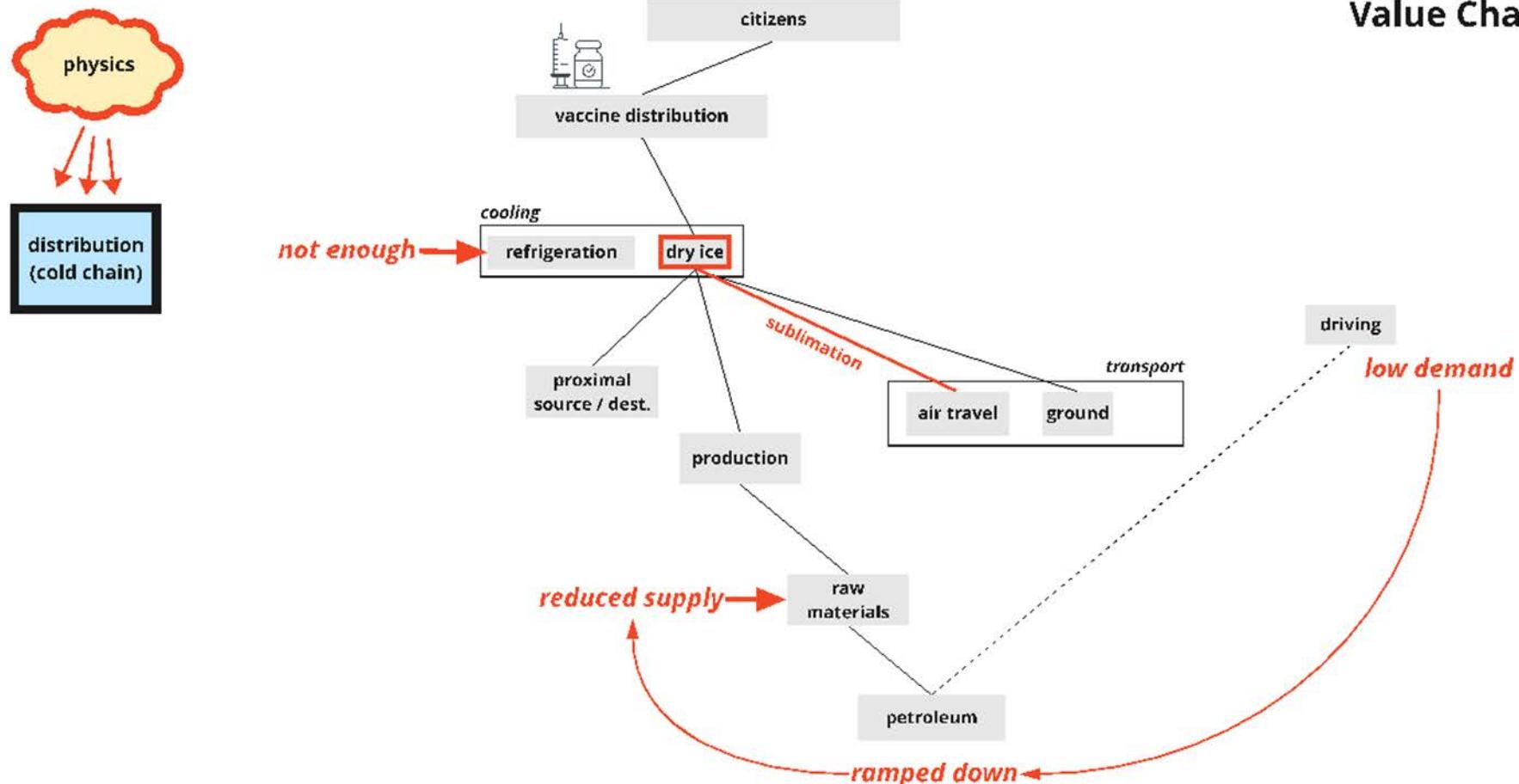


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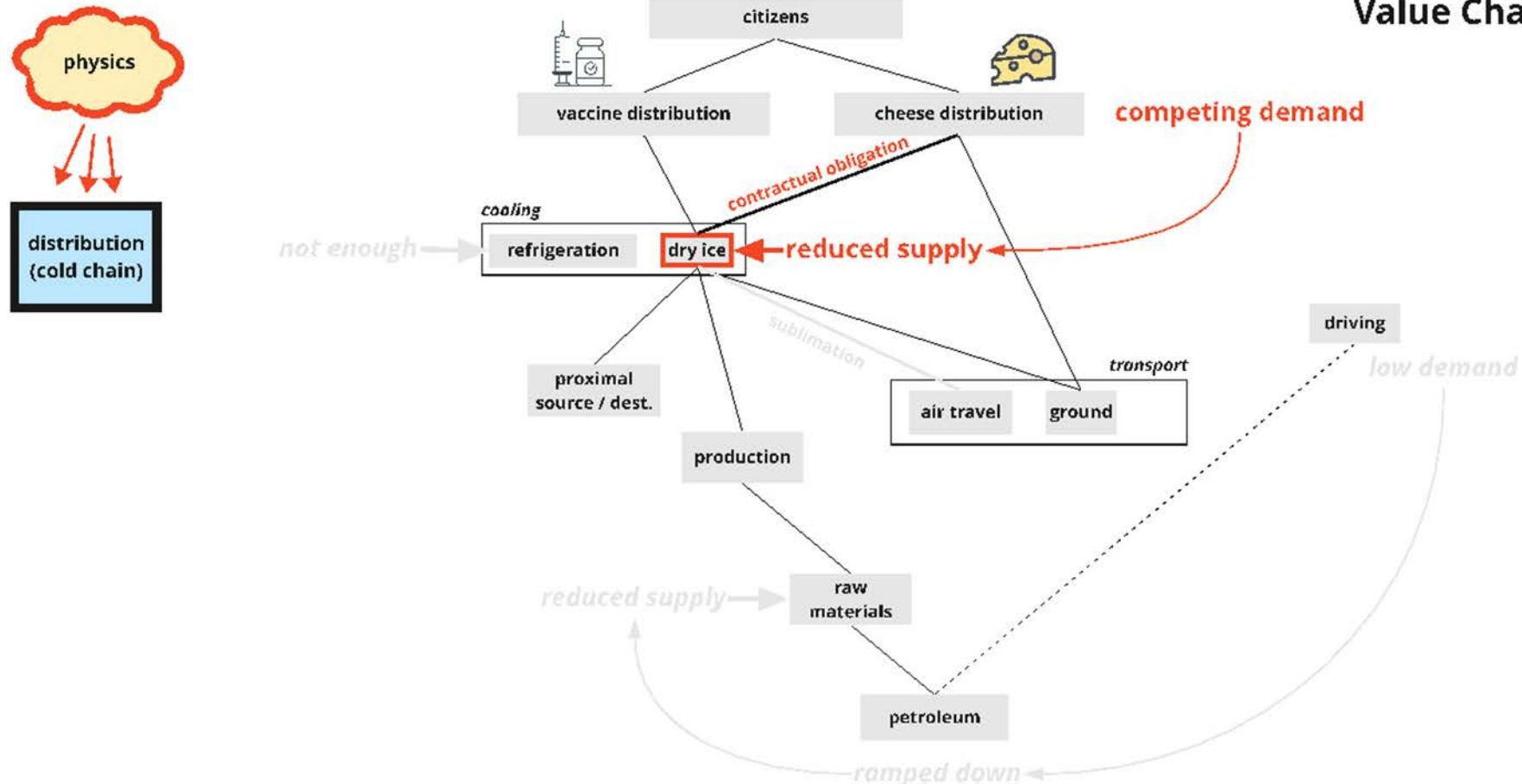


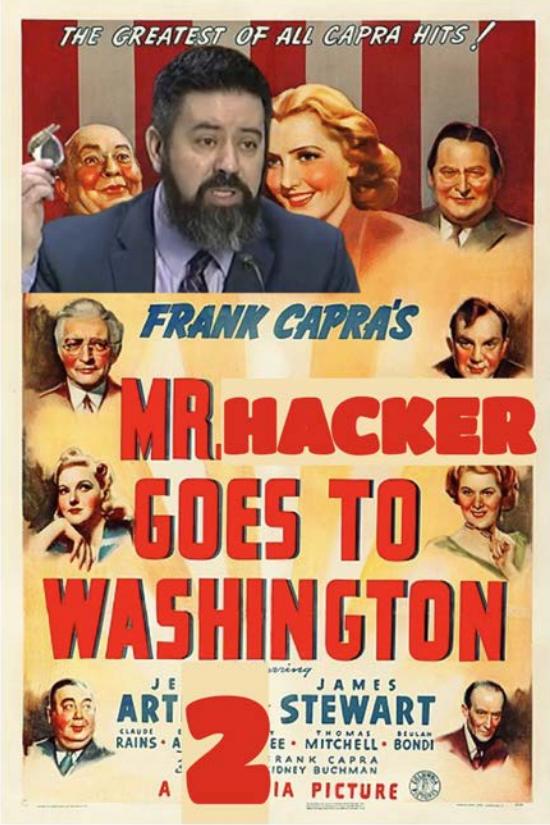
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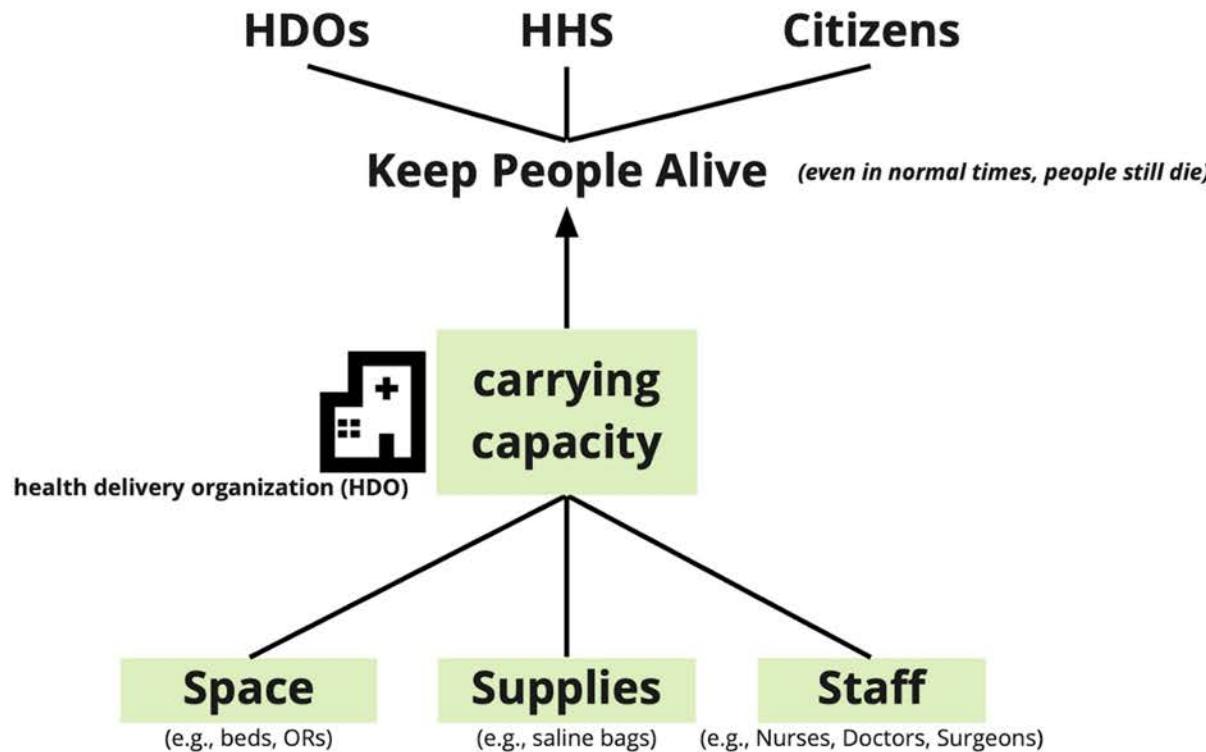


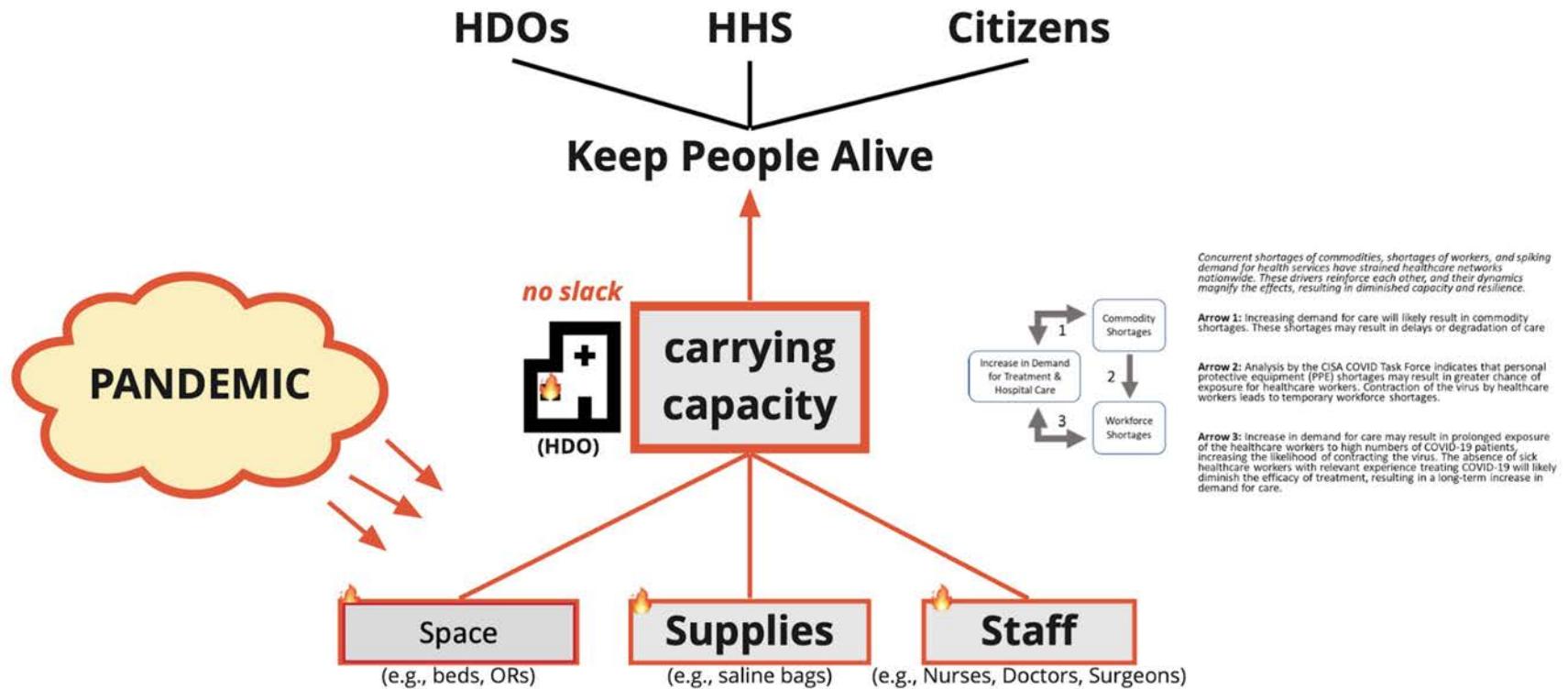


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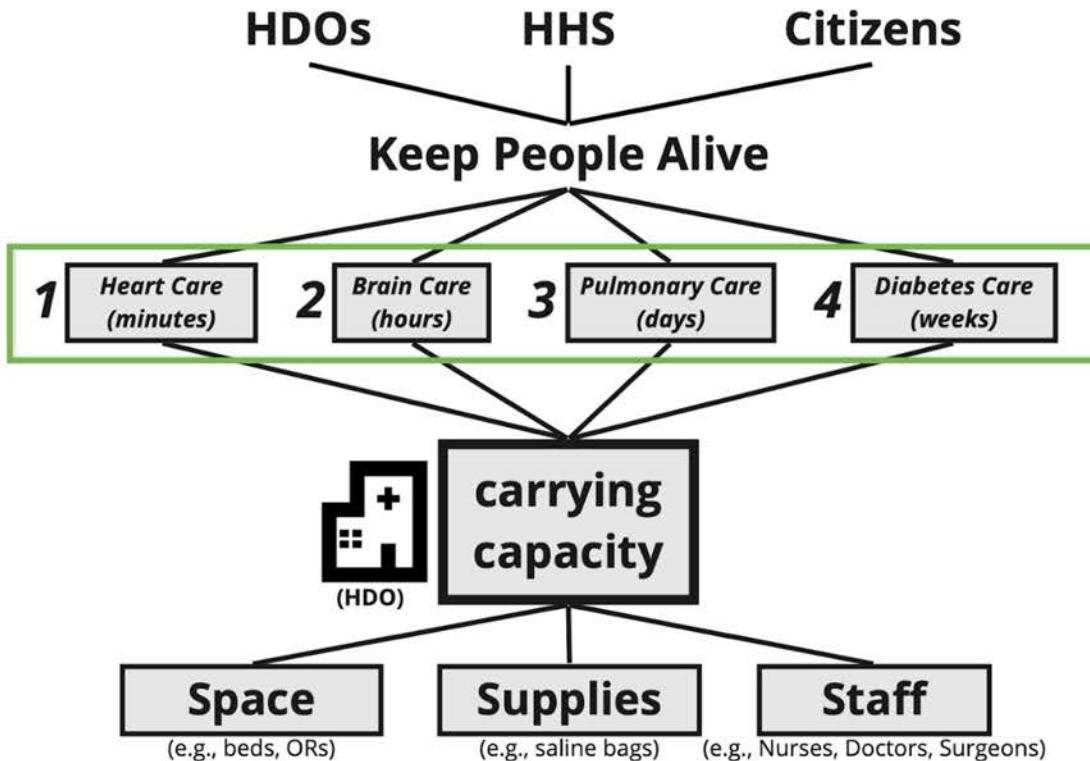
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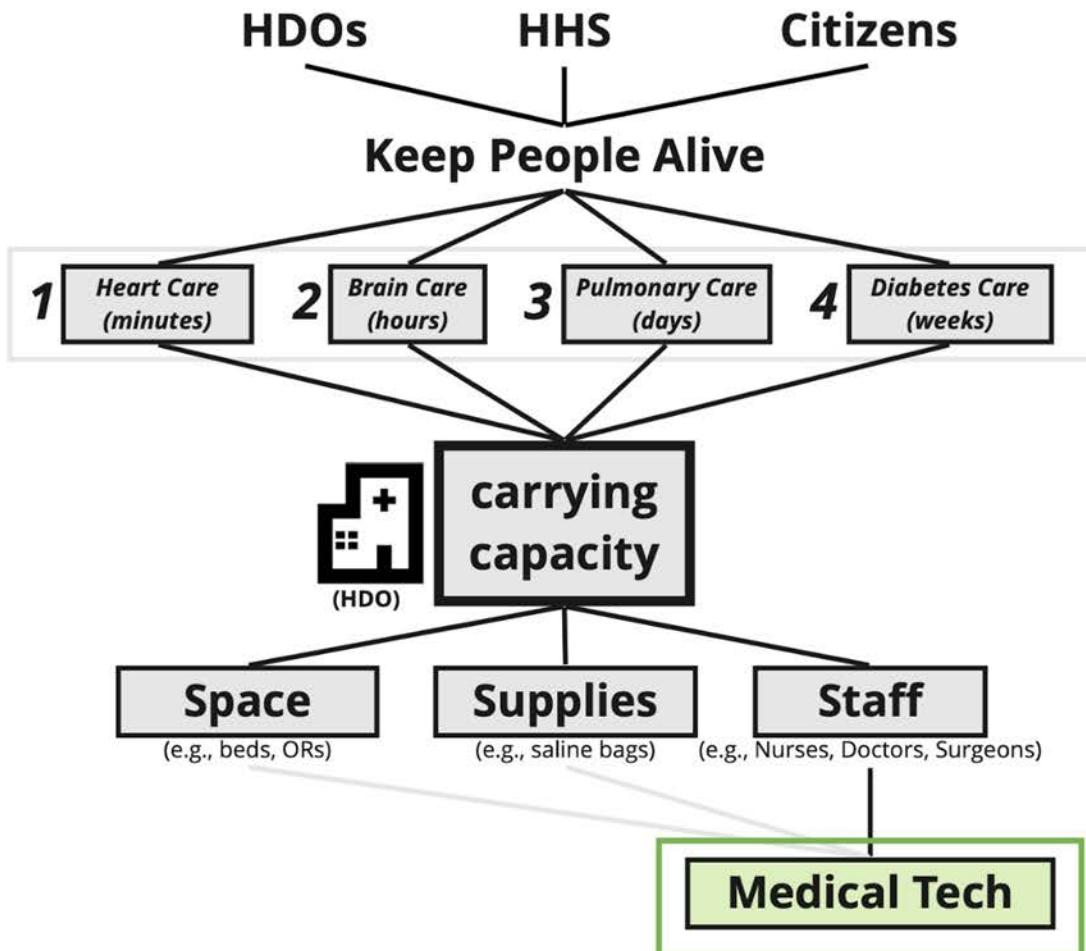
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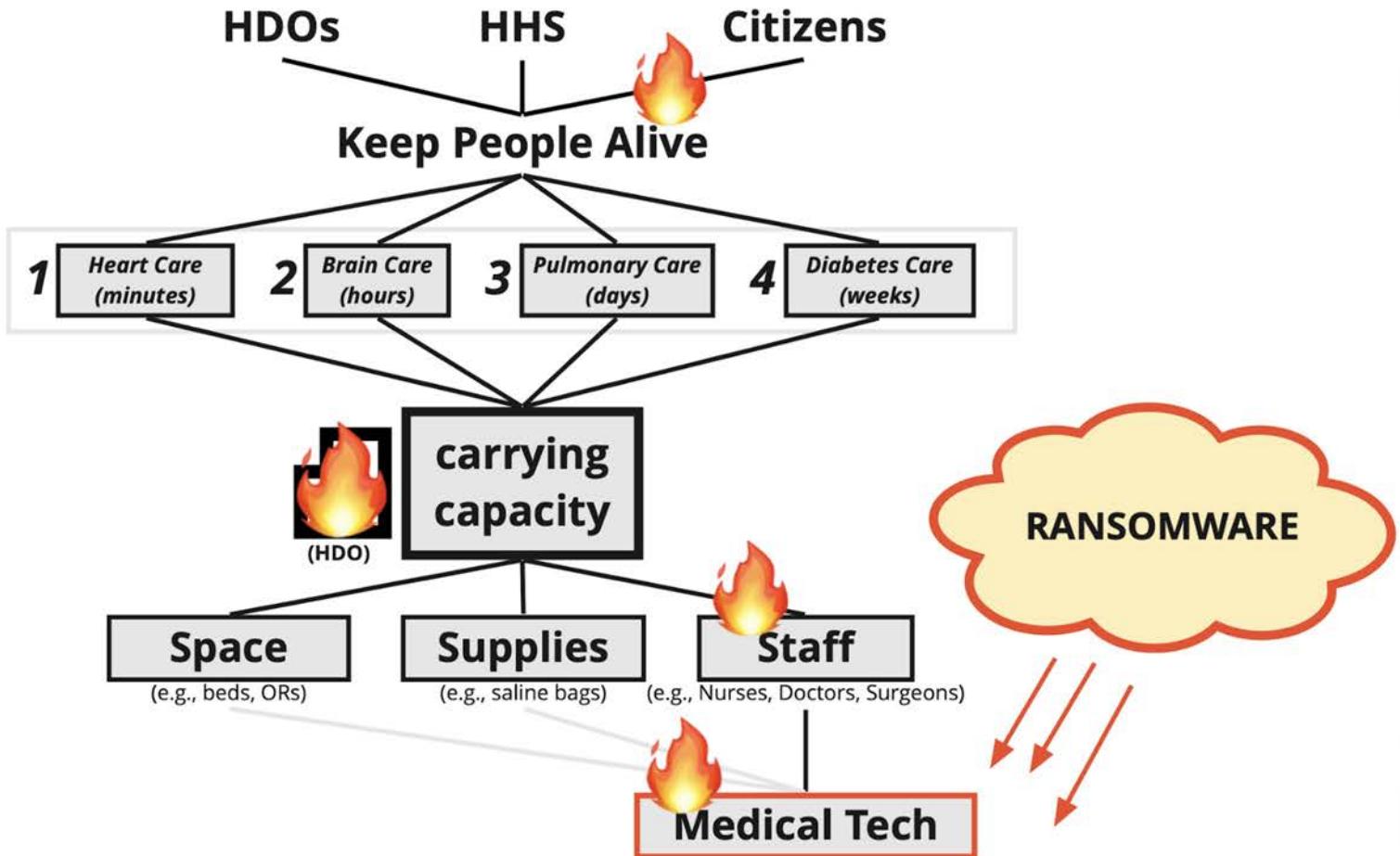




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The header features the CISA Insights logo at the top left, followed by six circular icons representing different sectors: IT Security, Supply Chain, DCS Security, Facility Health, Financial Stability, and Emerging National Cybersecurity Threats. To the right is a large, dark blue banner with the text "CISA INSIGHTS" in white. Below the banner is a night photograph of a city skyline with glowing lights and network connections overlaid, symbolizing cybersecurity. At the bottom right of the banner, the slogan "DEFEND TODAY, SECURE TOMORROW" is visible.

Provide Medical Care is in Critical Condition: Analysis and Stakeholder Decision Support to Minimize Further Harm

September 2021

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE DECISION SUPPORT

As the COVID-19 pandemic reaches another phase, with increased and protracted strains on the nation's critical infrastructure and related National Critical Functions such as *Provide Medical Care*, CISA is undertaking a renewed push for cyber preparedness and resilience, as well as decision support for stakeholders within critical infrastructure sectors. Over time, we find these original insights increasingly valuable, and in service of timely decision support, we offer them to you in their original form. As British statistician George E. P. Box noted, "All models are wrong, but some are useful." We hope that these models and insights are useful to you and stimulate additional discussion and exploration for mutual benefit.

This CISA Insight will speak to:

- Analysis and insights into strains on the nation's critical infrastructure, specifically through impacts to the National Critical Function *Provide Medical Care*,
- The compounding risks and harms that apply to all critical infrastructure sectors and the 55 National Critical Functions, through impact to essential critical infrastructure workers, and
- Our intention to share our preliminary analysis, enable decision support, and assist in risk reduction across multiple stakeholders and critical infrastructure sectors.

By late September, at least four states have declared Crisis Standards of Care (CSC), and an additional eight have delayed elective surgeries and/or are at risk of enacting CSC. Patient diversions across state lines further punctuate the dynamics we outlined in the Cascading failures model (see page 7).

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

CDC

Impact of Hospital Strain on Excess Deaths During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, July 2020–July 2021

Weekly / November 19, 2021 / 70(46);1613–1616

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Summary

What is already known about this topic?

COVID-19 surges have stressed hospital systems and negatively affected health care and public health infrastructures and national critical functions.

What is added by this report?

The conditions of hospital strain during July 2020–July 2021, which included the presence of SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant, predicted that intensive care unit bed use at 75% capacity is associated with an estimated additional 12,000 excess deaths 2 weeks later. As hospitals exceed 100% ICU bed capacity, 80,000 excess deaths would be expected 2 weeks later.

What are the implications for public health practice?

State, local, tribal, and territorial leaders could evaluate ways to reduce strain on public health and health care infrastructures, including implementing interventions to reduce overall disease prevalence such as vaccination and other prevention strategies, and ways to expand or enhance capacity during times of high disease prevalence.

Surges in COVID-19 cases have stressed hospital systems, negatively affected health care and public health infrastructures, and degraded national critical functions (1,2). Resource limitations, such as available hospital space, staffing, and supplies, led some facilities to adopt crisis standards of care, the most extreme operating condition for hospitals, in which the focus of medical decision-making shifted from achieving the best outcomes for individual patients to addressing the immediate care needs of larger groups of patients (3). When hospitals deviated from conventional standards of care, many preventive and elective

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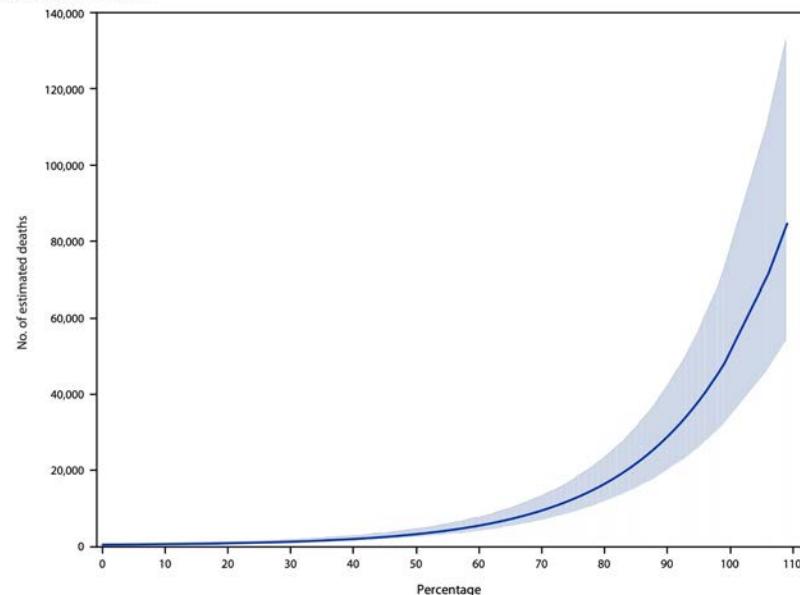
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Related Materials

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Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

FIGURE. Estimated number of excess deaths* 2 weeks after corresponding percentage of adult intensive care unit bed occupancy — United States, July 2020–July 2021



* Upper and lower boundaries of shaded area indicate 95% CIs.

Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency, unpublished data, 2021). As hospitals exceed 100% ICU bed capacity, 80,000 (95% CI = 53,576–132,765) excess deaths would be

health care and public health sectors, with excess deaths emerging in the weeks after a surge in COVID-19 hospitalizations. The results of this study support a larger body of evidence

Provide Medical Care is in Critical Condition: Analysis and Stakeholder Decision Support to Minimize Further Harm

Cyber attacks lead to **1) IT network failure** and disrupt the ability of healthcare systems to access electronic health records (EHRs) and may close hospitals with IT network-based services—such as cardiac technology—and increase hospital strain (i.e., reduced capacity to take in new patients diverting critical care patients to further hospitals). **2) Ambulance diversion**, which is an important system-level interruption that causes delays in treatment and effecting time tolerance, lowering quality of care. In the long term, hospitals that experience cyber events are more likely to experience **3) hospital strain** (measured by ICU bed utilization), worsening health outcomes and contribute to **4) increased mortality**.

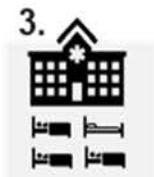
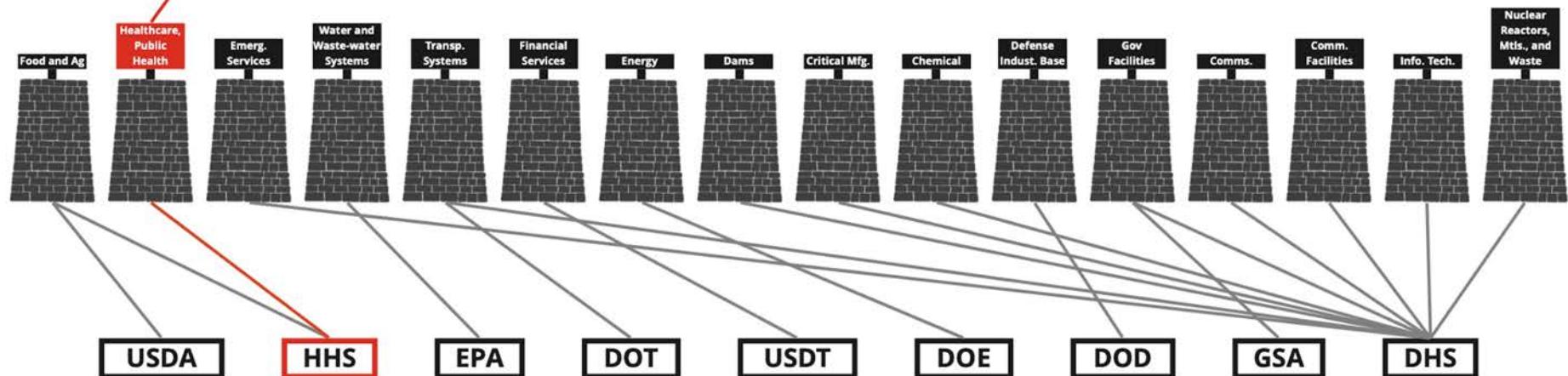


Figure 8 – Conceptual Model of Impact of Cyber Attack on Patient Outcomes

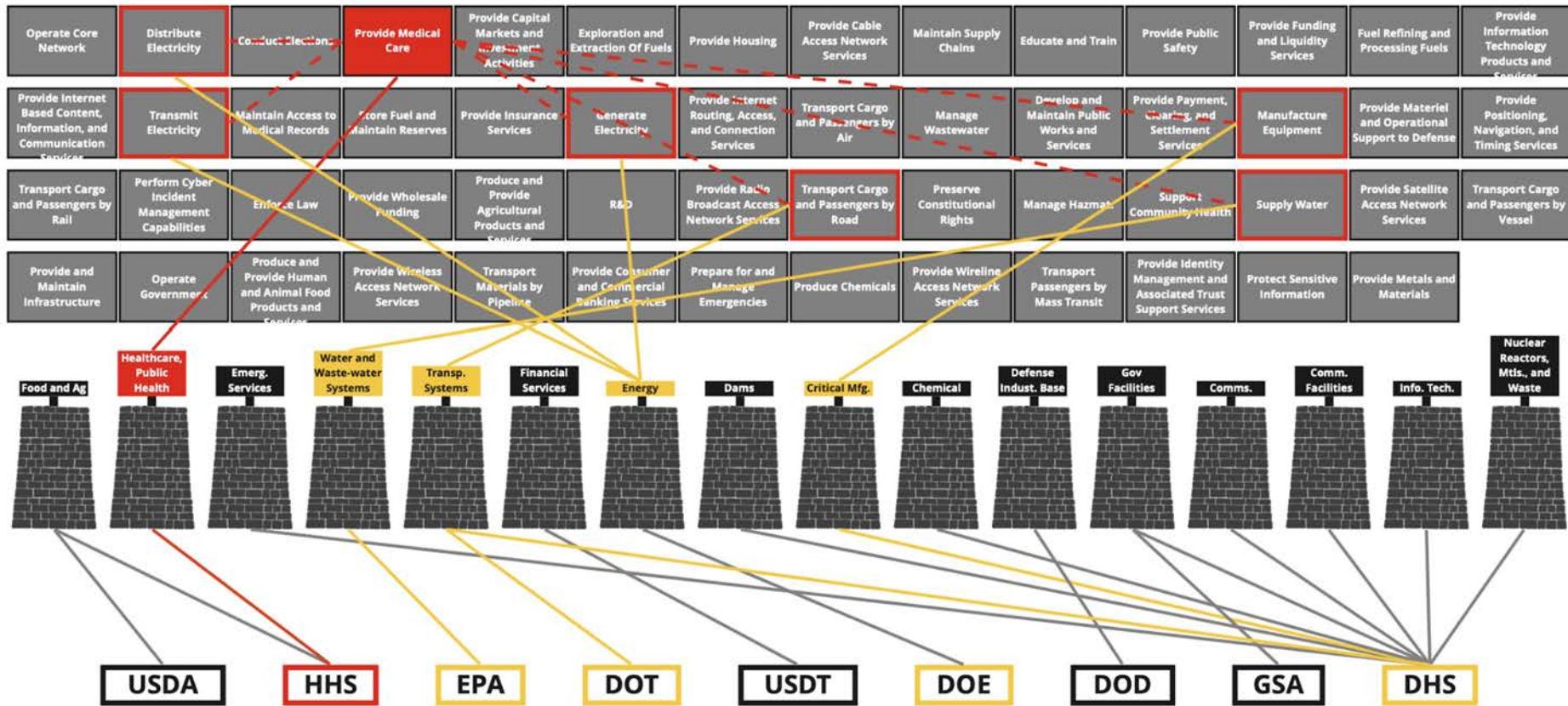
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Provide Internet Based Content, Information, and Communication Services	Transmit Electricity	Maintain Access to Medical Records	Store Fuel and Maintain Reserves	Provide Insurance Services	Generate Electricity	Provide Internet Routing, Access, and Connection Services	Transport Cargo and Passengers by Air	Manage Wastewater	Develop and Maintain Public Works and Services	Provide Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Services	Manufacture Equipment	Provide Materiel and Operational Support to Defense	Provide Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Services
Transport Cargo and Passengers by Rail	Perform Cyber Incident Management Capabilities	Enforce Law	Provide Wholesale Funding	Produce and Provide Agricultural Products and Services	R&D	Provide Radio Broadcast Access Network Services	Transport Cargo and Passengers by Road	Preserve Constitutional Rights	Manage Hazmat	Support Community Health	Supply Water	Provide Satellite Access Network Services	Transport Cargo and Passengers by Vessel
Provide and Maintain Infrastructure	Operate Government	Produce and Provide Human and Animal Food Products and Services	Provide Wireless Access Network Services	Transport Materials by Pipeline	Provide Consumer and Commercial Banking Services	Prepare for and Manage Emergencies	Produce Chemicals	Provide Wireline Access Network Services	Transport Passengers by Mass Transit	Provide Identity Management and Associated Trust Support Services	Protect Sensitive Information	Provide Metals and Materials	





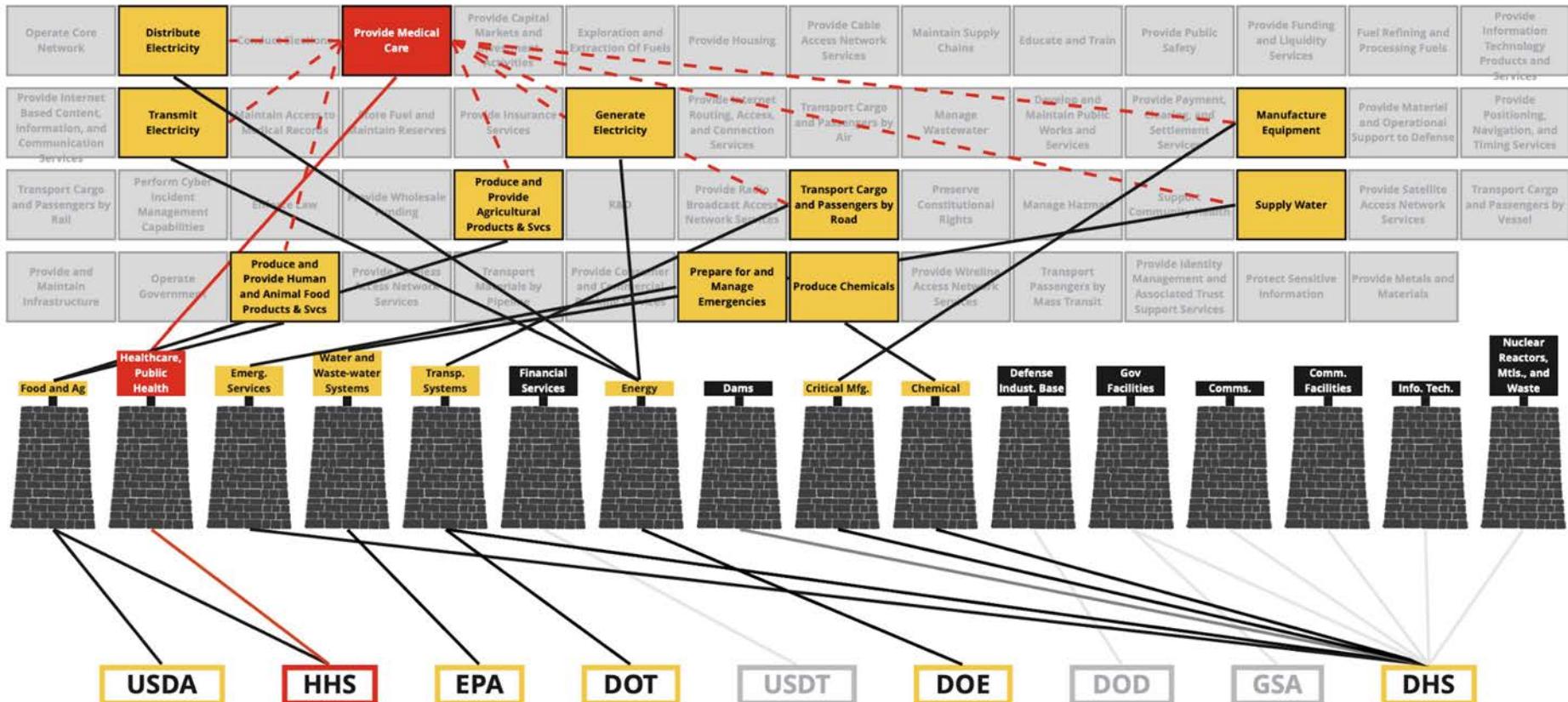
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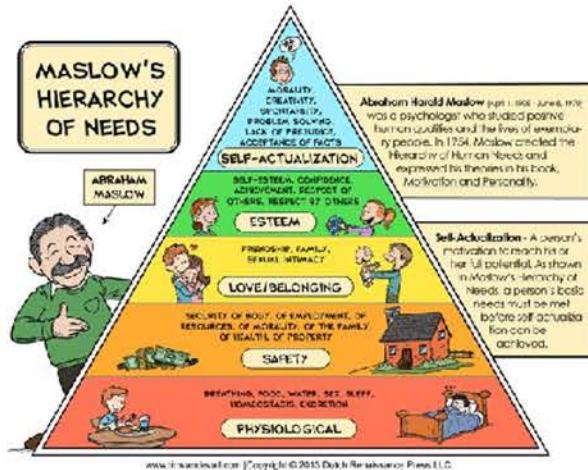
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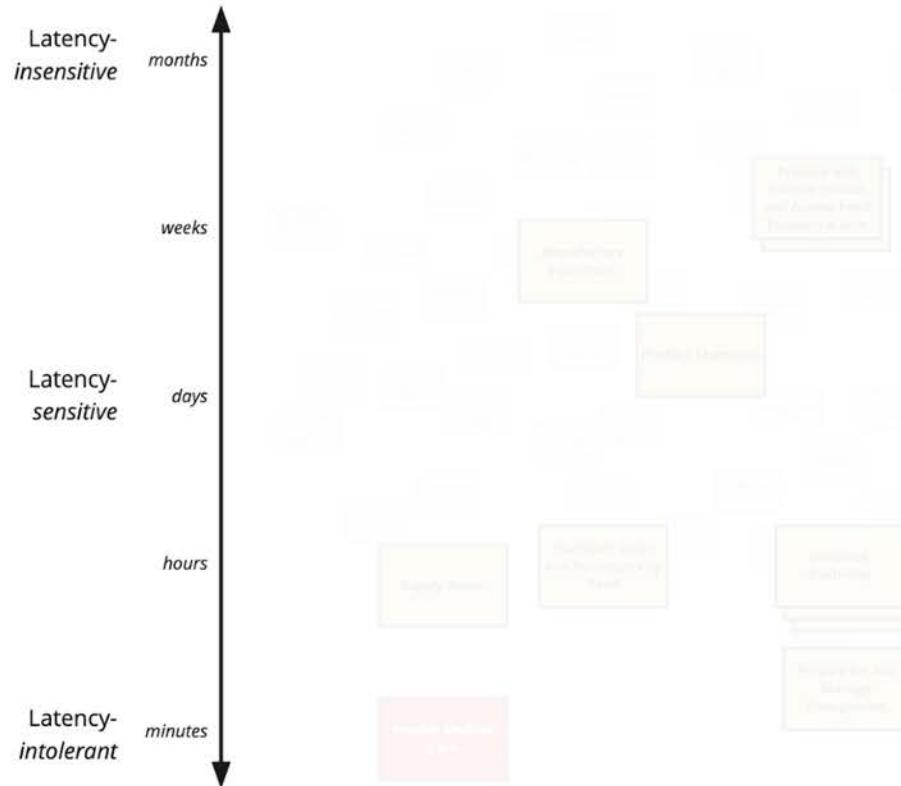
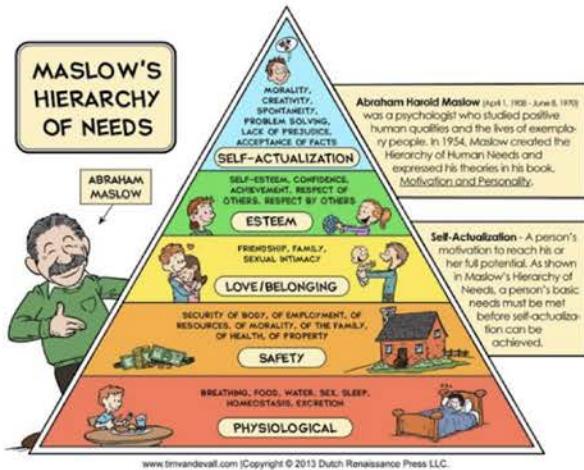


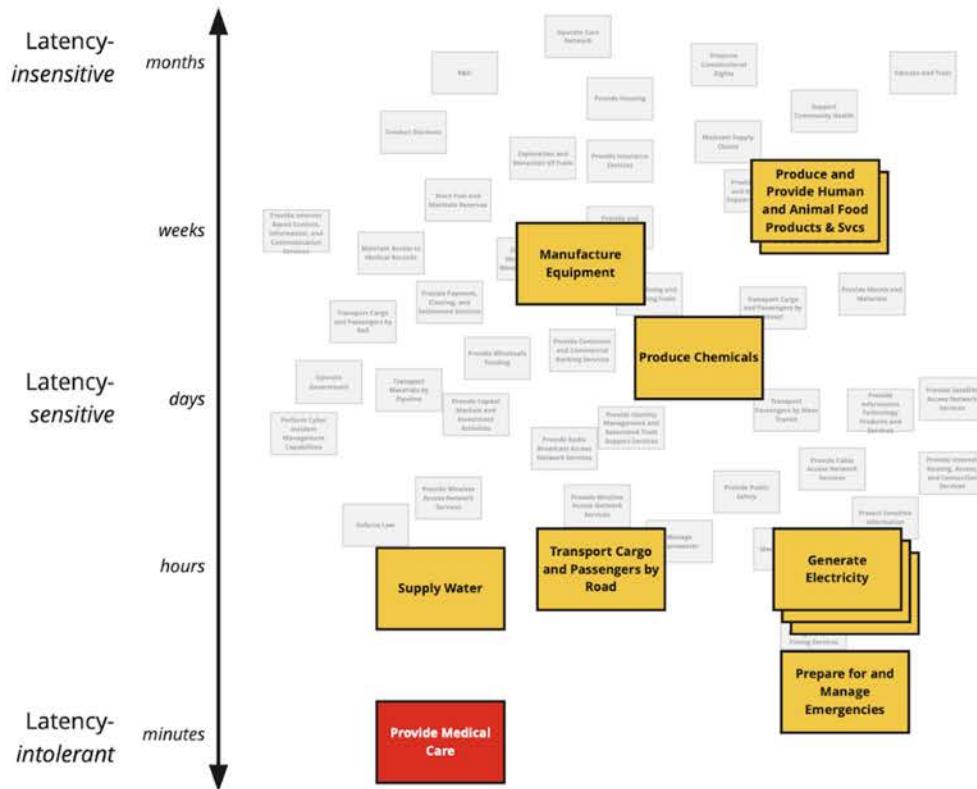
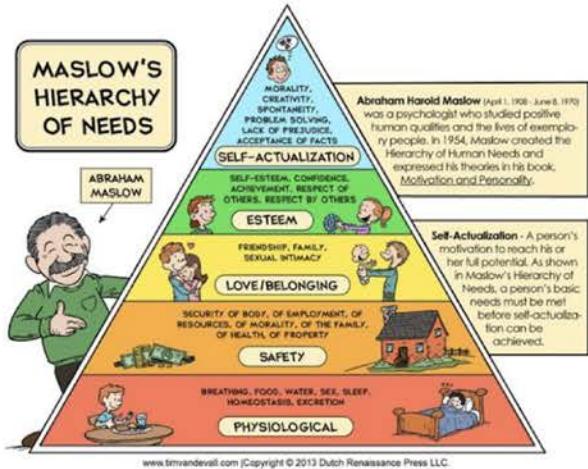


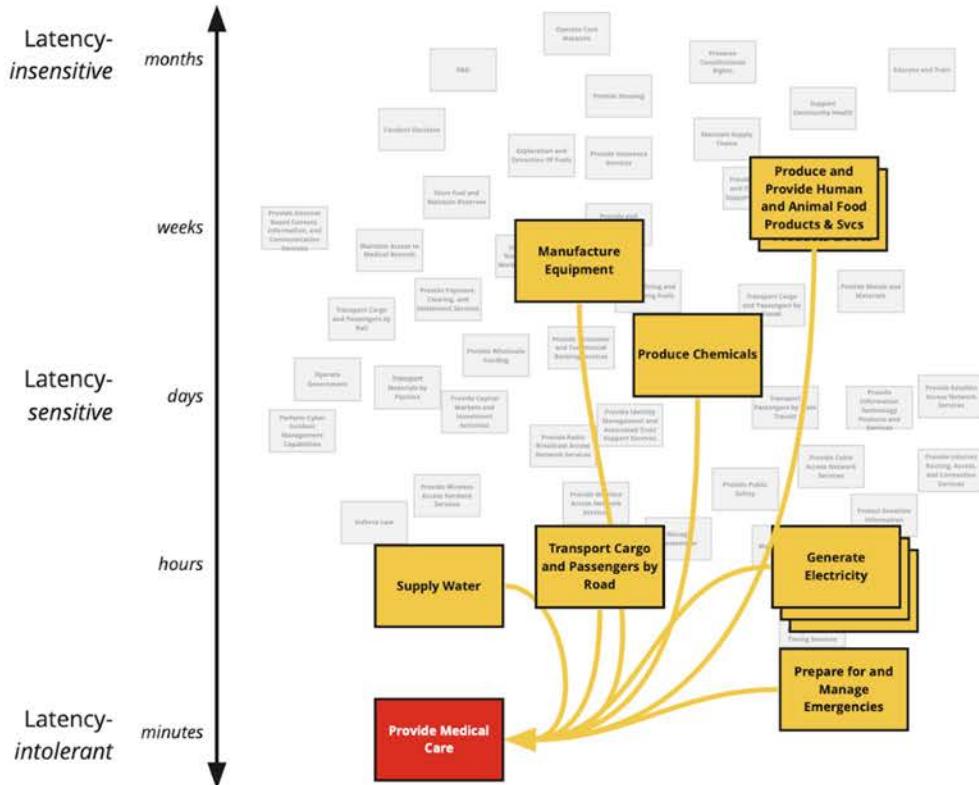
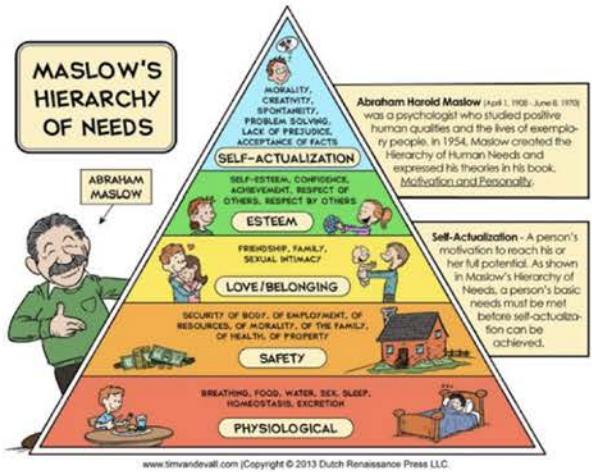
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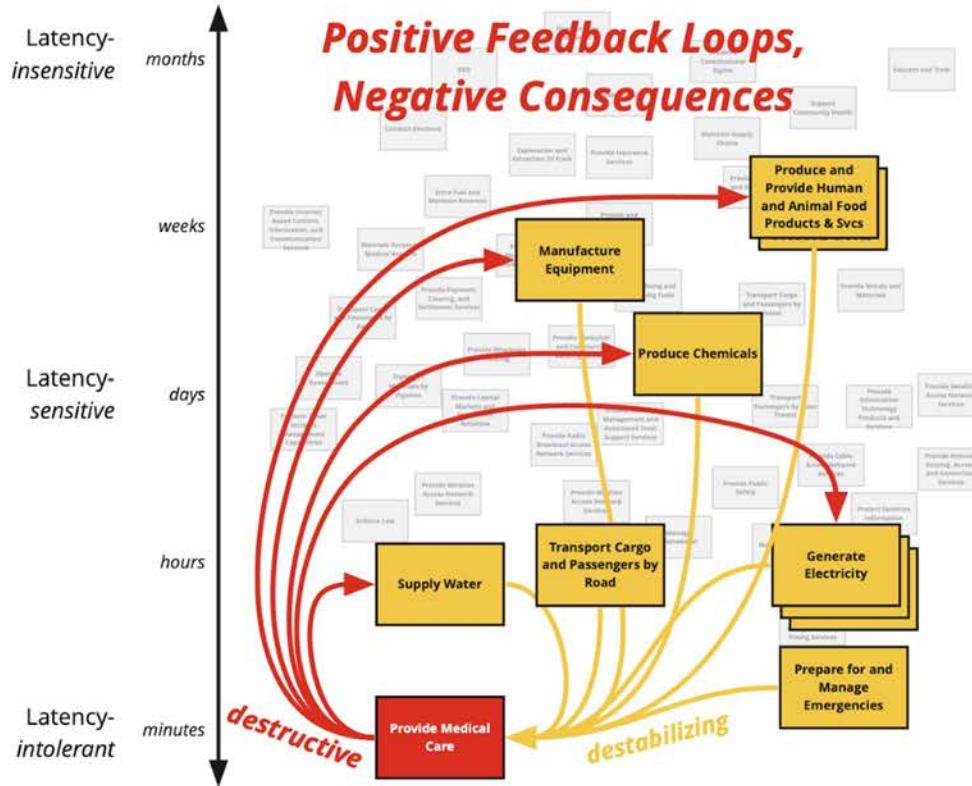
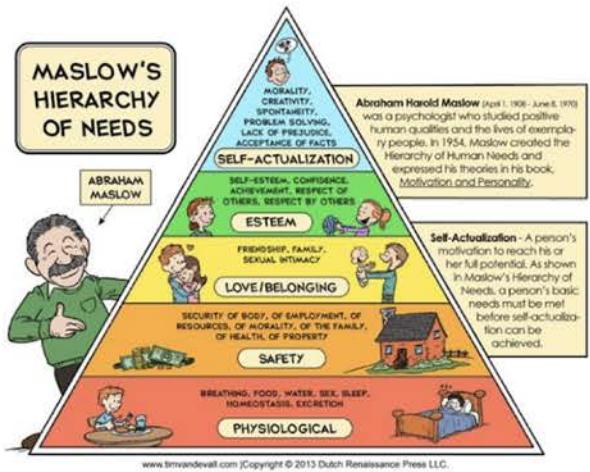












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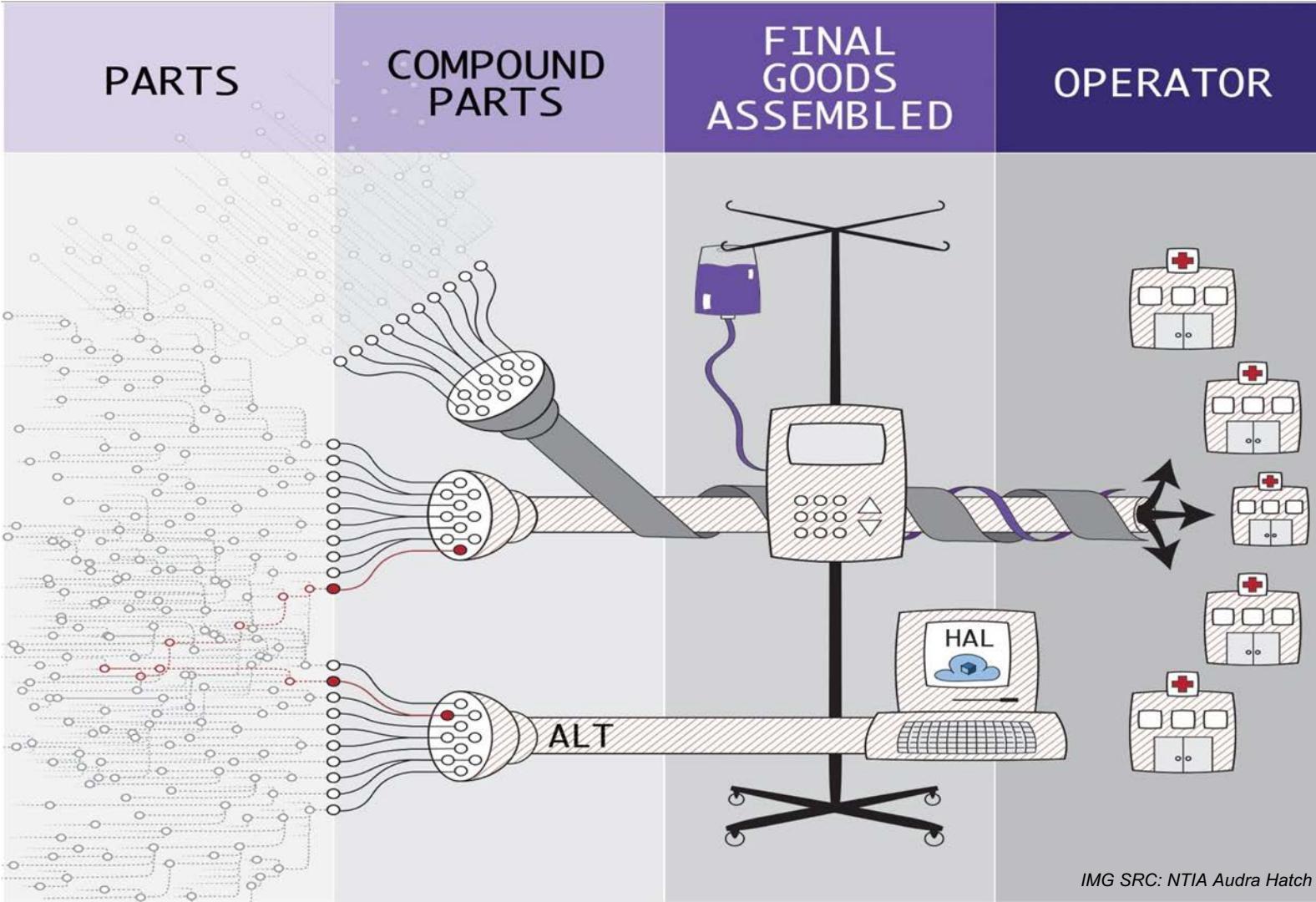
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Cybersecurity in Medical Devices: Refuse to Accept Policy for Cyber Devices Under Section 524B of the FD&C Act

Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff

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I. Introduction

On December 29, 2022, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (“Omnibus”) was signed into law. Section 3305 of the Omnibus — “Ensuring Cybersecurity of Medical Devices” — amended the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) by adding section 524B, Ensuring Cybersecurity of Devices. The Omnibus states that the amendments to the FD&C Act shall take effect 90 days after the enactment of this Act on March 29, 2023. As provided by the Omnibus, the cybersecurity requirements do not apply to an application or submission submitted to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) before March 29, 2023.

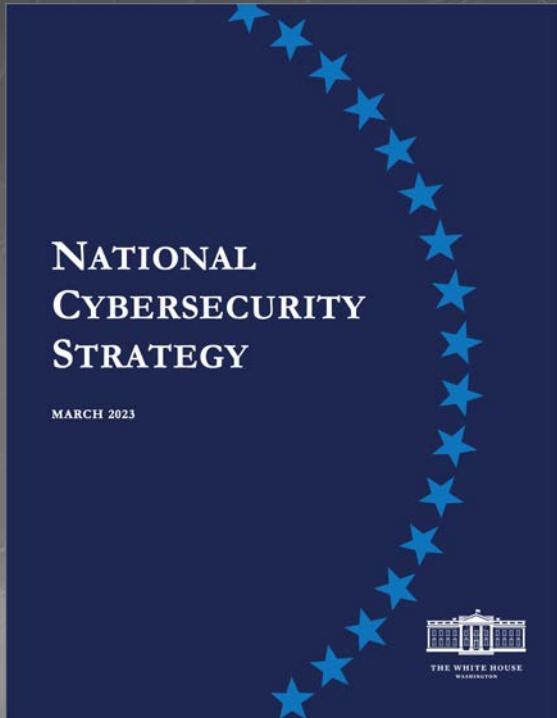
This guidance is being implemented without prior public comment because FDA has determined that prior public participation for this guidance is not feasible or appropriate (see section 701(h)(1)(C) of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 371(h)(1)(C)) and 21 CFR 10.115(g)(2)). This guidance document is being implemented immediately, but it remains subject to comment in accordance with the Agency’s good guidance practices.

In general, FDA’s guidance documents do not establish legally enforceable responsibilities. Instead, guidances describe the Agency’s current thinking on a topic and should be viewed only as recommendations, unless specific regulatory or statutory requirements are cited. The use of the word should in Agency guidances means that something is suggested or recommended, but not required.

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White House

National Cybersecurity Strategy



The strategy is organized across five pillars:

1. Defending our critical infrastructure
2. Disrupting threat actors
3. Shaping market forces.
4. Investing in our future
5. Forging international partnerships

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An Illinois hospital is the first health care facility to link its closing to a ransomware attack

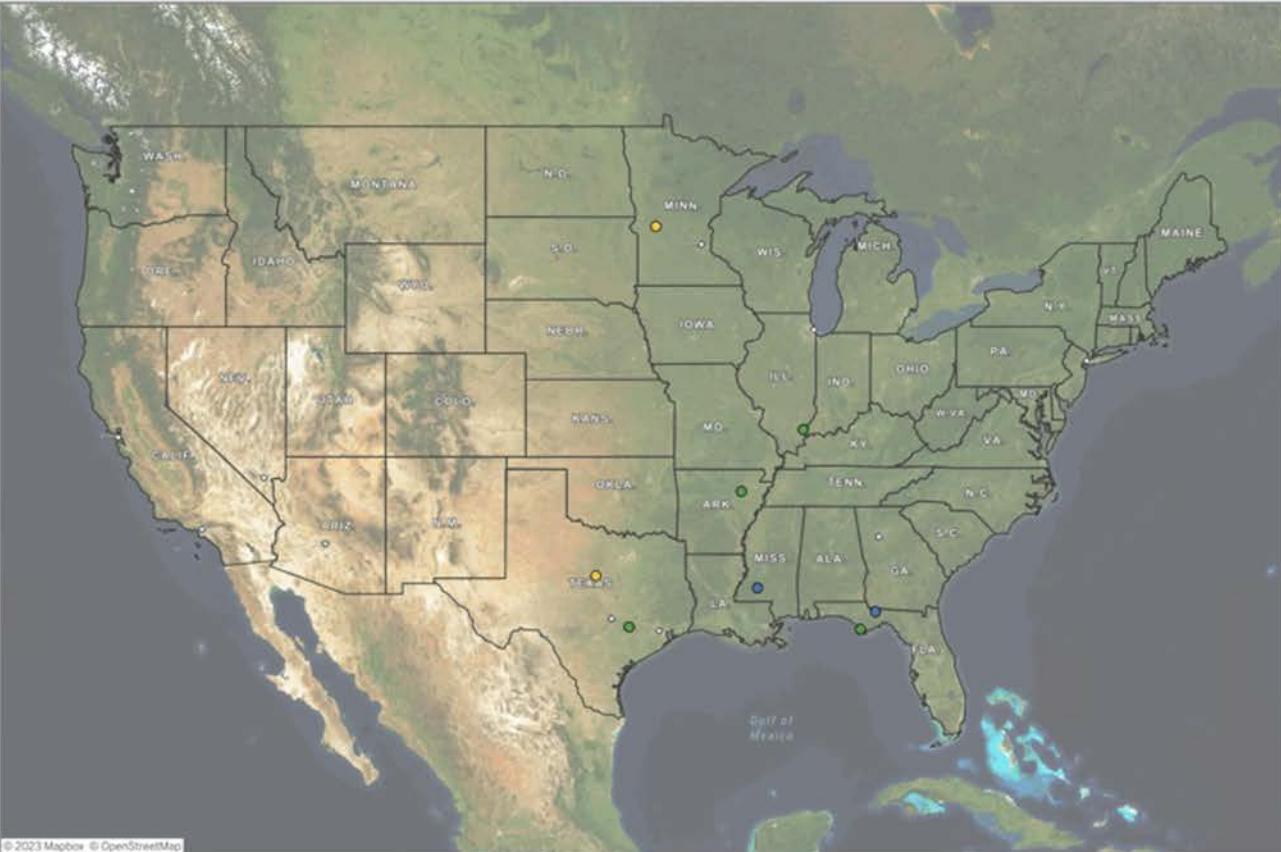
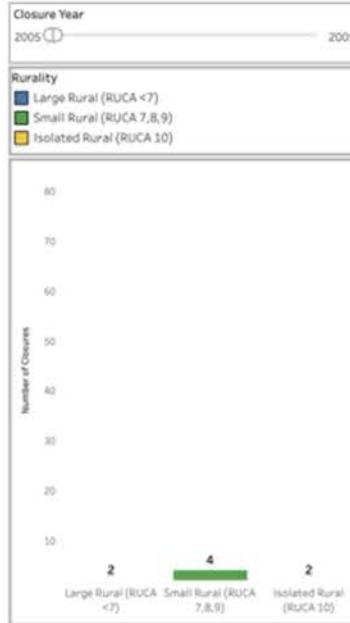
A ransomware attack hit SMP Health in 2021 and halted the hospital's ability to submit claims to insurers, Medicare or Medicaid for months, sending it into a financial spiral.



— St. Margaret's Health in Spring Valley, Ill. Google Maps

Rural Hospital Closures Maps, 2005 – Present

Closures by Era Closures by Medicare Payment Classification Closures by Rurality Complete vs Converted Closures Closures over time



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