

Filling in the gaps on medical device cybersecurity - Privacy & cybersecurity law report

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The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), in collaboration with the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) recently convened a public workshop on cybersecurity of medical devices. Cybersecurity has become a hot button topic for many in the medical device industry following the announcement of several high profile medical device vulnerabilities and ransomware attacks. A number of the world's largest healthcare tech companies have released warnings about WannaCry and the possible impact the virus may have on their products. Many device companies have recently and reactively generated and released patches to protect systems from possible future attacks. FDA's workshop, held amid these events, sought to gather further feedback regarding the steps FDA should be taking to characterize and address medical device cybersecurity.

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