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Unpatchable

Living with a vulnerable implanted device

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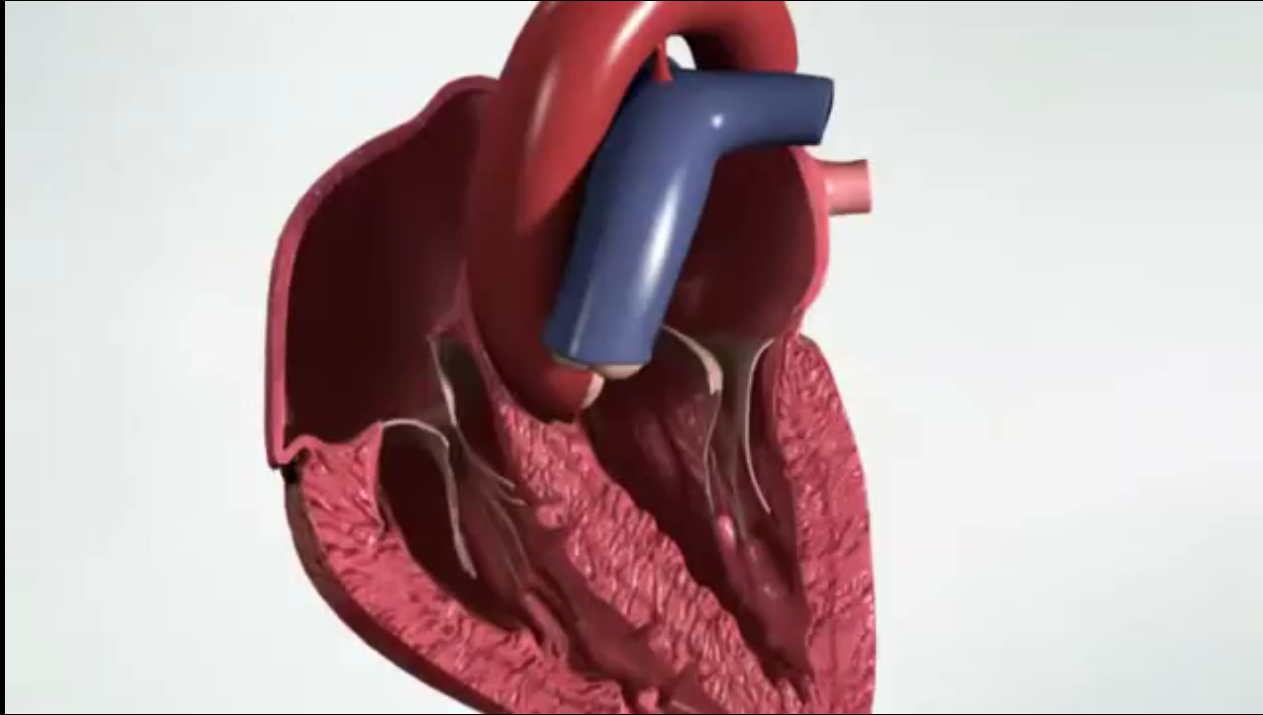


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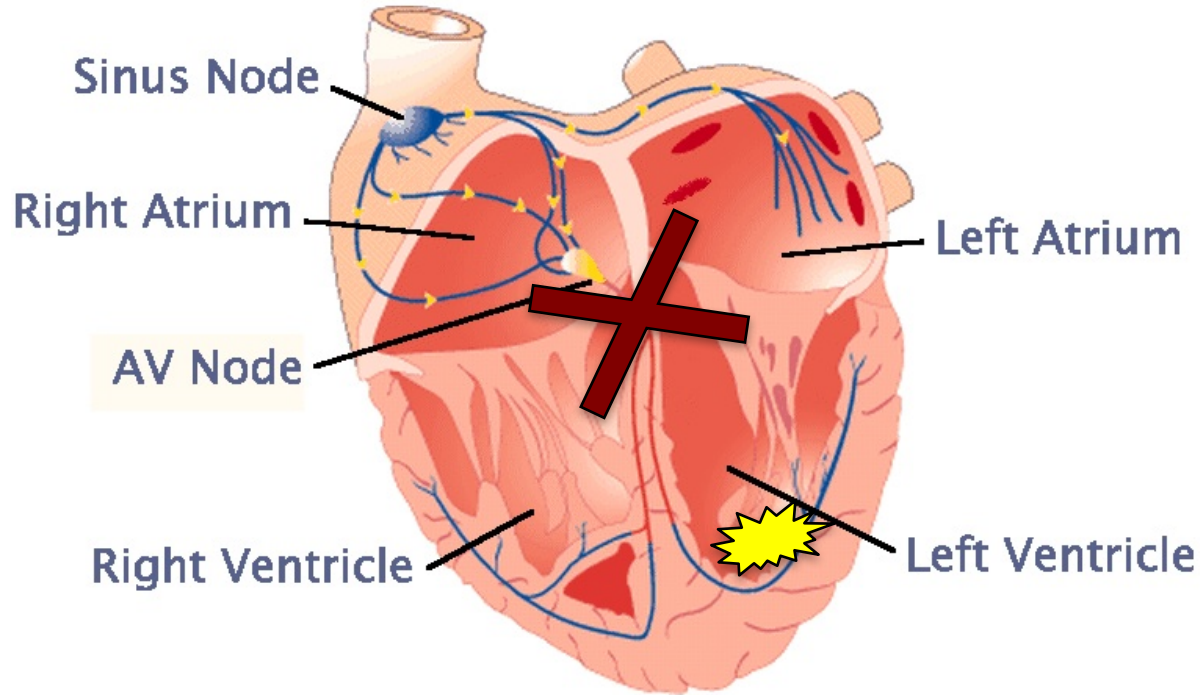
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Hack to save lives!

How the heart works



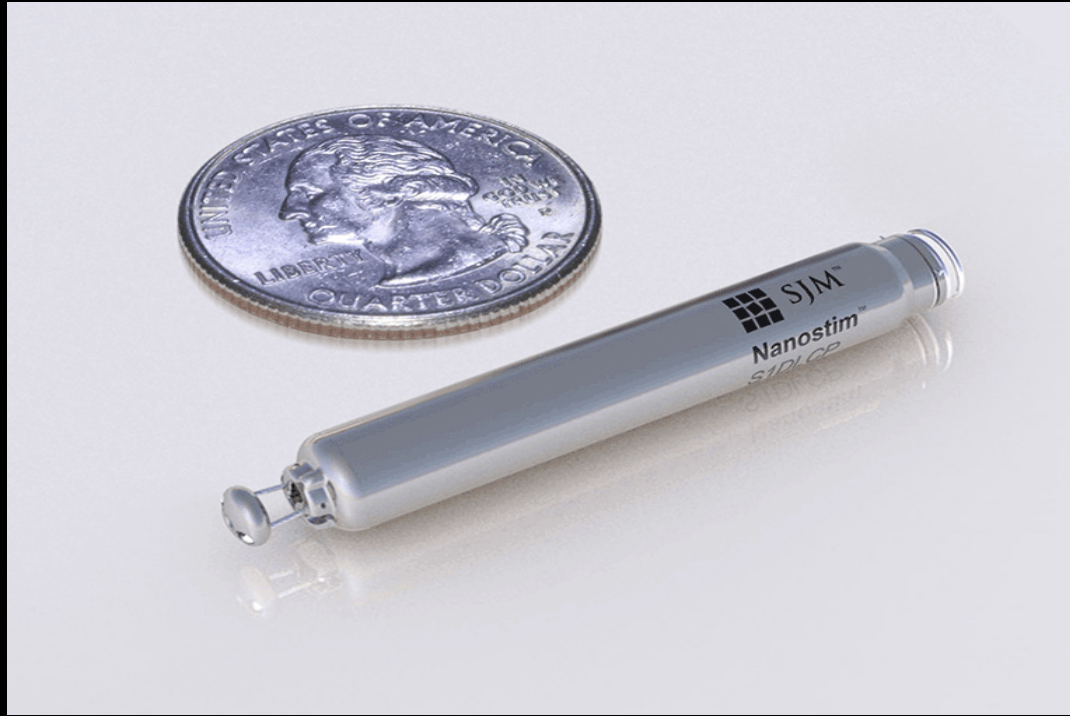
Electrical system of the heart



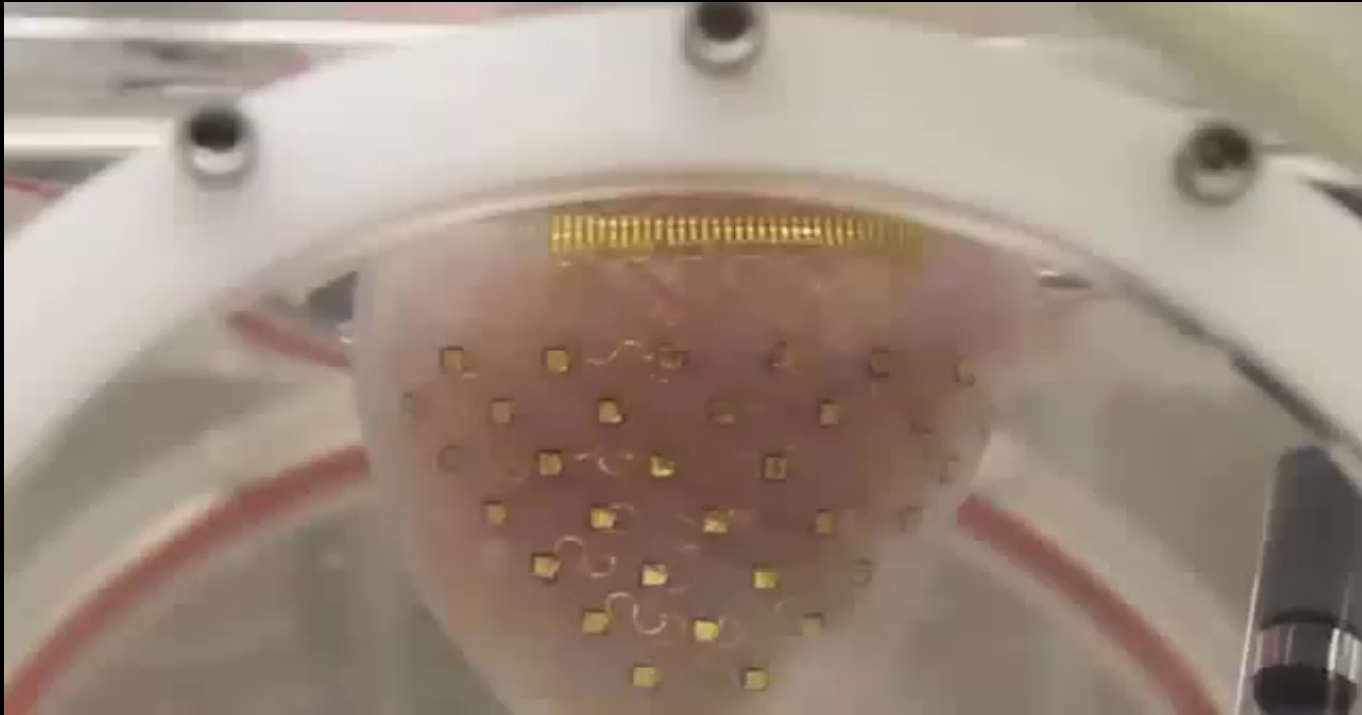
Pacemaker



Leadless pacemaker

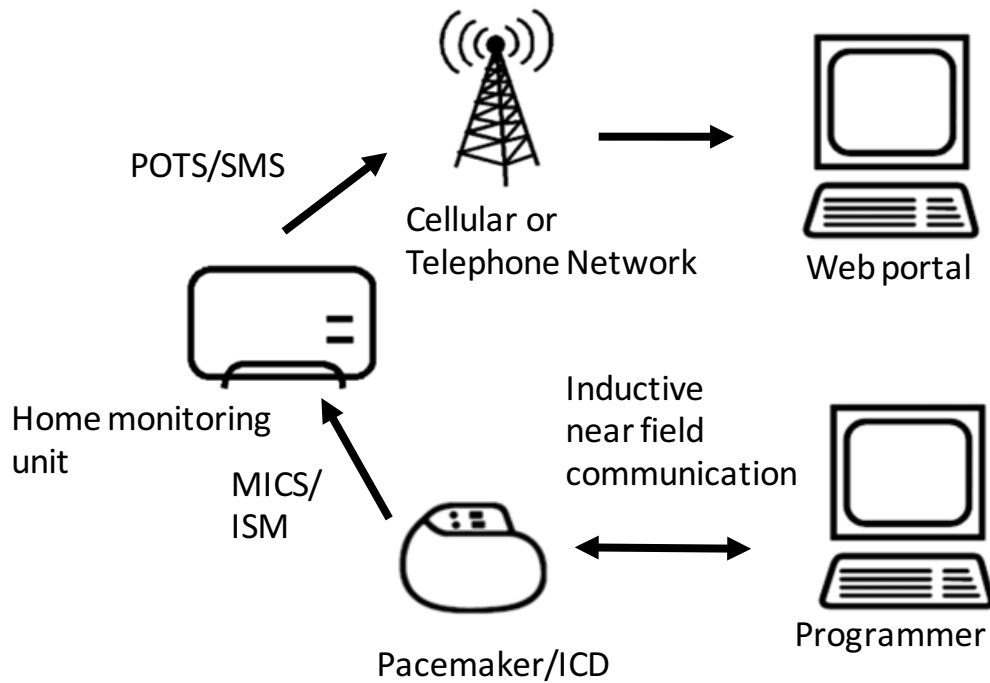


The future?



The Internet of Medical "Things" is real,
and my heart is wired into it...

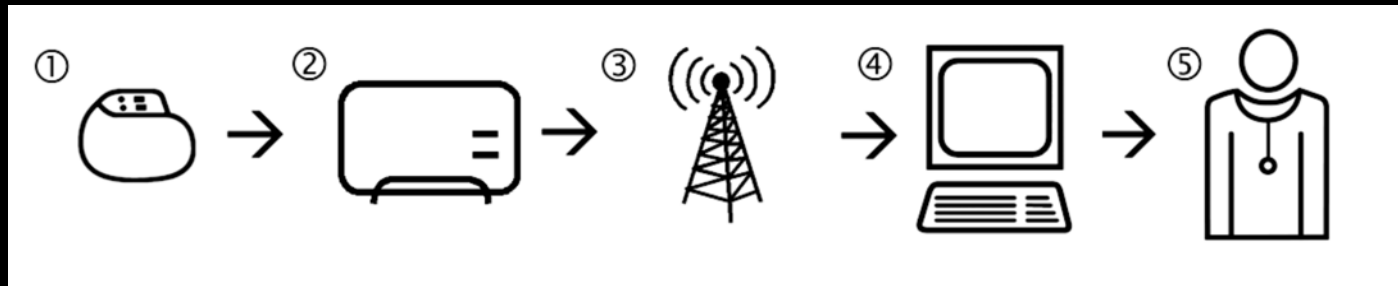
Remote monitoring



With connectivity comes vulnerability...

Potential threats

- ① Device is vulnerable?
- ② Access point is vulnerable?
- ③ Mobile network is compromised?
- ④ Server at vendor is compromised?
- ⑤ Web site that doctor logs in to is vulnerable?



Potential impact

- Patient privacy issues
- Battery exhaustion
- Device malfunction
- Death threats and extortion
- Remote assassination scenario...

Personal Infrastructure

Your reliance on an infrastructure is inversely proportional to how invisible it is to you.

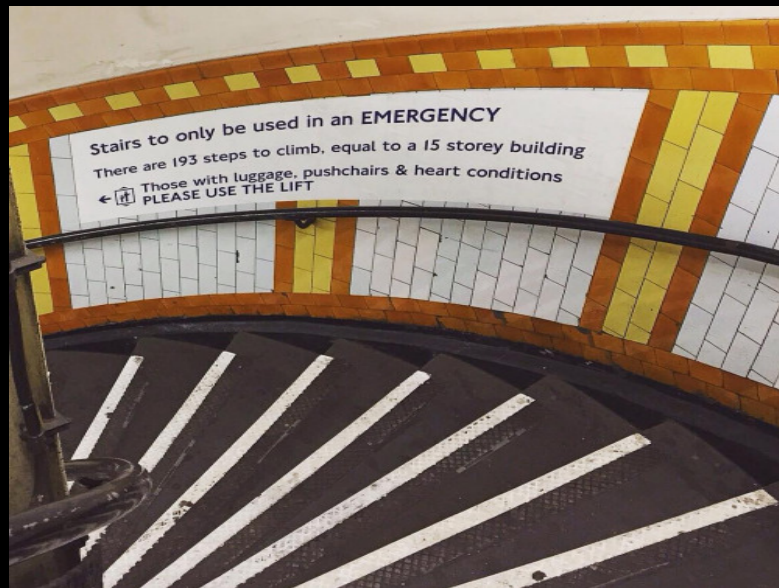
We all rely on oxygen, our lungs, and our hearts, but how often do we think about them?

How often do we do maintenance or debug them?

“Tech is not neutral nor value-free.”

Ben Zevenbergen, Troopers16

The stairs that almost killed me



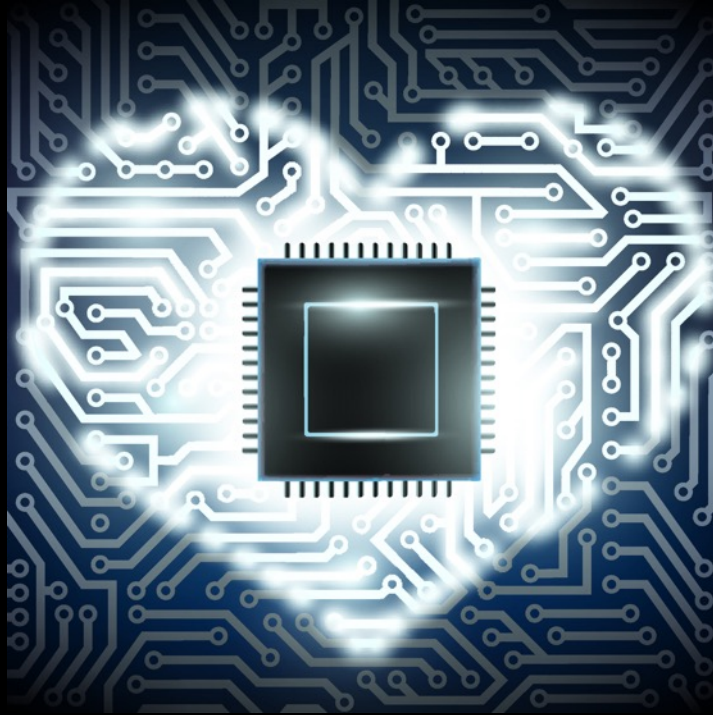
Debugging me



“We need to be able to verify the software that
controls our lives”

Bruce Schneier on “Volkswagen and Cheating Software”

Reflections on trusting machines



When trust is broken

Guidant to pay a fine of \$296M

The Arden Hills-based firm was charged with misleading federal safety regulators.

By Janet Moore Star Tribune | JANUARY 12, 2011 — 9:26PM

In what is believed to be the largest criminal penalty ever imposed in a medical device case, a federal judge on Wednesday approved an agreement calling for Guidant Corp. to pay \$296 million for concealing safety information about several of its heart devices.

Previous work

- Kevin Fu et al:
 - Pacemakers and implantable cardiac defibrillators: Software radio attacks and zero-power defenses (2008)
 - Mitigating EMI signal injection attacks against analog sensors (2013)
- Barnaby Jack
- Hardcoded credentials
- Medical device honeypots
- Drug infusion pumps

Hacking can save lives!



The screenshot shows the official website of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The header includes the FDA logo, the text "U.S. Food and Drug Administration Protecting and Promoting Your Health", and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with links to Home, Food, Drugs, Medical Devices, Radiation-Emitting Products, Vaccines, Blood & Biologics, Animal & Veterinary, Cosmetics, and Tobacco Products. The "Medical Devices" link is highlighted. The main content area is titled "Medical Devices" and contains a breadcrumb trail: Home > Medical Devices > Medical Device Safety > Safety Communications. On the left, there is a sidebar with a "Safety Communications" section containing links to "Information About Heparin" and "Preventing Tubing and Luer Misconnections". The main article is titled "Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities of Hospira Symbiq Infusion System: FDA Safety Communication". Below the title are social media sharing buttons for Facebook (SHARE), Twitter (TWEET), LinkedIn (LINKEDIN), Pinterest (PIN IT), Email (EMAIL), and Print (PRINT). The article text includes: "Date Issued: July 31, 2015", "Audience: Health care facilities using the Hospira Symbiq Infusion System", and "Device: Symbiq Infusion System, Version 3.13 and prior versions".

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WTF are you doing with my data?

Life of our patients is at stake - I am desperately asking you to contact [Reply](#)

Posted by: [md76040303317](#)

Posted on: Apr 22, 2011 11:20 PM

 This question is **answered**. Helpful answers available: **2**. Correct answers available: **1**.


Sorry, I could not get through in any other way

We are a monitoring company and are monitoring hundreds of cardiac patients at home.
We were unable to see their ECG signals since 21st of April

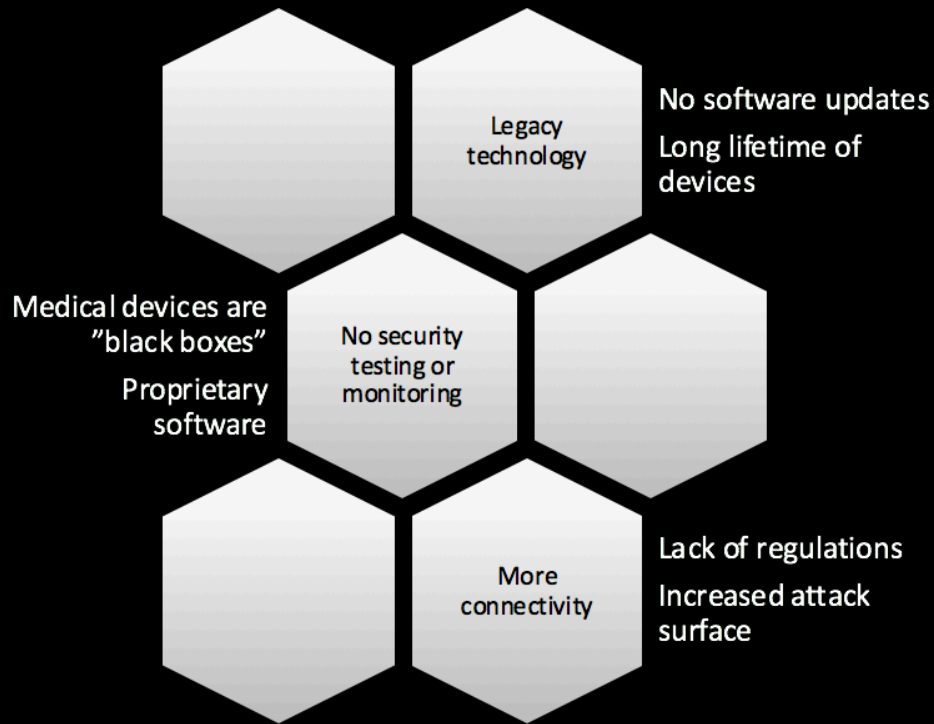
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Our servers IDs:

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i-8e6163e5
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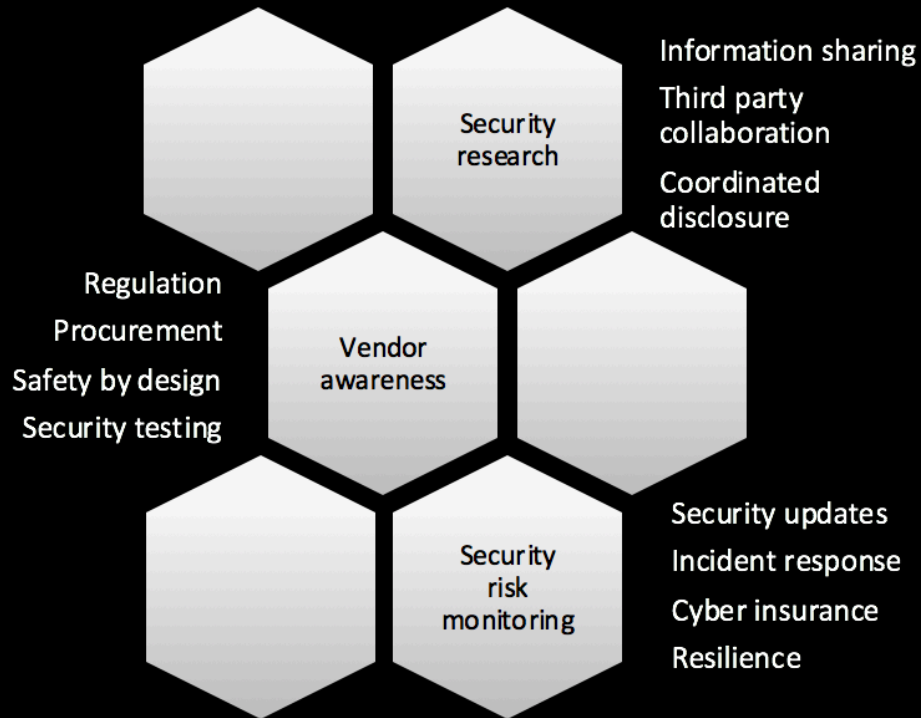
Or please let me know how can I contact you more directly.
Thank you

 **Replies:** 35 | **Pages:** 2 - **Last Post:** Aug 12, 2011 8:17 AM by: [Caryatid](#)

Why?



How to solve it?



Hippocratic Oath

For Connected Medical Devices

Cyber Safety Capabilities What is your ready posture toward failure?



- ✚ **Cyber Safety by Design** – Anticipate and avoid failure
- ✚ **Third-Party Collaboration** – Engage willing allies to avoid failure
- ✚ **Evidence Capture** – Observe and learn from failure
- ✚ **Resilience and Containment** – Prevent cascading failure
- ✚ **Cyber Safety Updates** – Correct failure conditions once known

In Collaboration With



Security
Researchers



Patients



Device
Makers



Policy
Makers



Insurers
& Payers



Physicians &
Care Givers



Standards
Organizations



Healthcare
Providers



Government
Agencies

Research needed

- Open source medical devices
- Medical device cryptography
- Personal area network monitoring
- Jamming protection
- Forensics evidence capture

The benefit outweighs the risk

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