

# Medical device security

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# Before we begin

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# About me

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# Agenda

- What is a medical device?
- Range of medical devices
- Medical record value and breaches
- Challenges
- Besides challenges
- HL7 messaging



# What is a medical device?

- A **medical device** is an instrument, apparatus, implant, in vitro reagent, or similar or related article that is used to diagnose, prevent, or treat disease or other conditions, and does not achieve its purposes through chemical action within or on the body (which would make it a drug) -- wiki

# Range of devices

Cost: 5- 2\$ (50% off)  
Fits in pocket

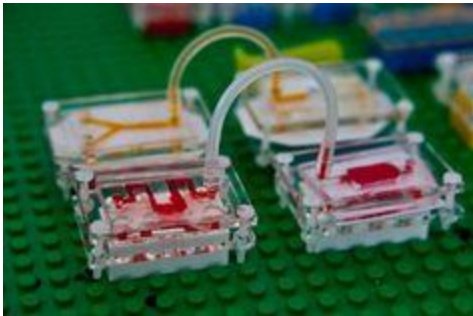


Cost: can reach up to 3 million \$  
Size: about the size of a truck (don't ask the weight ;) )



# And the memory

A simple DIY device

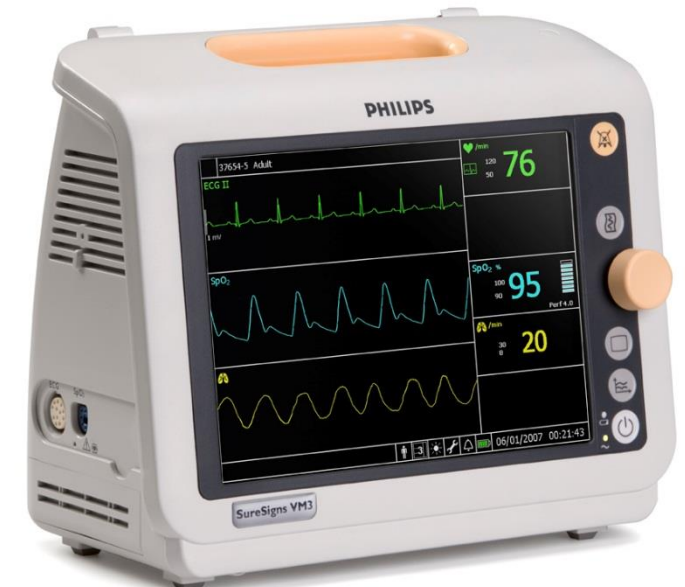


A hospital data center...



# And.....

- Patient monitors
- Insulin monitors
- Pacemakers
- Heart rate devices
- “smart bands”
- Home monitoring solutions



# Rapid Innovation

- Everyone wants mobility (patient, doctors, nurses, clinicians)
- Diagnostics
- Big data analysis
- Information gathering



# Why hospitals and medical devices?

- Easy targets
- Many entry points
- Good payoff
- Medical records



# The impact of an attack

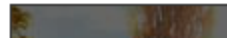
- Privacy
- Financial – a medical record fetches 32x a credit card record
- Physical?

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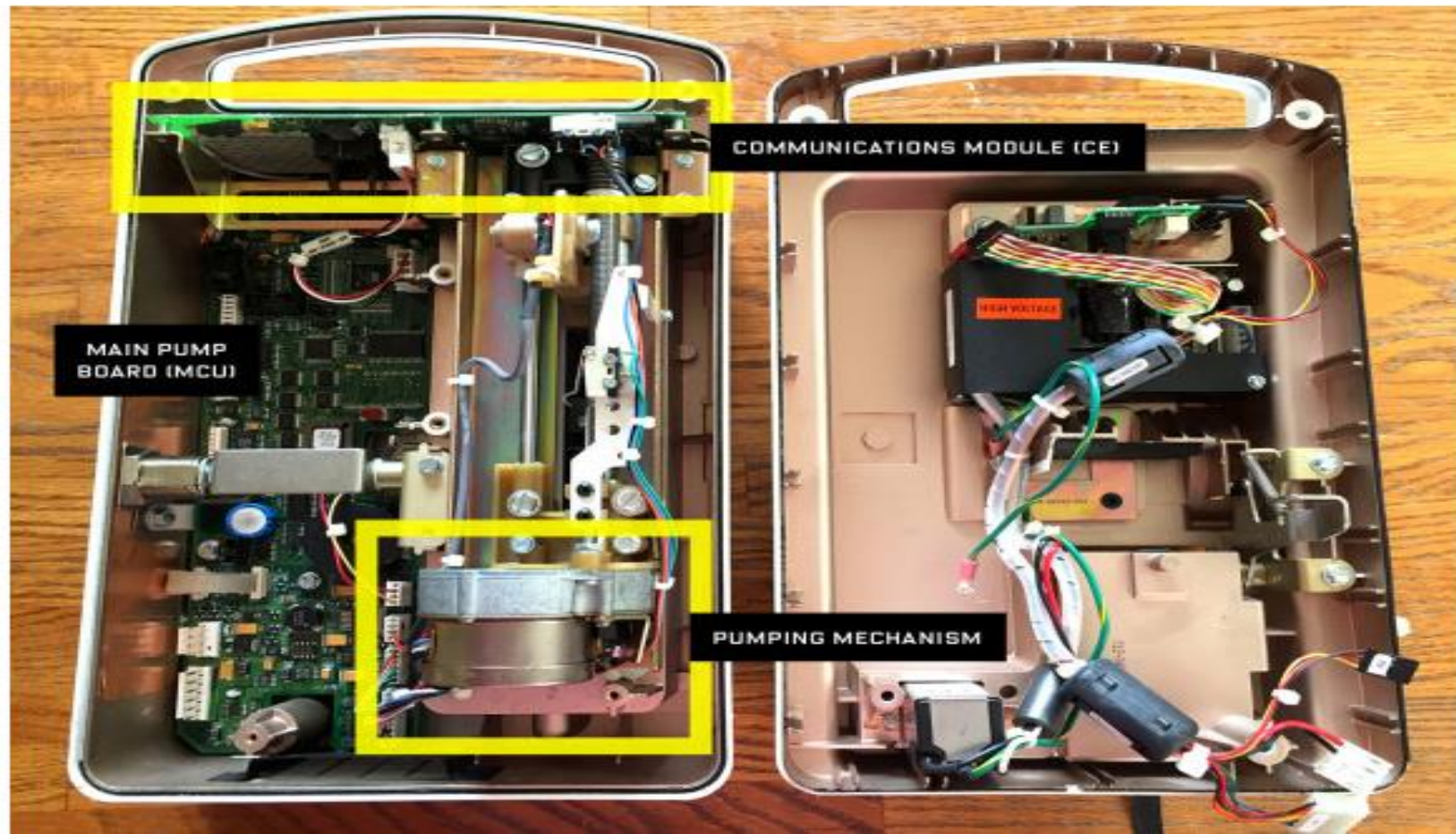


Lets take a case study



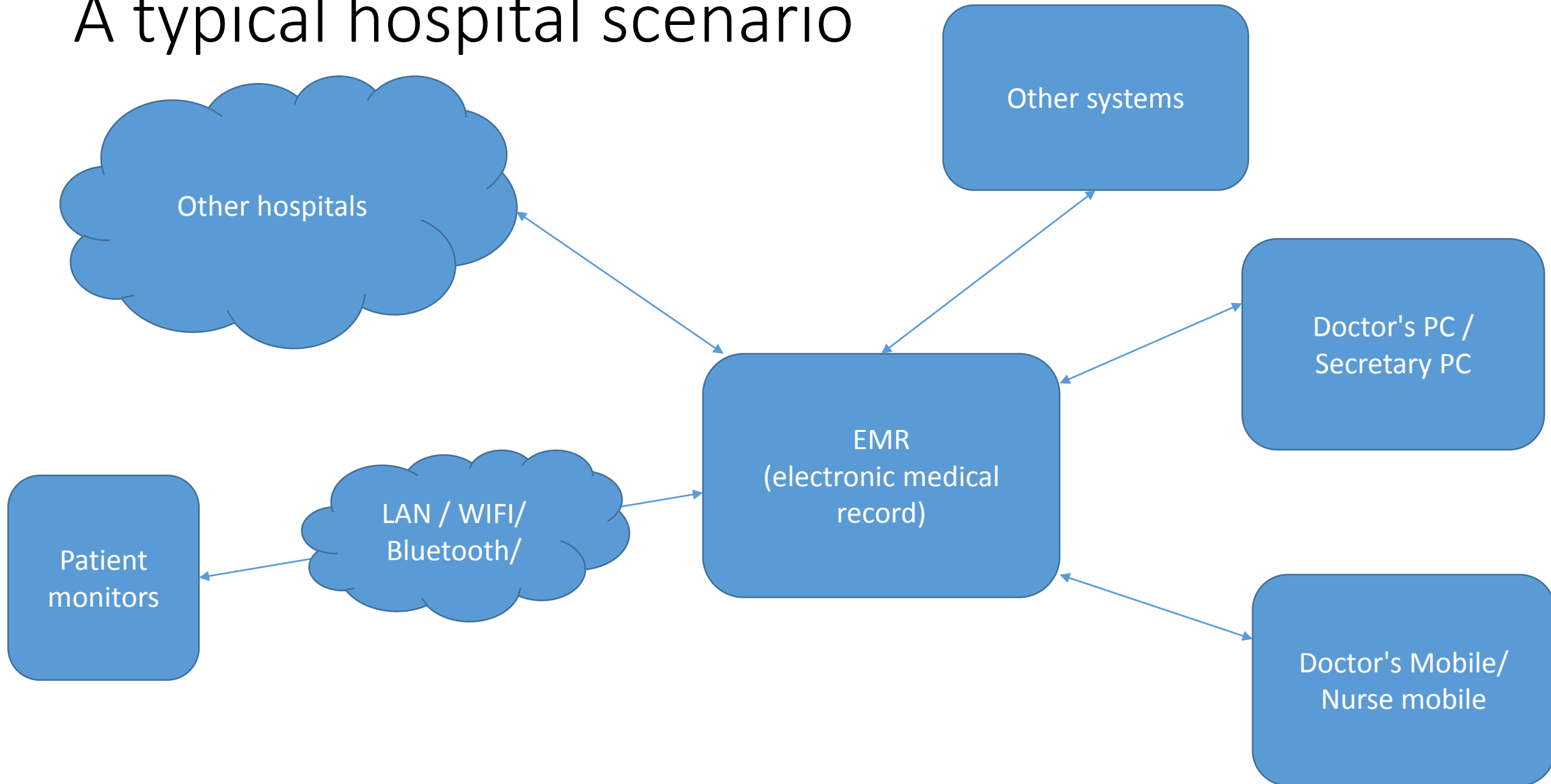


# DRUG PUMP'S SECURITY FLAW LETS HACKERS RAISE DOSE LIMITS

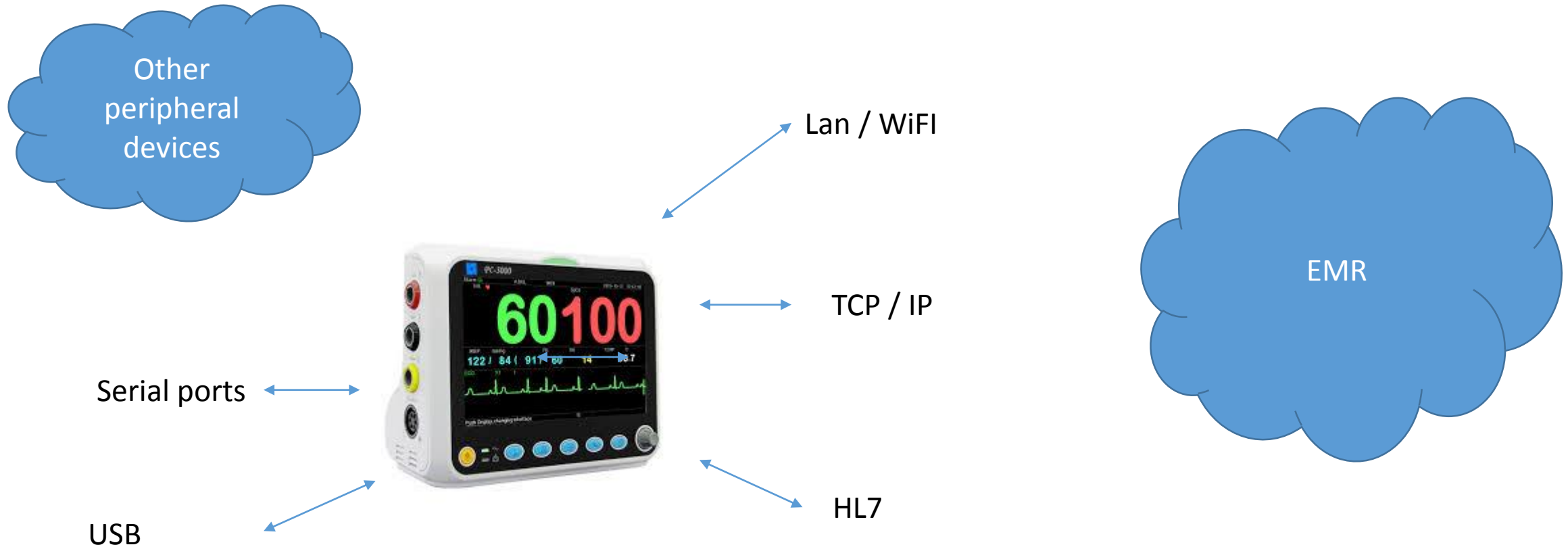


# Analyzing a hospital scenario

# A typical hospital scenario



# A typical patient monitor



# Diving into medical devices

- They have an OS (sometimes 😊 )
- They have connectivity ( Fuzzers ;) )
- They do have logical errors
- Protocols
- Compare the low end devices to IOT infrastructure
- Can crash / misbehave
- Known to have APT's discovered in them

Trapx discovered a APT recently – google

# Potential entry points

- Wifi / Lan
- Serial ports
- USB - Firmware
- The sensors
- Keyboard / mouse
- Firewire
- Protocols





# Challenges with these devices

- Patching
- Servicing
- Uptime
- Cost
- Longevity



# Technical issues observed on the ground

- Lack of encryption between the devices
- Lack of skilled personnel

# From a manufacturer perspective

- Support – 10 years and counting!
- How do you define a device to be vulnerable?
- Security – a joint exercise between hospitals and the vendors



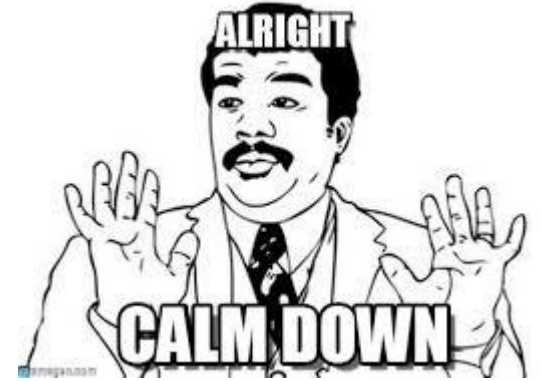
# From a hospital perspective

- If it works – its all good
- Cybersecurity needs more investment and skilled individuals
- Vendors should take care of all security issues
- “why will someone attack a hospital computer – go hack NASA”
- “we are doctors, not cyber warriors”



# Hospitals need to understand

- Cybersecurity != more money  
**BUT** Cybersecurity == better functioning
- Risks of a cyber attack
- Patching is a problem, but absolutely worth it
- Having IDS / IPS
- Say no to outdated infrastructure (this is changing rapidly 😊 )



# Securing these devices

- Having a policy in place – cybersecurity policy anyone ?
- DO NOT CONNECT THESE DEVICES TO THE INTERNET unless intended
- Make sure the systems are patched
- Know your hospital ( public and private networks anyone? )



# Policies / agencies in place

- FDA
- HIPAA

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# My opinion

- We need better regulations - now!
- Awareness
- A working group towards security (lets take things global too )
- More research on the APT and exploits

# What is HL7?

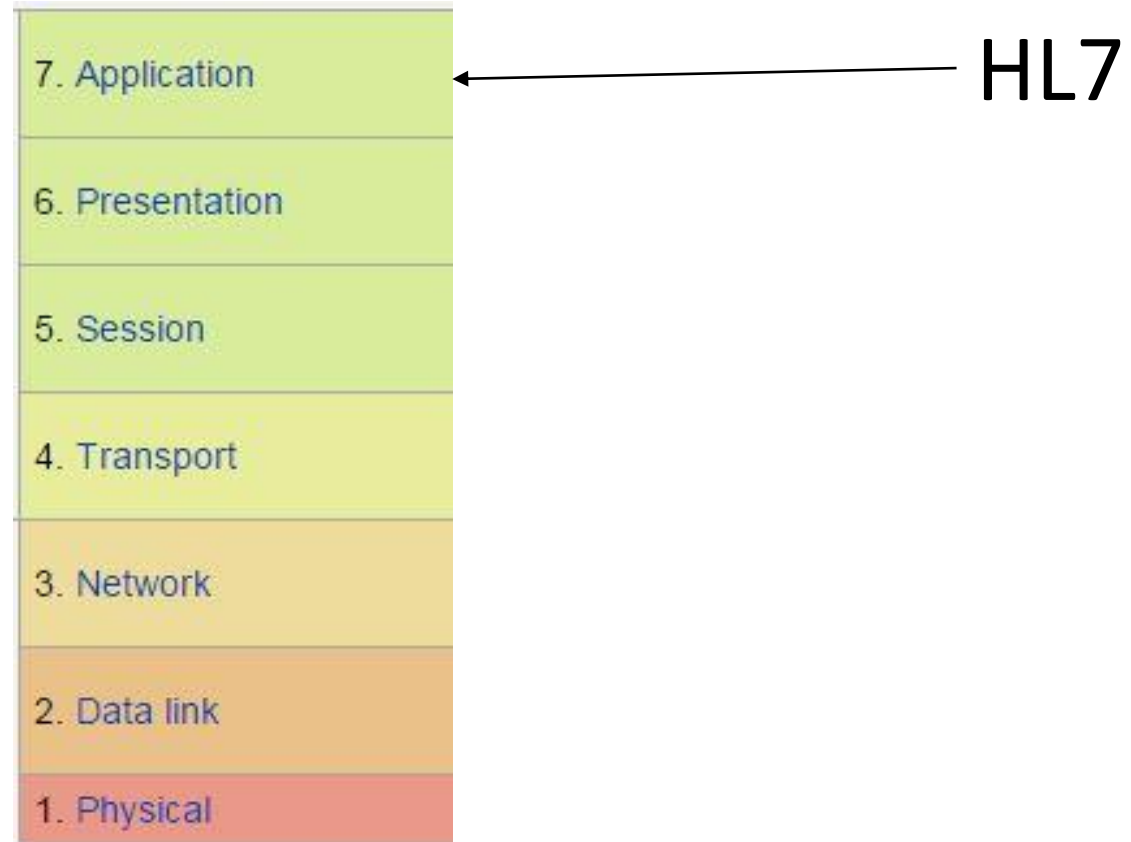
- Healthcare level standards
- Most popular in healthcare devices (HL7 2.x)
- Quite old – designed in 1989
- FHIR is the next gen

# HL7 2.x

- Most popular HL7 version
- New messages / fields added



# HL7 (only for v2 messaging and CDA)



# Things to know

- MSH – message header segment defines the delimiters

e.g. MSH|^~\&

- The primary delimiter is | and sub delimiters in the order they are present after |
- The standards define the message structure – not the implementation

# An HL7 message

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PID||56782445^^^UABH^^^3|||KLEINSAMPLE^BARRY^Q^JR||19620910|M||2028-9^^HL70005^RA99113^^XYZ|260 GOODWIN CREST
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} Potential Entry Point

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Time for a demo 😊



# Questions

# Thank you!

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