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Why Do Hackers Steal Medical Records?

One out of every four cyberattacks targets the health care industry, particularly hospital databases. They are treasure troves of full names, financial data, past and current home addresses, social security numbers, and birth dates. With this data, criminals can take out loans, set up a credit line, file false health insurance claims, and create fake IDs to purchase drugs.

Hospital records are often sold online, sometimes for \$1,000 a piece. One hacker called “thedarkoverlord” had 655,000 stolen medical records from three large hospital databases on sale for nearly \$700,000. The federal mandate that hospitals digitize your medical records put you, and our national security, at risk.

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