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Dangerous FDA Device-Approval Delays?

Microsoft says older operating systems in medical and implantable devices are vulnerable to intrusion and manipulation by hackers. But patching old systems is time-consuming and expensive.

Here’s the surprising problem: “It takes the medical device manufacturers so long to get the devices approved, that by the time they…get put in, often the operating systems are ancient.” They’re out-of-date.

Here’s another surprise: Nearly 83,000 deaths are suspected from FDA-approved devices over the last ten years. Since FDA approval does not guarantee patient safety, should FDA approve devices sooner rather than later to protect against the dangers of hacking?


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