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Hollywood Hospital EHR Held for Ransom

Hackers attacked a Hollywood hospital disabling their computer system. They demanded $3.4 million and the hospital’s computerized medical records system was non-functional for at least a week following this ransomware attack. The hospital was forced to revert to paper and to turn some patients away.

Eventually, the hospital’s chief executive paid a ransom of 40 bitcoins, or $17,000, to the hackers because it was the easiest way to get the hospital back to normal operations. This is just one of the dangers facing patients as a result of Congress mandating that all hospitals and all doctors install and use electronic health records or face reduced Medicare payments.


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