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ABSTRACT

Medical imaging plays an important role in diagnosing and treating patients. The system that manages medical images is known as the picture archiving communication system (PACS) and is nearly ubiquitous in healthcare environments. PACS is defined by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a Class II device that “provides one or more capabilities relating to the acceptance, transfer, display, storage, and digital processing of medical images.” PACS centralizes functions surrounding medical imaging workflows and serves as an authoritative repository of medical image information.

PACS fits within a highly complex healthcare delivery organization (HDO) environment that involves interfacing with a range of interconnected systems. PACS may connect with clinical information systems and medical devices and engage with HDO-internal and affiliated health professionals. Complexity may introduce or expose opportunities that allow malicious actors to compromise the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of a PACS ecosystem.

The NCCoE at NIST analyzed risk factors regarding a PACS ecosystem by using a risk assessment based on the NIST Risk Management Framework. The NCCoE also leveraged the NIST Cybersecurity Framework and other relevant standards to identify measures to safeguard the ecosystem. The NCCoE developed an example implementation that demonstrates how HDOs can use standards-based, commercially available cybersecurity technologies to better protect a PACS ecosystem. This practice guide helps HDOs implement current cybersecurity standards and best practices to reduce their cybersecurity risk and protect patient privacy while maintaining the performance and usability of PACS.

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1 Summary

Medical imaging is a critical component in rendering patient care. The system that provides the acceptance, transfer, display, storage, and digital processing of medical images is known as a picture archiving and communication system (PACS) [1] and is nearly ubiquitous in healthcare environments. The PACS environment serves as the repository to manage these images and accompanying clinical information within the healthcare delivery organization (HDO). Vendor neutral archive systems (VNAs) perform archive management functions similar to PACS, and hereafter, this practice guide includes VNAs when it refers to PACS. PACS fits within a highly complex HDO environment and may interface with a range of enterprise information technology (IT) systems and healthcare professionals internal and external to the HDO. This complexity leads to cybersecurity challenges.

To develop practical cybersecurity guidance for securing PACS, we must consider the ecosystem surrounding PACS, which includes interconnected medical imaging equipment generally described as modalities. The ecosystem also includes modalities; connected clinical systems such as radiology information systems (RIS), health information systems (HIS), or the electronic health record (EHR); cloud storage capabilities; viewer and administration workstations; VNAs; and the PACS itself.

The National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) built a laboratory that emulates a medical imaging environment, performed a risk assessment, and developed an example implementation that demonstrates how HDOs can use standards-based, commercially available cybersecurity technologies to better protect a PACS ecosystem. Any organization that deploys PACS and medical imaging systems can use the example implementation, which represents one of many possible solutions and architectures, but those organizations should perform their own risk assessment and implement controls based on their risk posture.

For ease of use, the following paragraphs provide a short description of each section of this volume.

Section 1, Summary, presents the challenge addressed by the NCCoE project, with an in-depth look at our approach, the architecture, and the security characteristics we used; the solution demonstrated to address the challenge; benefits of the solution; and the technology partners who participated in building, demonstrating, and documenting the solution. The Summary also explains how to provide feedback on this guide.

[Section 2](#), How to Use This Guide, explains how business decision makers, program managers, IT professionals (e.g., systems administrators), and biomedical engineers might use each volume of the guide.

[Section 3](#), Approach, offers a detailed treatment of the scope of the project, the risk assessment that informed platform development, and the technologies and components that industry collaborators gave us to enable platform development.

[Section 4](#), Architecture, specifies the components within the PACS ecosystem from business, security, and infrastructure perspectives and details how data and processes flow throughout the ecosystem. This section also describes the security capabilities and controls referenced in the NIST Cybersecurity Framework through tools provided by the project collaborators.

[Section 5](#), Security Characteristic Analysis, provides details about the tools and techniques used to perform risk assessments pertaining to PACS.

[Section 6](#), Functional Evaluation, summarizes the test sequences employed to demonstrate security platform services, the NIST Cybersecurity Framework Functions to which each test sequence is relevant, and the NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-53 Revision 4 controls demonstrated in the example implementation.

[Section 7](#), Future Build Considerations, is a brief treatment of other applications that NIST might explore in the future to further protect a PACS ecosystem.

The appendixes provide acronym translations, references, a mapping of the PACS project to the NIST Cybersecurity Framework, and a list of additional informative security references cited in the framework. Acronyms used in figures and tables are in the List of Acronyms appendix.

1.1 Challenge

The challenge with PACS is securing disparate, interconnected systems. A medical imaging infrastructure offers a broad attack surface with equipment that may have varying vulnerabilities, configurations, and control implementations. Devices deployed in the ecosystem likely come from different vendors and suppliers, and how one may implement defensive measures can vary based on the nature of the devices and how they function vis-à-vis patients and other clinical systems. The ecosystem may also include legacy devices that are potentially more vulnerable to cyber risks. The care provider team (clinicians and other healthcare professionals) may reside in different departments and may have components hosted and used across a wide geography. HDOs may leverage cloud storage environments to store and maintain medical images. Some actors may be external to the HDO, interacting with sensitive information across the internet.

As threats to the operational environment increase, PACS and other healthcare systems may become increasingly vulnerable to:

- system disruption, leading to
 - inability to render timely diagnosis and treatment
 - inability to access the system for standard use, including inability to schedule procedures
- compromise of image data, leading to incorrect diagnosis and treatment

- compromise of components, allowing malicious actors to use the components as pivot points to attack other parts of the HDO infrastructure
- privacy concerns that may lead to
 - fraudulent or improper use of data
 - patient identity theft

1.2 Solution

This NIST Cybersecurity Practice Guide, *Securing Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS)*, shows how biomedical engineers, networking engineers, security engineers, and IT professionals can help securely configure and deploy PACS within HDOs by using commercially available, open-source tools and technologies that are consistent with cybersecurity standards.

This practice guide leveraged the NIST Cybersecurity Framework in selecting privacy and cybersecurity controls. Controls and solutions may be procured, obtained as part of an open-source solution, or internally developed. While the NCCoE obtained commercially available products for this practice guide, these do not represent the only methods available to HDOs in meeting control objectives.

The reference architecture features technical and process controls to implement the following solutions:

- a defense-in-depth solution, including network zoning that allows more granular control of network traffic flows and limits communications capabilities to the minimum necessary to support business function
- access control mechanisms that include multifactor authentication for care providers, certificate-based authentication for imaging devices and clinical systems, and mechanisms that limit vendor remote support to medical imaging components
- a holistic risk management approach that includes medical device asset management augmenting enterprise security controls. It should also leverage behavioral analytic tools for near real-time threat and vulnerability management in conjunction with managed security solution providers
- cloud storage for medical images, which makes images scalable and available for HDOs

1.3 Benefits

The NCCoE's practice guide to securing PACS in HDOs can help your organization:

- improve resilience in the network infrastructure, including limiting a threat actor's ability to leverage components as pivot points to attack other parts of the HDO's environment
- limit unauthorized movement within the HDO enterprise network to address the potential risk of an insider threat or malicious actors who gain network access

- analyze behavior and detect malware throughout the ecosystem to enable HDOs to determine when components evidence compromise and to enable those organizations to limit the effects of a potential threat such as ransomware
- secure sensitive data (e.g., personally identifiable information or protected health information [PHI]) at rest, in transit, and in cloud environments; enhance patient privacy by limiting malicious actors' ability to exfiltrate or expose that data
- consider and address risks of potential cloud solutions to manage an HDO's medical imaging infrastructure

2 How to Use This Guide

This NIST Cybersecurity Practice Guide demonstrates a standards-based reference design and provides users with the information they need to help secure a medical imaging ecosystem. This practice guide builds upon the network zoning concept described in NIST SP 1800-8, *Securing Wireless Infusion Pumps in Healthcare Delivery Organizations*. As part of the implementation, the project used microsegmentation, role-based access controls, and behavioral analytics in the lab's security controls. This reference design is modular and can be deployed in whole or in part.

This guide contains three volumes:

- NIST SP 1800-24A: *Executive Summary*
- NIST SP 1800-24B: *Approach, Architecture, and Security Characteristics – what we built and why (you are here)*
- NIST SP 1800-24C: *How-To Guides* – instructions for building the example solution

Depending on your role in your organization, you might use this guide in different ways:

Business decision makers, including chief security and technology officers, will be interested in the *Executive Summary*, NIST SP 1800-24A, which describes the following topics:

- challenges that enterprises face in securing PACS
- example solution built at the NCCoE
- benefits of adopting the example solution

Technology or security program managers who are concerned with how to identify, understand, assess, and mitigate risk will be interested in this part of the guide, NIST SP 1800-24B, which describes what we did and why. The following sections will be of particular interest:

- [Section 3.4](#), Risk Assessment, provides a description of the risk analysis we performed.
- [Section 3.5](#), Security Control Map, maps the security characteristics of this example solution to cybersecurity standards and best practices.

You might share the *Executive Summary*, NIST SP 1800-24A, with your leadership team members to help them understand the importance of adopting standards-based, commercially available technologies that can help secure a PACS ecosystem.

IT professionals who want to implement an approach like this will find the whole practice guide useful. You can use the how-to portion of the guide, NIST SP 1800-24C, to replicate all or parts of the build created in our lab. The how-to portion of the guide provides specific product installation, configuration, and integration instructions for implementing the example solution. We do not re-create the product manufacturers' documentation, which is generally widely available. Rather, we show how we incorporated the products together in our environment to create an example solution.

This guide assumes that IT professionals have experience implementing security products within the enterprise. While we have used a suite of commercial products to address this challenge, this guide does not endorse these particular products. Your organization can adopt this solution or one that adheres to these guidelines in whole, or you can use this guide as a starting point for tailoring and implementing parts of the NCCoE's risk assessment and deployment of a defense-in-depth strategy. Your organization's security experts should identify the products that will best integrate with your existing tools and IT system infrastructure. We hope that you will seek products that are congruent with applicable standards and best practices. [Section 3.6](#), Technologies, lists the products we used and maps them to the cybersecurity controls provided by this reference solution.

A NIST Cybersecurity Practice Guide does not describe "the" solution, but a possible solution. Comments, suggestions, and success stories will improve subsequent versions of this guide. Please contribute your thoughts to hit_nccoe@nist.gov.

2.1 Typographic Conventions

The following table presents typographic conventions used in this volume.

Typeface/Symbol	Meaning	Example
<i>Italics</i>	file names and path names; references to documents that are not hyperlinks; new terms; and placeholders	For language use and style guidance, see the <i>NCCoE Style Guide</i> .
Bold	names of menus, options, command buttons, and fields	Choose File > Edit .
Monospace	command-line input, onscreen computer output, sample code examples, and status codes	<code>mkdir</code>
Monospace Bold	command-line user input contrasted with computer output	<code>service sshd start</code>
blue text	link to other parts of the document, a web URL, or an email address	All publications from NIST’s NCCoE are available at https://www.nccoe.nist.gov .

3 Approach

An HDO enterprise network environment is complex, with IT infrastructure to handle a range of functions, including back office billing, supply chain and inventory management, EHRs, and a vast array of connected medical devices. PACS serves an important function within this already complex environment through its role in aggregating and centralizing the medical imaging ecosystem while interfacing with other clinical systems. Specialists involved in the workflow may reside in different departments, be in different parts of an HDO campus, and be external to the HDO, accessing systems and images from the internet. This practice guide seeks to help the healthcare community evaluate the security environment surrounding PACS and medical imaging in a clinical setting.

Throughout the Securing PACS project, we collaborated with our NCCoE Healthcare Community of Interest and technology and cybersecurity vendors to identify standard medical imaging workflows and actors, define interactions between actors and systems, and review risk factors. Based on this analysis, the NCCoE developed an architecture and reference design, identified applicable mitigating security technologies, and designed an example implementation to help better secure a PACS ecosystem. This volume provides the approach used to develop the NCCoE reference solution. Elements include risk assessment and analysis, logical design, build development, test and evaluation, and security control mapping.

To develop the reference solution, we reviewed known vulnerabilities in PACS, the Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM) protocol [2], [3], and medical imaging process flow, leveraging

use cases described by Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) [4]. We examined how to design the architecture and component integration to increase the security of the device.

The practice guide used the systems security engineering (SSE) framework discussed in NIST SP 800-160 Volume 1 [5] to introduce a disciplined, structured, and standards-based set of SSE activities and tasks to the project. This SSE framework provides the starting point and the forcing function to introduce engineering-driven actions that lead to more defensible and resilient systems. The SSE framework starts with and builds upon standards for systems and software engineering, then introduces SSE techniques, methods, and practices into these standard system engineering processes.

Additionally, this project reviewed NIST SP 800-171 Rev. 1, *Protecting Controlled Unclassified Information in Nonfederal Systems and Organizations* [6], as well as NIST SP 800-181 Rev.1, *Workforce Framework for Cybersecurity (NICE Framework)* [7], for further guidance. Organizations may refer to these documents in expanding their safeguarding environment as appropriate. These documents serve as background for this project, with primary emphasis on the NIST Cybersecurity Framework [8] and the NIST Risk Management Framework [9].

3.1 Audience

The NCCoE provides this guide for professionals implementing security solutions within an HDO. It may also be of interest to anyone responsible for securing nonstandard computing devices (i.e., the Internet of Things [IoT]). More specifically, the NCCoE designed Volume B of this practice guide (NIST SP 1800-24B) to appeal to a wide range of job functions, including IT operations, storage support engineers, network engineers, PACS support biomedical engineers, cybersecurity engineers, healthcare technology management (HTM) professionals, and support staff who are responsible for medical imaging devices, viewing or administrative workstations, PACS, or VNAs. For cybersecurity or technology decision makers within HDOs, this volume provides a view into how they can make the medical device environment more secure, to help improve their enterprise's security posture and reduce enterprise risk. Additionally, this volume offers guidance to technical staff on building a more secure medical device network and instituting compensating controls.

3.2 Scope

The NCCoE project focused on securing the environment of a PACS ecosystem but not on reengineering medical devices or altering medical imaging processes themselves. This project led to a standards-based practice guide that applies to the wider healthcare ecosystem. This practice guide describes how the project secured PACS in a laboratory environment at the NCCoE that replicated parts of a typical HDO environment. The project considered PACS users internal to the HDO as well as external users and partners needing access to certain components of the HDO environment.

3.3 Assumptions

In building this healthcare practice guide, the NCCoE began the project with the following fundamental assumptions:

- Medical devices will include flaws or weaknesses that may be leveraged as vulnerabilities.
- Patches or fixes for these vulnerabilities may not be available or deployable in a timely fashion.
- Other components within an HDO's network may include flaws and vulnerabilities.
- Security controls that one may deploy may themselves include flaws or weaknesses that could be used to compromise the HDO network.

This practice guide identifies controls that may be appropriate for mitigating risks associated with the medical imaging ecosystem made up of PACS and VNA. The actual build and example implementation of this architecture occurred in a lab environment at the NCCoE. Although the lab is based on a clinical environment, it does not mirror the complexity of an actual hospital network. It is assumed that any actual clinical environment would represent additional complexity. As a result, in addition to the assumptions noted above, we also assume implementation of pervasive controls, discussed in more detail in [Appendix C](#).

3.4 Risk Assessment

NIST SP 800-30 Revision 1, *Guide for Conducting Risk Assessments* [10], states that risk is “a measure of the extent to which an entity is threatened by a potential circumstance or event, and typically a function of: (i) the adverse impacts that would arise if the circumstance or event occurs; and (ii) the likelihood of occurrence.” The guide further defines risk assessment as “the process of identifying, estimating, and prioritizing risks to organizational operations (including mission, functions, image, reputation), organizational assets, individuals, other organizations, and the Nation, resulting from the operation of an information system. Part of risk management incorporates threat and vulnerability analyses, and considers mitigations provided by security controls planned or in place.”

The NCCoE recommends that any discussion of risk management, particularly at the enterprise level, begins with a comprehensive review of NIST SP 800-37 Revision 2, *Risk Management Framework for Information Systems and Organizations* [11]—material that is available to the public. The Risk Management Framework (RMF) [9] guidance, as a whole, proved to be invaluable in giving us a baseline to assess risks, from which we developed the project, the security characteristics of the build, and this guide.

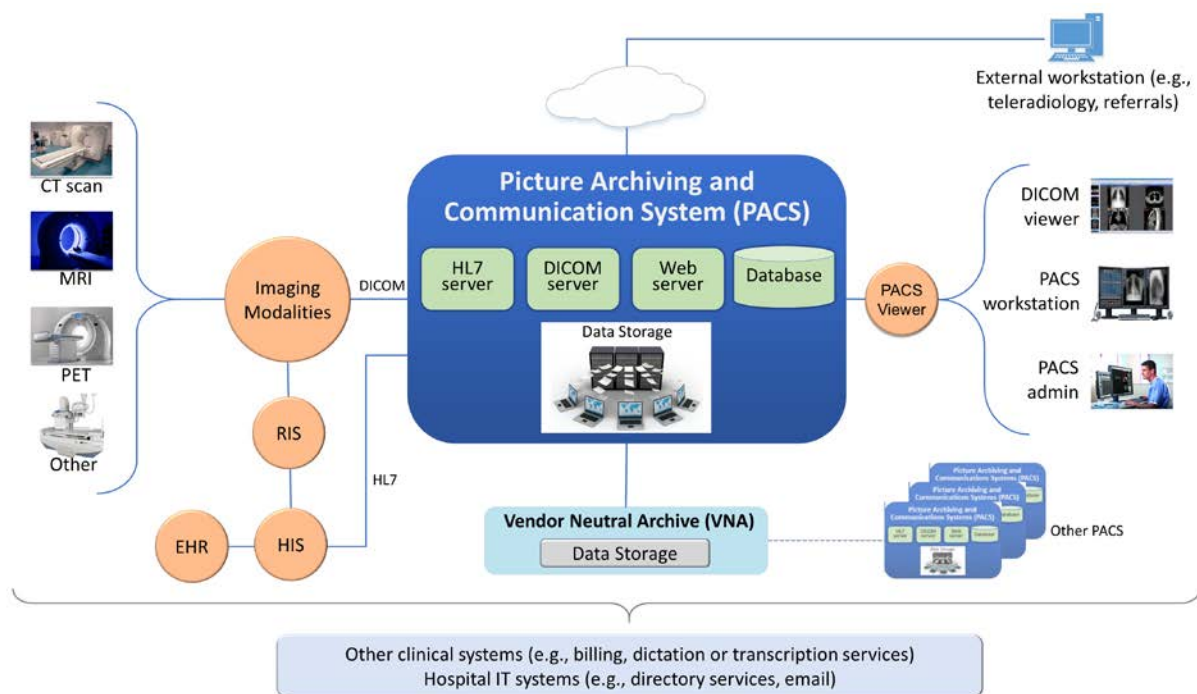
In conducting the risk assessment, this document considers threats and risks grouped under Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability, commonly referred to as the CIA triad [12].

3.4.1 Establishing the Risk Context

As we examine risk, we begin by considering the risk context. The ecosystem itself is complex and presumes different teams of people, varying processes, and different technologies involved in acquisition, interpretation, and maintenance of medical imaging information. This section presents the risk context of the Securing PACS Project, which is established around five scenarios that represent typical processes found in a medical imaging ecosystem [13]. The risk context, which in this practice guide is within the medical imaging ecosystem logical boundary, defines where to perform a risk assessment. Risk context of the PACS environment encompasses the physical and logical components of the medical imaging ecosystem that interconnect with PACS as well as the various stakeholders within the ecosystem. For the NCCoE PACS lab environment, risk context contains the components listed below and the system actors of the PACS, which include both human and system actors, as described in [Section 3.4.2](#).

Figure 3-1 depicts the notional high-level architecture that bounds the PACS and medical imaging ecosystem [13]. This depiction provides a starting point in understanding the components addressed in this project. However, this project took a holistic approach in framing the risk context, beyond some of the technology components. This project leveraged concepts described in NIST SP 800-160 [5] in defining context for a PACS ecosystem, understanding risk based on context, and selecting appropriate controls when designing the control environment needed to mitigate that contextual risk. NIST SP 800-160, *Systems Security Engineering* [5], identifies concepts of examining system life cycle and components, performing holistic analysis on both technical and nontechnical processes, to deliver “trustworthy” systems. Trustworthiness describes a solution whose objective is to provide “adequate security” related to stakeholders’ concerns. In order to achieve systems security engineering “trustworthiness” goals, practitioners should consider system life-cycle processes and frame the risk context based on a process and entity relationship analysis [5].

Figure 3-1 Notional High-Level Architecture



The system for this project is broadly identified as the PACS, though practically, it incorporates a set of processes and other systems that make up a medical imaging ecosystem [13]. For purposes of this project, and in accordance with NIST SP 800-160 [5], we consider the individual components as “systems of interest,” noted below:

- workstations used to interact with the medical imaging ecosystem
 - viewer workstations residing within the HDO perimeter
 - viewer workstations residing external to the HDO perimeter, used by remote care specialists
 - workstations used by clinical staff to access peripheral systems, such as order entry systems, RIS, HIS, or EHR
- modalities, or medical imaging devices that acquire medical images and forward those to the PACS, based on orders typically received from the EHR or HIS and following workflows typically defined by the RIS
- clinical systems that interface with modalities and the PACS environment, supporting medical imaging processes such as scheduling, annotations, or reporting

- PACS will support interfaces, depicted in Figure 3-1, as “servers.” These interfaces include the Health Level 7 (HL7) interface that allow clinical systems to interact with the PACS in sharing PHI; the DICOM interface, which represents a communications and medical imaging standard that represents a standard method by which medical imaging modalities interoperate with PACS; and the web server interface, which represents the PACS’ ability to allow clinical interaction with the PACS to retrieve medical images using hypertext transfer protocol (http) via a standard web browser.
- a relational database server to manage metadata about the medical images or PACS administration data
- PACS and vendor neutral archive (VNA) application servers

In addition to the technology components described above and in the PACS Project Description, we considered other elements, such as stakeholders (system actors) as well as specific business process flows in which those stakeholders may participate. The processes align with profiles established by Integrating the Health Enterprise (IHE) [4], which this project leveraged to determine process and data flows. The four selected profiles translate to the scenarios described below. Based on the PACS Project Description document, the scenarios of note are Sample Radiology Practice Workflows; Access to Aggregations and Collections of Different Types of Images; Accessing, Auditing, and Monitoring; Image Object Change Management; and Remote Access [13].

This practice guide does not examine pervasive risks that an HDO may face but rather focuses on those risks specific to the medical imaging ecosystem. While this guide suggests specific requirements for safely and securely hosting PACS, the intent of the guide is not to serve as an omnibus guide for all facets potentially required to operate a secure HDO infrastructure. This guide addresses measures that would enhance the security posture for the overall PACS and medical imaging ecosystem, but there may be elements that HDOs should address beyond the recommendations offered in safeguarding a PACS and the overall medical imaging ecosystem.

3.4.2 System Actors

This project considered several roles that interact with the PACS and medical imaging system ecosystem. This project looked at both authorized human and system actors. Human actor roles consist of:

- medical imaging technologists
- clinicians
- clinical systems IT administrators
- HTM professionals
- IT staff

System actors that interact with the PACS and VNA consist of:

- modalities
- RIS and HIS
- EHRs

The system actor list excludes patients. The actions focused on medical images, which include creation of the image, annotation, storage of the image and annotations, interpretation, and changes to those images. The project limited radiology information systems and EHR systems actions to order entry/scheduling procedures and to pointing to images for reading/viewing. The scenarios below note process flows which describe use case profiles defined by IHE, a body that this project identified as authoritative in defining standard imaging workflow processes [4].

3.4.3 Use Case Scenarios

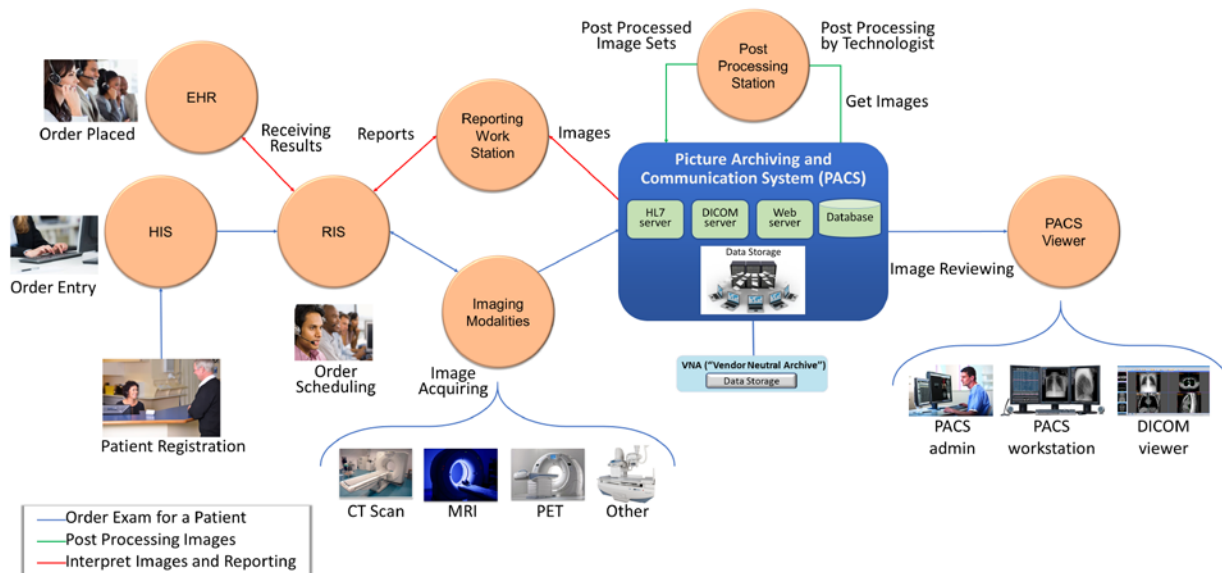
This project assessed risk for the five scenarios [13] described below. Considering threats, vulnerabilities, likelihoods, and impacts on medical imaging operations under these scenarios contributed to the risks documented in [Section 3.4.6](#).

These scenarios frame the processes wherein we considered introduction of threats. In addition to the scenario, this document investigates those vulnerabilities, threats, and risks that may be evident based on a holistic view of the architecture, as described in [Section 3.4.4](#), [Section 3.4.5](#), and [Section 3.4.6](#). Within that viewpoint, the scenarios excluded several threats that are relevant for consideration. While this document investigates addressing modality interfaces, it does not examine specific modalities or the risks potentially associated with them. Modality devices themselves are medical devices that may include vulnerabilities or opportunity for systems or data compromise, loss of data integrity, or disruption of service, and HDOs should perform independent risk assessments in addressing those risks.

3.4.3.1 Sample Radiology Practice Workflows

Scenario One, shown in Figure 3-2, starts with registration of a patient who requires an imaging procedure be performed [13]. For the purposes of this project, the assumption is that the HDO registers the patient into the EHR, determines the patient has appropriate identifiers to be admitted, and the patient is able to receive procedures. The scenario follows the process flow that begins at scheduling the procedure, acquiring the image, and allowing the care team to analyze and diagnose. The assumption is that all modality devices and clinical staff are on-premise, within the boundaries of the HDO. Systems in this sample radiology practice workflow convey patient information using the HL7 [14] protocol (e.g., patient registration and order entry messages). Medical imaging devices would interact with the PACS/VNA by using DICOM [2], [3].

Figure 3-2 Scenario One: Sample Radiology Practice Workflows



The scenario's processes are as follows:

- **Patient Registration:** The HDO enters a new patient's information into an HIS. An HIS may also be referred to as a clinical information system. The function of this process flow is to establish a patient identity within a hospital where one may not previously exist and then administer the patient as appropriate.
- **Order Entry:** Once the HDO establishes a patient identity, a clinician can order a medical imaging procedure for the patient by using some form of computerized physician order entry system.
- **Order Scheduling:** Following a submitted order, clinicians may schedule a medical imaging procedure involving an appropriate medical imaging modality using a RIS.
- **Image Acquisition:** After a clinician creates an order and scheduling has been performed, a clinician performs the imaging procedure using the appropriate modality. Acquisition results in creation of a medical image.
- **Image Post-Processing:** When the modality creates the medical image, imaging technologists will examine the image and may record initial annotations. The image and annotations are then pushed to the PACS.
- **Image Analysis and Reporting:** An imaging clinician may use a viewer workstation to examine the image, analyze, interpret, and diagnose, with subsequent notes pushed to the PACS for reporting.

Stakeholders: medical imaging technologists, clinicians (medical imaging specialists), and medical imaging devices (modalities)

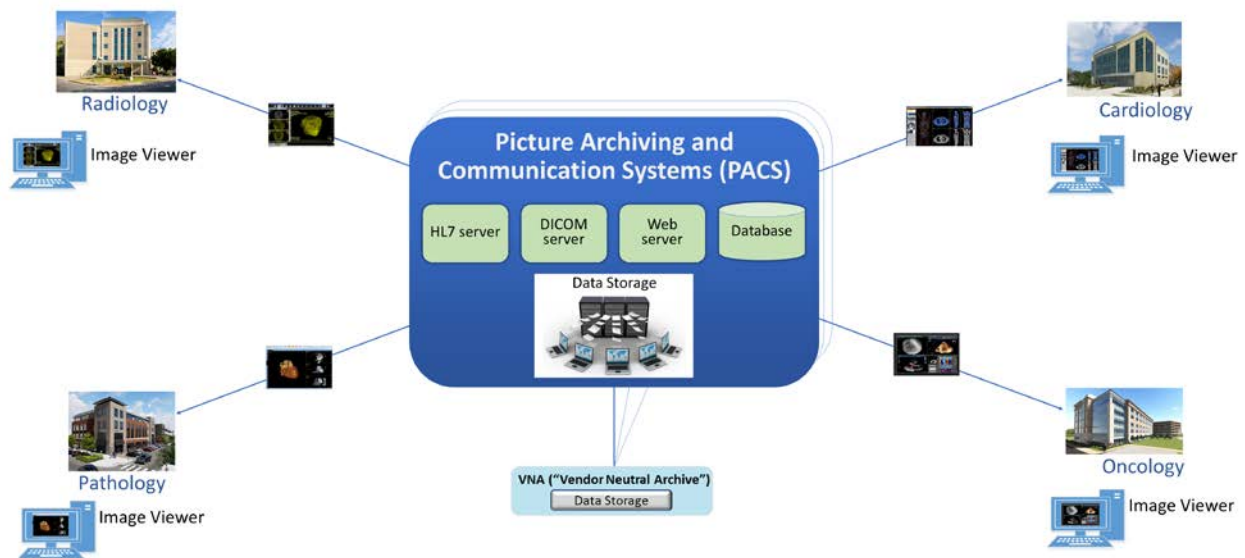
Systems of Interest: order entry, RIS, medical imaging devices, viewer workstations, PACS

Protocols Used: DICOM, web (e.g., hypertext transfer protocol secure [https]), HL7, Host Identity Protocol (HIP)

3.4.3.2 Image Data Access Across the Enterprise

Scenario Two, as shown in Figure 3-3, examines multiple departments that use disparate imaging devices for acquisition and may involve multiple PACS [13]. The assumption is that different departments have separate clinical staff and different medical imaging goals and may use different means to centralize their medical images. This scenario simulates a hospital, in that radiology is not the only department that uses medical imaging, nor does the radiology department mandate use of its PACS to centralize medical images across a hospital. Aggregation and centralized management remain the goal, but the practice guide describes other components in the ecosystem that enable broader clinical functionality. While PACS implements central medical image storage, access to images is not permitted for all clinical staff.

Figure 3-3 Scenario Two: Image Data Access Across the Enterprise



In demonstrating that different groups and technologies are involved, this project shows variables as “_a” or “_b.” This allows us to show the separation between two components that may be similar in function but are separate, e.g., “component_a” versus “component_b.”

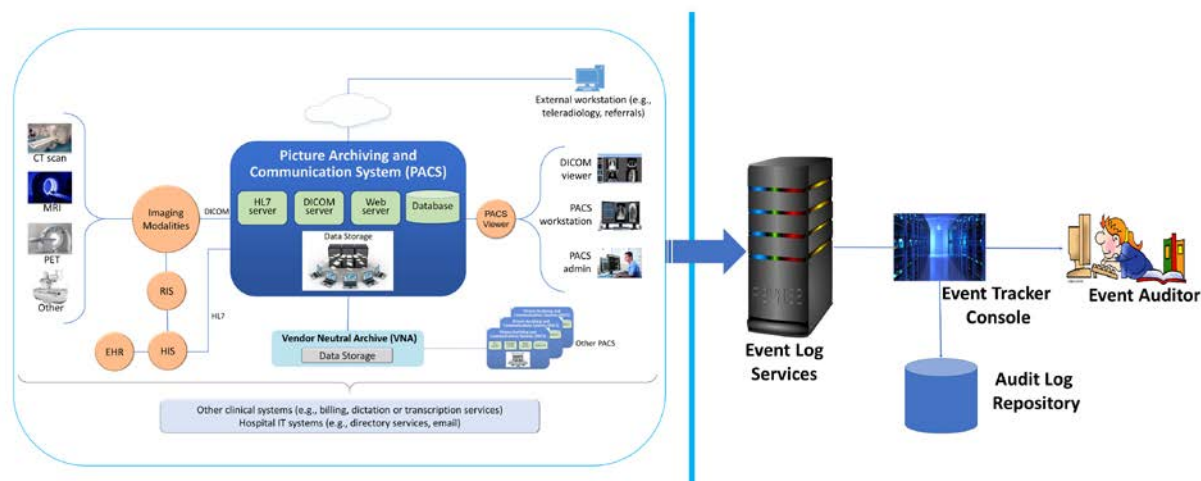
Stakeholders: medical imaging staff_a, medical imaging staff_b, healthcare technology management professionals, PACS_a, PACS_b, VNA

Systems of Interest: image viewer_a, image viewer_b, PACS_a, PACS_b, VNA

3.4.3.3 Accessing, Monitoring, and Auditing

Scenario Three, as shown in Figure 3-4, examines the infrastructure required for access control, which includes identity management and authentication for actors who interact with the PACS and VNA environments, as well as logging, auditing, and monitoring actions with the stored information [13]. The scenario considers those actions where individuals or devices retrieve and view information (Read actions) and introduce new information (Write actions), as well as when individuals or devices modify stored information (Change actions).

Figure 3-4 Scenario Three: Accessing, Monitoring, and Auditing



This project established identities for users (humans who interact with the system), as well as for devices and systems. This scenario assumed that individuals have been appropriately identity-proofed and are provisioned accounts with which they may access and use viewer applications. Given that this project provisioned identities and accounts for both human and machine actors, all interactions require authentication. Authentication may involve exchange of passwords, passcodes, biometrics, or cryptographic keys to validate the actor. A log file recorded all transactions, including authentication attempts.

This scenario examines clinical use system interaction and does not address privileged user access. Controls to manage privileged access are discussed in [Section 4.1.5.1.1](#), Privileged Access Management.

Stakeholders: medical imaging staff, medical devices, PACS, VNA

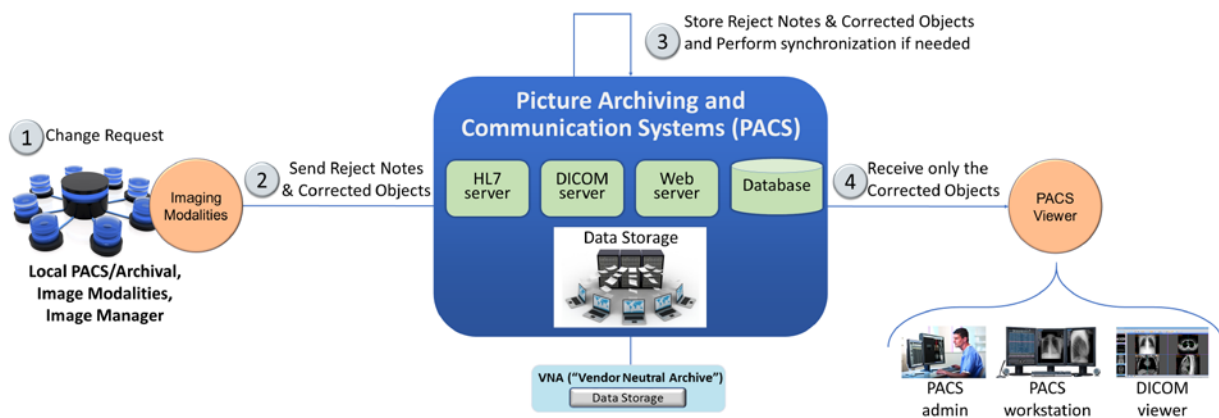
Systems of Interest: directory servers, user account systems, digital certificate servers

Protocols: public key infrastructure (PKI) (associated protocols such as Certificate Management Protocol, http, https), domain name system (DNS), Active Directory

3.4.3.4 Imaging Object Change Management

Scenario 4, as shown in Figure 3-5, supports the changes that include (1) object rejection due to quality or patient safety reasons, (2) correction of incorrect modality worklist entry selection, and (3) expiration of objects due to data retention requirements [13]. This diagram depicts the change request process. The scenario considers those actions when an authorized healthcare professional, upon review of the image, determines that errors or qualitative defects found in an image may lead to an inappropriate conclusion.

Figure 3-5 Scenario Four: Imaging Object Change Management



Stakeholders: medical imaging clinicians

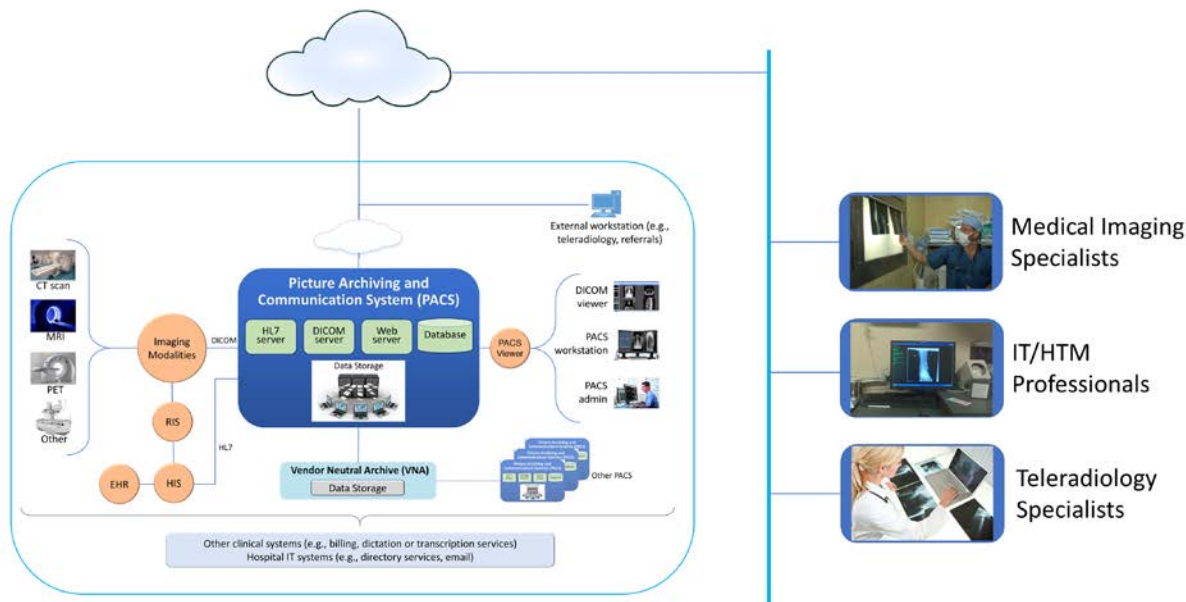
Systems of Interest: PACS, VNA

Protocols: HL7, http, https

3.4.3.5 Remote Access

Scenario 5, depicted in Figure 3-6, supports external parties who may need access to the PACS ecosystem. The scenario provides a pathway for IT vendors to provide remote systems support as well as for third-party clinical participants to interact with the PACS. IT vendors may consist of clinical systems support staff who may need to help maintain the PACS or VNA system. Third-party clinical participants may consist of medical imaging specialists or teleradiology specialists who may need to review medical images acquired at the HDO.

Figure 3-6 Scenario Five: Remote Access



Stakeholders: medical imaging specialists, IT/HTM professionals, teleradiology specialists

Systems of Interest: PACS, VNA

3.4.4 Threats

From NIST SP 800-30 Revision 1, “[a] threat is any circumstance or event with the potential to adversely impact organizational operations and assets, individuals, other organizations, or the Nation through an information system via unauthorized access, destruction, disclosure, or modification of information, and/or denial of service” [10].

In layman’s terms, threats are adverse events that may occur. Threat actors may take actions to leverage vulnerabilities (described in the subsection below). Actions may include compromising credentials and accessing, removing, or changing data or making systems not available for legitimate use. The result of threats is risks [10]. Table 3-1 enumerates threats considered within this practice guide.

Table 3-1 Threats

C/I/A	Threat Event	Description	Unmitigated Likelihood
C	Abuse of credentials or insider threat	Aberrant behavior from an individual who may have legitimate access to the system; however, they may leverage granted privileges for unintended purposes.	High
C	Credential compromise	Malicious actor obtains the means to use credentials provisioned for others. Credentials may involve other users or those used by systems for process or data handling.	High
C	Data exfiltration	Removal of data to an unintended destination. Exfiltration may represent the unauthorized movement of data from one system to uncontrolled physical storage media or may represent movement to uncontrolled virtual destinations such as volatile memory, or to unknown storage such as cloud-hosted or virtual destinations.	High
I	Disruption of data in transit	Distortion or alteration of data in transit that results in potentially invalid information. The attack type seeks to distort or alter data in mid-communication stream. Received data may be unintelligible or otherwise unreadable when it arrives at the destination.	Moderate
I	Data alteration	Unauthorized changes to the content of the data. Clinicians may not detect altered information and misinterpret the image. The attack type seeks to make changes when data are in an at-rest state.	Moderate
I	Time synchronization	System components may rely on synchronizing internal clocks to ensure network session and data integrity. Attacks may seek to alter time stamping or ability for systems to synchronize with an authoritative time source.	Moderate
I	Introduction of malicious software	Introduction of foreign, unauthorized code into a system. Malicious software deployments may affect servers or workstations or both.	High

C/I/A	Threat Event	Description	Unmitigated Likelihood
		<p><i>Server components:</i> Server components may run unauthorized code.</p> <p><i>Workstations:</i> Workstations connected to the PACS ecosystem may run unauthorized code.</p>	
I	Unintended use of service	Operating systems may consist of services or processes used to support a system’s functionality; individuals with access to the system may perform unintended functions.	High
A	Data storage disruption	Physical media or file space disruption evidenced by prolonged read/write access times or by corrupted data, thereby causing unavailability of service.	High
A	Network disruption	<p>Network disruption attacks may take the form of several different approaches. Below are some disruption approaches that this practice guide examines:</p> <p><i>Denial of service (DoS) or packet flooding:</i> Introduction of above-normal network traffic that saturates network infrastructure components’ ability to deliver network communication appropriately</p> <p><i>Routing:</i> inefficient network traffic flow</p> <p><i>DNS or name resolution:</i> Networked hosts are associated with “friendly names” to facilitate interaction; however, name resolution to internet protocol (IP) addressing may be disrupted to make host discovery difficult. Similar or soundalike host and domain names may be introduced to compound confusion.</p> <p><i>ARP:</i> Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) is a localized means by which hosts resolve IP addresses to media access control (MAC) addresses stored in host tables. Corruption of ARP tables may result in misdirected network traffic or in legitimate devices being unable to connect to the network.</p>	High
A	Backup/recovery disruption	Measures that organizations use as a fail-over or recovery from a prolonged outage may be	High

C/I/A	Threat Event	Description	Unmitigated Likelihood
		compromised, e.g., through introduction of malicious software to backup storage media, inability to read and restore from backup media, or introduction of a supply chain compromise (per above) at a third-party recovery site. High availability or replication scenarios may also be prone to network disruption.	
A	Supply chain compromise	System components may be sourced from multiple vendors and may allow introduction of malicious software (noted above).	High

3.4.5 Vulnerabilities

Table 3-2 lists identified vulnerabilities that aggregate vulnerabilities identified in NIST SP 800-30 Revision 1 [10]. As noted in the document, a vulnerability is a deficiency or weakness that a threat source may exploit, resulting in a threat event. The document further describes that vulnerabilities may exist in a broader context, such as in organizational governance structures, external relationships, and mission/business processes. The following table enumerates those vulnerabilities using a holistic approach and represents those vulnerabilities that this project identified and for which it offers guidance. For further description, reference NIST SP 800-30 Revision 1 [10].

Table 3-2 Vulnerabilities

Vulnerability Description	Vulnerability Severity (Qualitative)	Predisposing Condition	Pervasiveness of Predisposing Condition (Qualitative)
Weak or no system use training	Moderate	Workforce may not be aware or may not have received training on appropriate use or configuration of the system. Users may not have sufficient awareness of action consequences.	High
Weak or no security training	High	Workforce may not be aware of procedures on how to report anomalies. Security teams may not have sufficient training on how to investigate or may not have procedures to address security incidents.	Moderate

Vulnerability Description	Vulnerability Severity (Qualitative)	Predisposing Condition	Pervasiveness of Predisposing Condition (Qualitative)
Deficient supply chain security controls	High	Organizations may not be aware of third-party practices or downstream suppliers who may implement technology into the healthcare organization's environment.	High
Deficient separation of duties	High	Privileged users may have extended responsibility to ensure system operations. "Super user" identities may allow escalated access to systems, data, and logging features.	High
Weak or no identity management	High	Organizations may have deficient identity proofing or review processes.	Moderate
Weak or no authentication controls	Very High	Trivial forms of authentication or using credentials with no authentication requirement. Also found in this category is the use of default credentials that tend to be generally discoverable.	Very High
Permissive privilege	Very High	Credentials may be established without examining the minimum necessary to perform the required function. As a result, credentials may exist with access to perform actions outside the work scope. Note that permissive privilege may extend to system services whereby services may run as "root" or "administrator," granting that credential the ability to perform inappropriate actions.	Very High
Out-of-date or unmanaged services	High	Operating systems, other third-party software, and the PACS application itself include a variety of services, allowing appropriate functionality. Over time, flaws, in the form of bugs (coding errors) or the use of libraries or binaries determined to have security weakness(es), may be discovered and	Very High

Vulnerability Description	Vulnerability Severity (Qualitative)	Predisposing Condition	Pervasiveness of Predisposing Condition (Qualitative)
		subsequently addressed, resulting in patches or updates. Systems that do not apply those patches and updates may operate with out-of-date services.	
Deficient vulnerability management	Very High	Organizations may have deficient application and operating system vulnerability scanning and monitoring practices. Flaws or deficiencies may exist in software elements associated with the overall medical imaging system.	Very High
Deficient data protection	High	Unauthorized individuals may be able to read, modify, delete, or exfiltrate sensitive data.	High
Deficient logging and monitoring	High	System interactions may not be captured or retained sufficiently for review. Logs, when tracked, may not be reviewed for anomalies on a timely or consistent basis.	High
Deficient time synchronization	Moderate	Systems may operate on individual internal clocks and may track transactions independently.	High
Permissive network boundaries	High	Configuration may permit unauthorized network traffic to access sensitive assets.	Very High
Lack of network segmentation	Very High	Components may operate on the same network or have implied trust with other components.	Very High
Lack of network session security	High	Network sessions may not be secured.	High
Deficient certificate management	High	Organizations using certificates to safeguard network sessions (e.g., secure sockets layer [SSL]/Transport Layer Security [TLS] certificates) may allow no certificate, expired certificates, or inappropriate certificates.	High

Vulnerability Description	Vulnerability Severity (Qualitative)	Predisposing Condition	Pervasiveness of Predisposing Condition (Qualitative)
Misconfigured network	High	Organizations may have misconfigured network routing or switch settings.	High
Misconfigured storage media	High	Medical image storage demands are great, and organizations may have misconfigured storage arrays.	Moderate
Recovery/restore procedures not tested or not performed	Very High	Organizations may not have created or tested recovery procedures.	High

The vulnerabilities in the table above represent types of known vulnerabilities, that is, based on vulnerabilities experienced in existing systems and networks.

3.4.6 Risk

NIST SP 800-30 Revision 1, *Guide for Conducting Risk Assessments*, defines risk as “a measure of the extent to which an entity is threatened by a potential circumstance or event, and typically a function of: (i) the adverse impacts that would arise if the circumstance or event occurs; and (ii) the likelihood of occurrence” [10]. Risk is the adverse impact; that is, risk is the result when a threat (attack) successfully leverages one or more vulnerabilities. As organizations consider risk, they should note that risk is not discrete; that is, a successful attack may involve multiple threats or take advantage of a combination of vulnerabilities. Also, when an organization suffers from an attack campaign, the organization may realize multiple adverse outcomes.

Ransomware or a DoS attack, for example, could adversely impact an HDO by compromising the availability of systems and preventing the HDO from treating patients. This practice guide, however, considers controls and practices that may be appropriate in mitigating or responding to threats affecting confidentiality, integrity, and availability holistically.

Another risk noted below is systemic disruption. Systemic disruption may affect availability and integrity of systems or data. An attacker may compromise the targeted system’s operations, or the attacker may use the targeted system as a platform from which to conduct further attacks across an HDO’s network. Systemic disruption prevents the HDO from treating patients by either making systems inoperative or altering patient data when malware is introduced. This practice guide also considers the specific case of when targeted systems are compromised and used to attack other components within the enterprise.

Table 3-3 is a list of unmitigated risks applicable to the PACS lab environment, based on the examples of threat types (Section 3.4.4) and vulnerabilities (Section 3.4.5). These risks are offered in terms relating to the healthcare environment, and similar risks can be expected in a typical healthcare environment. Note that the likelihood of threats and vulnerabilities would be based on having implemented effective controls, which would also affect the level of risk determined.

Table 3-3 Risk

C/I/A	Risk	Description	Risk Level
C	Fraudulent use of health-related information	Should unauthorized individuals retrieve PHI that includes health insurance information, those actors may be able to submit fraudulent claims and receive reimbursement from a payer for services not rendered to the patient.	High
C	Identity theft and fraudulent use of PHI	Individuals may receive exfiltrated data to commit identity theft in obtaining healthcare. Fraudulent individuals may receive health services leveraging a victim patient's information and, as a result, introduce false information into a victim patient's medical history. This may result in a patient safety concern in that treatments performed for the fraudulent individual would be captured in the victim patient's history, potentially leading to future inaccurate diagnoses when that patient seeks legitimate care.	High
I	Patient misdiagnosed based on interpretations made from unauthorized changes to medical images	Unauthorized imaging data alteration compromises data integrity resulting in patient safety risk. Should an individual make an unauthorized image alteration, care providers may make inaccurate diagnoses and therefore delay appropriate treatment.	High
A	Patient diagnoses disrupted, leading to patient safety concerns	Patients may have conditions that require timely and accurate diagnosis to achieve optimum mortality rates. Communications disruptions that corrupt or deny data may adversely affect this so that care teams are not able to make a timely diagnosis, and patients may have to repeat imaging processes.	High
A	Process disruption due to malware	PACS or other systems within the ecosystem may succumb to ransomware or other forms of malware, rendering those systems and associated	High

C/I/A	Risk	Description	Risk Level
		data unavailable. Ransomware may cause complete system unavailability, while other forms of malware may delay processing capability or introduce data integrity risk. As a result, the HDO may not be able to treat patients appropriately or make diagnoses. Delays may result in patient safety concerns.	
A	Systemic disruption due to component compromise	Unauthorized individuals may compromise components within the PACS ecosystem and use compromised components as pivot points to attack other parts of the HDO network. This may result in delays in patient care.	High

The project identified the risks above as requirements that the lab environment should address. Organizations should note that the tables offered here are samples and notionally representative. Characterizing threats, vulnerabilities, and risk is contextual. HDOs with different security deficiencies or unique threat situations in their systems and network environments may find their categorization to be different from what this practice guide describes. HDOs need to consider their unique profile when categorizing vulnerabilities, threats, and risk. This project identified these risk elements and scored them accordingly, based on the assessment performed on the lab environment.

3.5 Security Control Map

As the project considered PACS ecosystem risks, the team performed a mapping to the NIST Cybersecurity Framework [8], establishing an initial set of appropriate control functions, categories, and subcategories, demonstrating how selected Cybersecurity Framework subcategories map to controls in NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4 [15]. The table also lists sector-specific standards and best practices from other standards bodies (e.g., the International Electrotechnical Commission [IEC], International Organization for Standardization [ISO]), as well as from the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) [16], [17], [18]. The security control map, shown in Table 3-4, identifies a comprehensive set of controls, including those specifically implemented in the lab build-out, as well as the pervasive set of controls as described in [Appendix C](#) that HDOs should deploy.

Table 3-4 Security Characteristics and Controls Mapping–NIST Cybersecurity Framework

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				Sector-Specific Standards and Best Practices		
Function	Category	Subcategory	NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4	IEC TR 80001-2-2	HIPAA Security Rule	ISO/IEC 27001
IDENTIFY (ID)	Asset Management (ID.AM)	ID.AM-1: Physical devices and systems within the organization are inventoried.	CM-8 PM-5	N/A	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(A) 164.308(a)(4)(ii)(A) 164.308(a)(7)(ii)(E) 164.308(b) 164.310(d) 164.310(d)(2)(iii)	A.8.1.1 A.8.1.2
		ID.AM-2: Software platforms and applications within the organization are inventoried.	CM-8 PM-5	N/A	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(A) 164.308(a)(4)(ii)(A) 164.308(a)(7)(ii)(E) 164.308(b) 164.310(d) 164.310(d)(2)(iii)	A.8.1.1 A.8.1.2 A.12.5.1
		ID.AM-3: Organizational communication and data flows are mapped.	AC-4 CA-3 CA-9 PL-8	SGUD	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(A) 164.308(a)(3)(ii)(A) 164.308(a)(8) 164.310(d)	A.13.2.1 A.13.2.2
		ID.AM-4: External information systems are catalogued.	AC-20 SA-9	RDMP	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(A) 164.308(a)(4)(ii)(A) 164.308(a)(7)(ii)(E) 164.308(b) 164.310(d) 164.310(d)(2)(iii)	A.11.2.6

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				Sector-Specific Standards and Best Practices		
Function	Category	Subcategory	NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4	IEC TR 80001-2-2	HIPAA Security Rule	ISO/IEC 27001
	Risk Assessment (ID.RA)	ID.AM-5: Resources (e.g., hardware, devices, data, time, personnel, and software) are prioritized based on their classification, criticality, and business value.	CP-2 RA-2 SA-14 SC-6	SGUD	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(7)(ii)(E)	A.8.2.1
		ID.RA-1: Asset vulnerabilities are identified and documented.	CA-2 CA-7 CA-8 RA-3 RA-5 SA-5 SA-11 SI-2 SI-4 SI-5	MLDP RDMP SGUD	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(i) 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(A) 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(B) 164.308(a)(7)(ii)(E) 164.308(a)(8) 164.310(a)(1)	A.12.6.1 A.18.2.3
		ID.RA-4: Potential business impacts and likelihoods are identified.	RA-2 RA-3 SA-14 PM-9 PM-11	DTBK SGUD	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(i) 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(A) 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(B) 164.308(a)(6) 164.308(a)(7)(ii)(E) 164.308(a)(8)	A.16.1.6 Clause 6.1.2
		ID.RA-5: Threats, vulnerabilities, likelihoods, and impacts are used to determine risk.	RA-2 RA-3 PM-16	SGUD	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(A) 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(B) 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(D) 164.308(a)(7)(ii)(D) 164.308(a)(7)(ii)(E) 164.316(a)	A.12.6.1

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				Sector-Specific Standards and Best Practices		
Function	Category	Subcategory	NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4	IEC TR 80001-2-2	HIPAA Security Rule	ISO/IEC 27001
		ID.RA-6: Risk responses are identified and prioritized.	PM-4 PM-9	DTBK SGUD	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(B) 164.314(a)(2)(i)(C) 164.314(b)(2)(iv)	Clause 6.1.3
PROTECT (PR)	Identity Management and Access Control (PR.AC)	PR.AC-1: Identities and credentials are issued, managed, verified, revoked, and audited for authorized devices, users, and processes.	AC-1 AC-2 IA-1 IA-2 IA-3 IA-4 IA-5 IA-6 IA-7 IA-8 IA-9 IA-10 IA-11	ALOF AUTH EMRG NAUT PAUT	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(3)(ii)(B) 164.308(a)(3)(ii)(C) 164.308(a)(4)(i) 164.308(a)(4)(ii)(B) 164.308(a)(4)(ii)(C) 164.312(a)(2)(i)	A.9.2.1 A.9.2.2 A.9.2.3 A.9.2.4 A.9.2.6 A.9.3.1 A.9.4.2 A.9.4.3
		PR.AC-2: Physical access to assets is managed and protected.	PE-2 PE-3 PE-4 PE-5 PE-6 PE-8	PLOK TXCF TXIG	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(B) 164.308(a)(7)(i) 164.308(a)(7)(ii)(A) 164.310(a)(1) 164.310(a)(2)(i) 164.310(a)(2)(ii)	A.11.1.1 A.11.1.2 A.11.1.3 A.11.1.4 A.11.1.5 A.11.1.6 A.11.2.1 A.11.2.3 A.11.2.5 A.11.2.6 A.11.2.7 A.11.2.8

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				Sector-Specific Standards and Best Practices		
Function	Category	Subcategory	NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4	IEC TR 80001-2-2	HIPAA Security Rule	ISO/IEC 27001
		PR.AC-3: Remote access is managed.	AC-1 AC-17 AC-19 AC-20 SC-15	ALOF AUTH CSUP EMRG NAUT PAUT	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(4)(i) 164.308(b)(1) 164.308(b)(3) 164.310(b) 164.312(e)(1) 164.312(e)(2)(ii)	A.6.2.1 A.6.2.2 A.11.2.6 A.13.1.1 A.13.2.1
		PR.AC-4: Access permissions and authorizations are managed, incorporating the principles of least privilege and separation of duties.	AC-1 AC-2 AC-3 AC-5 AC-6 AC-14 AC-16 AC-24	ALOF AUTH CNFS EMRG NAUT PAUT	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(3) 164.308(a)(4) 164.310(a)(2)(iii) 164.310(b) 164.312(a)(1) 164.312(a)(2)(i)	A.6.1.2 A.9.1.2 A.9.2.3 A.9.4.1 A.9.4.4 A.9.4.5
		PR.AC-5: Network integrity is protected (e.g., network segregation, network segmentation).	AC-4 AC-10 SC-7	MLDP NAUT	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(4)(ii)(B) 164.310(a)(1) 164.310(b) 164.312(a)(1) 164.312(b) 164.312(c)	A.13.1.1 A.13.1.3 A.13.2.1 A.14.1.2 A.14.1.3

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				Sector-Specific Standards and Best Practices		
Function	Category	Subcategory	NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4	IEC TR 80001-2-2	HIPAA Security Rule	ISO/IEC 27001
		PR.AC-7: Users, devices, and other assets are authenticated (e.g., single-factor, multi-factor) commensurate with the risk of the transaction (e.g., individuals' security and privacy risks and other organizational risks).	AC-7 AC-8 AC-9 AC-11 AC-12 AC-14 IA-1 IA-2 IA-3 IA-4 IA-5 IA-8 IA-9 IA-10 IA-11	ALOF AUTH CSUP EMRG NAUT PAUT	45 C.F.R. § 164.308(a)(4)	A.9.2.1 A.9.2.4 A.9.3.1 A.9.4.2 A.9.4.3 A.18.1.4
	Data Security (PR.DS)	PR.DS-1: Data-at-rest is protected.	MP-8 SC-12 SC-28	IGAU MLDP NAUT SAHD STCF TXCF	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(D) 164.308(b)(1) 164.310(d) 164.312(a)(1) 164.312(a)(2)(iii) 164.312(a)(2)(iv)	A.8.2.3
		PR.DS-2: Data-in-transit is protected.	SC-8 SC-11 SC-12	IGAU NAUT STCF TXCF TXIG	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(b)(1) 164.308(b)(2) 164.312(e)(1) 164.312(e)(2)(i) 164.312(e)(2)(ii) 164.314(b)(2)(i)	A.8.2.3 A.13.1.1 A.13.2.1 A.13.2.3 A.14.1.2 A.14.1.3

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				Sector-Specific Standards and Best Practices		
Function	Category	Subcategory	NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4	IEC TR 80001-2-2	HIPAA Security Rule	ISO/IEC 27001
		PR.DS-5: Protections against data leaks are implemented.	AC-4 AC-5 AC-6 PE-19 PS-3 PS-6 SC-7 SC-8 SC-13 SC-31 SI-4	AUTH IGAU MLDP PLOK STCF TXCF TXIG	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(D) 164.308(a)(3) 164.308(a)(4) 164.310(b) 164.310(c) 164.312(a)	A.6.1.2 A.7.1.1 A.7.1.2 A.7.3.1 A.8.2.2 A.8.2.3 A.9.1.1 A.9.1.2 A.9.2.3 A.9.4.1 A.9.4.4 A.9.4.5 A.10.1.1 A.11.1.4 A.11.1.5 A.11.2.1 A.13.1.1 A.13.1.3 A.13.2.1 A.13.2.3 A.13.2.4 A.14.1.2 A.14.1.3
		PR.DS-6: Integrity-checking mechanisms are used to verify software, firmware, and information integrity.	SC-16 SI-7	IGAU MLDP	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(D) 164.312(b) 164.312(c)(1) 164.312(c)(2) 164.312(e)(2)(i)	A.12.2.1 A.12.5.1 A.14.1.2 A.14.1.3 A.14.2.4

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				Sector-Specific Standards and Best Practices		
Function	Category	Subcategory	NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4	IEC TR 80001-2-2	HIPAA Security Rule	ISO/IEC 27001
	Information Protection Processes and Procedures (PR.IP)	PR.IP-1: A baseline configuration of information technology/ industrial control systems is created and maintained, incorporating security principles (e.g., concept of least functionality).	CM-2 CM-3 CM-4 CM-5 CM-6 CM-7 CM-9 SA-10	CNFS CSUP DTBK NAUT	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(8) 164.308(a)(7)(i) 164.308(a)(7)(ii)	A.12.1.2 A.12.5.1 A.12.6.2 A.14.2.2 A.14.2.3 A.14.2.4
		PR.IP-3: Configuration change control processes are in place.	CM-3 CM-4 SA-10	CNFS CSUP DTBK	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(8) 164.308(a)(7)(i) 164.308(a)(7)(ii)	A.12.1.2 A.12.5.1 A.12.6.2 A.14.2.2 A.14.2.3 A.14.2.4
		PR.IP-4: Backups of information are conducted, maintained, and tested.	CP-4 CP-6 CP-9	DTBK PLOK	164.308(a)(7)(ii)(A) 164.308(a)(7)(ii)(B) 164.308(a)(7)(ii)(D) 164.310(a)(2)(i) 164.310(d)(2)(iv)	A.12.3.1 A.17.1.2 A.17.1.3 A.18.1.3
		PR.IP-6: Data is destroyed according to policy.	MP-6	DIDT	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.310(d)(2)(i) 164.310(d)(2)(ii)	A.8.2.3 A.8.3.1 A.8.3.2 A.11.2.7

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				Sector-Specific Standards and Best Practices		
Function	Category	Subcategory	NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4	IEC TR 80001-2-2	HIPAA Security Rule	ISO/IEC 27001
		PR.IP-9: Response plans (Incident Response and Business Continuity) and recovery plans (Incident Recovery and Disaster Recovery) are in place and managed.	CP-2 CP-7 CP-12 CP-13 IR-7 IR-8 IR-9 PE-17	DTBK SGUD	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(6) 164.308(a)(6)(i) 164.308(a)(7) 164.310(a)(2)(i) 164.312(a)(2)(ii)	A.16.1.1 A.17.1.1 A.17.1.2 A.17.1.3
		PR.IP-10: Response and recovery plans are tested.	CP-4 IR-3 PM-14	DTBK SGUD	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(7)(ii)(D)	A.17.1.3
	Protective Technology (PR.PT)	PR.PT-1: Audit/log records are determined, documented, implemented, and reviewed in accordance with policy.	AU Family	AUDT	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(i) 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(D) 164.308(a)(5)(ii)(B) 164.308(a)(5)(ii)(C) 164.308(a)(2) 164.308(a)(3)(ii)(A)	A.12.4.1 A.12.4.2 A.12.4.3 A.12.4.4 A.12.7.1
		PR.PT-3: The principle of least functionality is incorporated by configuring systems to provide only essential capabilities.	AC-3 CM-7	AUTH CNFS SAHD	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(3) 164.308(a)(4) 164.310(a)(2)(iii) 164.310(b) 164.310(c) 164.312(a)(1)	A.9.1.2

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				Sector-Specific Standards and Best Practices		
Function	Category	Subcategory	NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4	IEC TR 80001-2-2	HIPAA Security Rule	ISO/IEC 27001
		PR.PT-4: Communications and control networks are protected.	AC-4 AC-17 AC-18 CP-8 SC-7 SC-19 SC-20 SC-21 SC-22 SC-23 SC-24 SC-25 SC-29 SC-32 SC-36 SC-37 SC-38 SC-39 SC-40 SC-41 SC-43	AUTH MLDP PAUT SAHD	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(D) 164.312(a)(1) 164.312(b) 164.312(e)	A.13.1.1 A.13.2.1 A.14.1.3
DETECT (DE)	Anomalies and Events (DE.AE)	DE.AE-1: A baseline of network operations and expected data flows for users and systems is established and managed.	AC-4 CA-3 CM-2 SI-4	CNFS CSUP MLDP	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(D) 164.312(b)	A.12.1.1 A.12.1.2 A.13.1.1 A.13.1.2

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				Sector-Specific Standards and Best Practices		
Function	Category	Subcategory	NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4	IEC TR 80001-2-2	HIPAA Security Rule	ISO/IEC 27001
		DE.AE-2: Detected events are analyzed to understand attack targets and methods.	AU-6 CA-7 IR-4 SI-4	AUDT MLDP	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(i) 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(D) 164.308(a)(5)(ii)(B) 164.308(a)(5)(ii)(C) 164.308(6)(i) 164.308(a)(6)(i)	A.12.4.1 A.16.1.1 A.16.1.4
		DE.AE-3: Event data are collected and correlated from multiple sources and sensors.	AU-6 CA-7 IR-4 IR-5 IR-8 SI-4	AUDT MLDP SGUD	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(D) 164.308(a)(5)(ii)(B) 164.308(a)(5)(ii)(C) 164.308(a)(6)(ii) 164.308(a)(8) 164.310(d)(2)(iii)	A.12.4.1 A.16.1.7
		DE.AE-5: Incident alert thresholds are established.	IR-4 IR-5 IR-8	DTBK MLDP SGUD	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(i) 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(D) 164.308(a)(5)(ii)(B) 164.308(a)(5)(ii)(C) 164.308(6)(i) 164.308(a)(6)(i)	A.16.1.4
	Security Continuous Monitoring (DE.CM)	DE.CM-1: The network is monitored to detect potential cybersecurity events.	AC-2 AU-12 CA-7 CM-3 SC-5 SC-7 SI-4	AUDT CNFS CSUP MLDP NAUT	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(i) 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(D) 164.308(a)(5)(ii)(B) 164.308(a)(5)(ii)(C) 164.308(a)(2) 164.308(a)(3)(ii)(A)	N/A

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				Sector-Specific Standards and Best Practices		
Function	Category	Subcategory	NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4	IEC TR 80001-2-2	HIPAA Security Rule	ISO/IEC 27001
		DE.CM-3: Personnel activity is monitored to detect potential cybersecurity events.	AC-2 AU-12 AU-13 CA-7 CM-10 CM-11	AUDT EMRG PAUT	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(D) 164.308(a)(3)(ii)(A) 164.308(a)(5)(ii)(C) 164.312(a)(2)(i) 164.312(b) 164.312(d)	A.12.4.1 A.12.4.3
		DE.CM-4: Malicious code is detected.	SI-3 SI-8	IGAU MLDP	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(D) 164.308(a)(5)(ii)(B)	A.12.2.1
		DE.CM-7: Monitoring for unauthorized personnel, connections, devices, and software is performed.	AU-12 CA-7 CM-3 CM-8 PE-3 PE-6 PE-20 SI-4	AUDT PAUT PLOK	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(D) 164.308(a)(5)(ii)(B) 164.308(a)(5)(ii)(C) 164.310(a)(1) 164.310(a)(2)(ii) 164.310(a)(2)(iii)	A.12.4.1 A.14.2.7 A.15.2.1
		DE.CM-8: Vulnerability scans are performed.	RA-5	MLDP PLOK	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(i) 164.308(a)(8)	A.12.6.1
RESPOND (RS)	Response Planning (RS.RP)	RS.RP-1: Response plan is executed during or after an event.	CP-2 CP-10 IR-4 IR-8	DTBK MLDP SGUD	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(6)(ii) 164.308(a)(7)(i) 164.308(a)(7)(ii)(A) 164.308(a)(7)(ii)(B) 164.308(a)(7)(ii)(C) 164.310(a)(2)(i) 164.312(a)(2)(ii)	A.16.1.5

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				Sector-Specific Standards and Best Practices		
Function	Category	Subcategory	NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4	IEC TR 80001-2-2	HIPAA Security Rule	ISO/IEC 27001
RECOVER (RC)	Recovery Planning (RC.RP)	RC.RP-1: Recovery plan is executed during or after a cybersecurity incident.	CP-10 IR-4 IR-8	DTBK MLDP SGUD	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(7) 164.308(a)(7)(i) 164.308(a)(7)(ii) 164.308(a)(7)(ii)(C) 164.310(a)(2)(i) 164.312(a)(2)(ii)	A.16.1.5

3.6 Technologies

Table 3-5 lists all the products and technologies used in this project and provides a mapping among the generic application term, the specific product used, and the security control(s) that the product provides or supports. Refer to Table 3-4 for an explanation of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework subcategory codes.

The Products and Technology table represents the solutions provided by the project collaborative partners and applied to the lab environment. This project selected these solutions based on their alignment to the NIST Cybersecurity Framework control objectives. Organizations should note that they may achieve control objectives through any number of means, including open-source or internally developed approaches.

Table 3-5 Products and Technologies

Component/ Capability	Product	Function	NIST Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories
PACS and VNA	Hyland Acuo Vendor Neutral Archive Version 6.0.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides access to medical images and documents. ▪ Stores and retrieves images in a standard format for various vendor-neutral systems to access. 	PR.AC-1 PR.AC-4 PR.DS-2 PR.IP-4 PR.PT-1
	Hyland NilRead Enterprise Version 4.3.31.98805	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides medical image viewing and manipulation. 	PR.AC-1 PR.DS-2 PR.PT-1
	Hyland PACSgear Version 4.1.0.64	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides ability to capture and share medical images. ▪ Provides ability to scan and share medical documents. 	PR.AC-1 PR.DS-2 PR.PT-1
	Philips Enterprise Imaging Domain Controller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides role-based user-access control. 	PR.AC-1
	Philips Enterprise Imaging IntelliSpace PACS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Manages medical images through access and collaboration. 	PR.DS-2 PR.IP-4 PR.PT-1

Component/ Capability	Product	Function	NIST Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories
	Philips Enterprise Imaging Universal Data Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides web-based DICOM integration provides image life-cycle management 	PR.DS-2 PR.IP-4 PR.PT-1
	DCM4CHEE Open-Source Clinical Image and Object Management Enterprise Version DCM4CHEE-arc-light5 v. 5.21.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open-source PACS solution allows the lab to demonstrate data-in-transit workflow control 	N/A
	DVTk Modality Emulator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> open-source utility used to demonstrate clinical workflow and interaction with medical imaging devices allows the lab to demonstrate data-in-transit workflow between clinical systems and medical devices 	N/A
	DVTk RIS Emulator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> open-source utility used to demonstrate clinical workflow and interaction with medical imaging devices allows the lab to demonstrate data-in-transit workflow between clinical systems and medical devices 	N/A
Asset Management	Virta Labs BlueFlow Version 2.6.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides discovery, categorization, grouping, tagging, and identification of medical devices provides flexible user-defined risk assessment and scoring provides vulnerability management capabilities 	ID.AM-1 ID.AM-2 ID.AM-4 ID.AM-5 ID.RA-1 ID.RA-5 PR.IP-1

Component/ Capability	Product	Function	NIST Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ provides reporting on risk and security properties for groups of assets ▪ provides threat feed for known medical devices 	
	Clearwater Information Risk Management Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ provides asset inventory management ▪ provides risk assessment and compliance 	ID.AM-1 ID.AM-2 ID.AM-4 ID.AM-5
	Tripwire Enterprise Version 8.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ provides security configuration management ▪ provides file integrity monitoring (FIM) ▪ provides patch management. 	ID.RA-1 ID.RA-5 PR.DS-6 PR.IP-1 PR.IP-3 PR.PT-3
Enterprise Domain and Identity Management	Active Directory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ provides authentication and authorization for users and computers in the domain ▪ provides authentication and authorization to multiple applications within the environment 	PR.AC-1 PR.AC-4 PR.AC-7 PR.PT-3
	DigiCert PKI Platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ provides SSL/TLS certificates for secure communication between devices ▪ enables devices to perform data-in-transit encryption ▪ provides certificate management 	PR.AC-1 PR.AC-4 PR.AC-7 PR.DS-2
	Symantec Validation and ID Protection Version 9.8.4 Windows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ integrates with TDi ConsoleWorks using the Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service (RADIUS) protocol 	PR.AC-1 PR.AC-3 PR.AC-7

Component/ Capability	Product	Function	NIST Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides multifactor authentication for remote access 	
Network Control and Security	Cisco Firepower Management Center (FMC) 6.3.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides console management for Firepower Threat Defense provides centralized control over network and communication provides network visibility 	PR.AC-5 PR.PT-4
	Cisco Firepower Threat Defense (FTD) 6.3.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> prevents intrusion provides network segmentation provides policy-based network protection 	PR.AC-5 PR.PT-4
	Tempered Networks Identity Defined Networking (IDN) Conductor and HIPswitch Version 2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides network segmentation provides end-to-end encryption for device traffic 	PR.AC-5 PR.DS-2 PR.PT-4
	Zingbox IoT Guardian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides passive device discovery and classification provides behavioral modeling to identify suspicious behavior assesses vulnerability 	ID.AM-3 ID.RA-1 ID.RA-5 DE.AE-1 DE.AE-2 DE.AE-3 DE.AE-5 DE.CM-1 DE.CM-7
	Forescout CounterACT 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides passive device discovery and profiling provides network access control 	PR.AC-4 PR.AC-7 PR.PT-4 DE.AE-1 DE.AE-3 DE.CM-1 DE.CM-7

Component/ Capability	Product	Function	NIST Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories
	Symantec Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) Version 4.1.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> centrally manages threats across endpoint, network, and web traffic 	DE.CM-1 DE.CM-4
	Cisco Stealthwatch Version 7.0.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides insight into who and what is on the network analyzes the network through machine learning and global threat intelligence detects malware for encrypted traffic 	ID.AM-3 DE.AE-1 DE.AE-2 DE.AE-3 DE.AE-5 DE.CM-1 DE.CM-3 DE.CM-7
Secure Remote Access	TDi Technologies ConsoleWorks Version 5.1-0u1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides remote access for external collaborators logs and monitors remote access activities 	PR.AC-3 PR.AC-7
Endpoint Protection and Security	Symantec Data Center Security: Server Advanced (DCS:SA) Version 6.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> protects physical and virtual servers detects and prevents intrusion monitors file integrity 	PR.DS-6 PR.IP-3
	Symantec Endpoint Protection Version 14.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> centrally manages assets through agent-based protection provides advanced machine learning and behavioral analysis techniques to identify known and unknown threats provides anti-virus capabilities 	DE.CM-4 DE.CM-8
Cloud Storage	Microsoft Azure Block Blob Storage account	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> cloud storage for medical images (unstructured data) access control using storage access keys and policies encryption at rest using service-managed or customer-managed keys encryption in transit using https 	PR.AC-1 PR.AC-4 PR.AC-7 PR.DS-1 PR.DS-2 PR.DS-6 PR.PT-4

Component/ Capability	Product	Function	NIST Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ storage firewalls to limit attack surface and to control communications 	
	Microsoft Azure Security Center Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ strengthen security posture by identifying weak or insecure configurations ▪ identify threats against Azure resources, including Azure Storage accounts 	ID.RA-1 ID.RA-5 DE.AE-1 DE.AE-2 DE.CM-1 DE.CM-8
	Microsoft Azure Key Vault Premium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ safeguard cryptographic keys and other secrets used by cloud applications and services ▪ holds storage account encryption key. 	PR.AC-1 PR.DS-1
	Microsoft Azure Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ management and monitoring services ▪ centralized collection and retention of audit logs from various Azure services 	PR.AC-1 PR.IP-1 PR.PT-1 DE.CM-7
	Microsoft Azure Active Directory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ identity and access management for Azure services ▪ user and sign-in risk detection and remediation 	PR.AC-1 PR.AC-4 PR.AC-7 PR.PT-3 DE.CM-3
	Microsoft Azure Private Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ private virtual network connectivity for platform as a service (PaaS) services hosted on the Azure platform 	PR.DS-2 PR.PT-4

4 Architecture

When designing the PACS reference architecture, this practice guide implements the PACS environment within an HDO enterprise. NIST SP 1800-8, *Securing Wireless Infusion Pumps in Healthcare Delivery Organizations* describes implementing the HDO enterprise infrastructure and a network zone approach. This practice guide leverages that larger enterprise described in NIST SP 1800-8 and in Section 4.1 identifies zones in as they relate to PACS. This practice guide extends data storage by provisioning a cloud storage provider for long-duration storage.

The FDA defines the PACS as “a device that provides one or more capabilities relating to the acceptance, transfer, display, storage, and digital processing of medical images. Its hardware components may include workstations, digitizers, communications devices, computers, video monitors, magnetic, optical disk, or other digital data storage devices, and hardcopy devices. The software components may provide functions for performing operations related to image manipulation, enhancement, compression or quantification” [19]. In addition to the PACS, this project used VNA solutions that meet the Food and Drug Administration’s definition of PACS but have other features that HDOs may use to enhance their overall image management ecosystem. This guide recognizes that healthcare systems interoperate and that the reference architecture needs to accommodate a broad view of the medical imaging ecosystem.

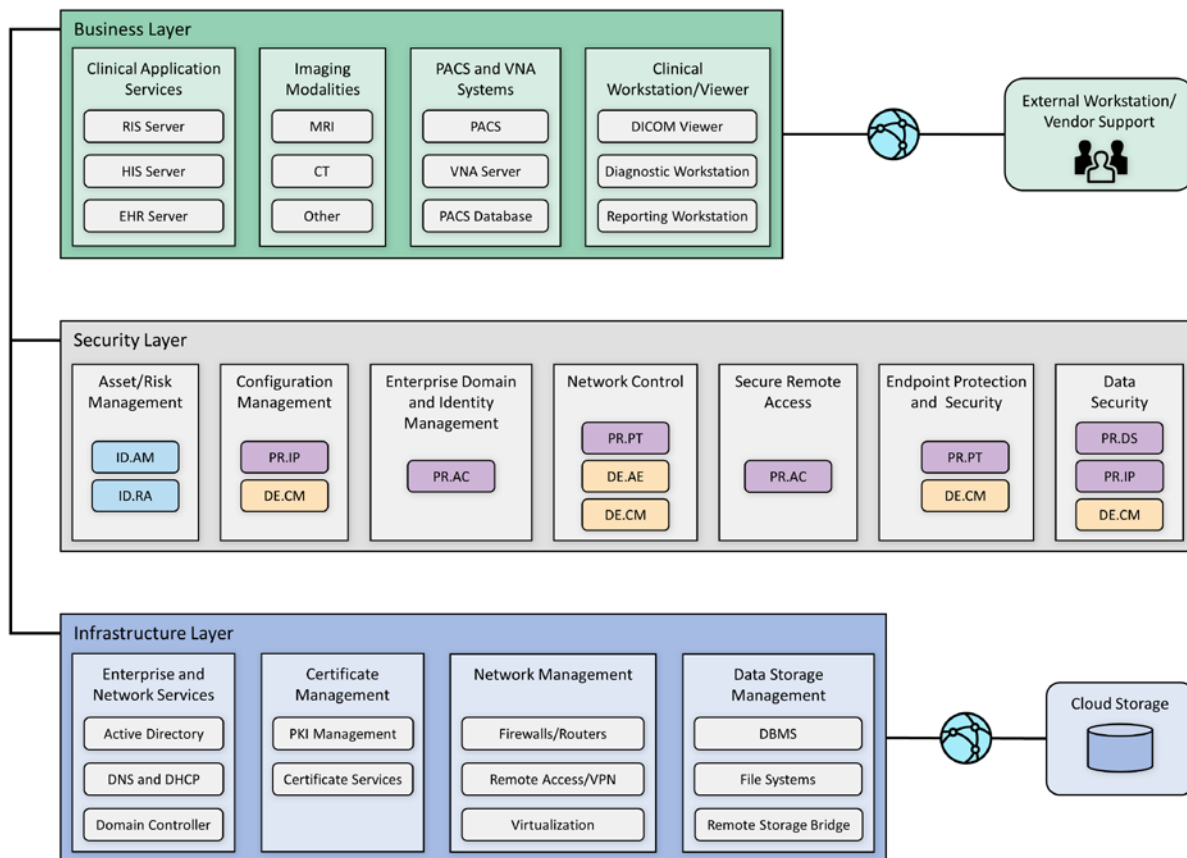
4.1 Architecture Description

This practice guide’s architecture looks at components from three primary layers:

- business, where we deployed our core medical imaging components
- security, where we implemented security tools
- infrastructure, which represents our network

Figure 4-1 illustrates the project’s high-level architecture.

Figure 4-1 High-Level PACS Architecture



A PACS ecosystem includes components that address data in transit, data at rest, and data processing and provides applications allowing authorized individuals to review and interact with data stored in their respective systems. Clinical systems are also part of our architecture, including imaging modalities and applications such as the RIS, that each play business process roles that interact with the PACS and VNA. Medical imaging generally uses standard protocols, including DICOM.

DICOM is an international standard specific to storing, retrieving, printing, processing, and displaying medical information. The DICOM standard assures medical image information operability and provides a common standard, allowing different medical imaging product vendors to integrate their solutions into the medical imaging ecosystem [2], [3].

In addition to the DICOM standard, PACS uses the HL7 protocol for clinical documentation and image reporting. HL7 defines a markup standard for exchanging health information in a structured format by using a clinical document architecture [20].

This document examines standard technology components in addition to the protocols noted above. Central to PACS are storage media, the network infrastructure, supporting operating systems, as well as application servers to support information exchange (e.g., HL7, DICOM, and web servers).

The architecture described for this project implemented several zones composed of:

Clinical application services consist of systems such as the EHR, order entry, health information systems, and others used by patient care teams in recording information during patient treatment.

Clinical workstation/viewer establishes a network zone that segregates clinical workstations from the nonclinical production network. Clinical workstations are special-purpose devices used to interact with clinical systems. Those devices may use vendor-specified operating systems, applications, and configurations that vary from the HDO standard build. Configuration and patch management may be asynchronous with how the HDO manages its productivity or standard build systems.

Enterprise network services are grouped into a separate zone for enterprise operations. Enterprise operations include services such as email communications, Active Directory, DNS, and security services that include certificate management.

Imaging modalities provide a zone for departments using imaging equipment, generally termed as modalities. These are medical devices using operating systems that are not consistent with an HDO's baseline. Configuration and patch management are likely asynchronous with how the HDO manages its productivity or standard build systems. For purposes of this project, this zone includes emulated modalities. This project used simulation software to generate medical images.

PACS and VNA systems segregate the PACS and VNA applications from clinical applications, general workstations, and storage media. This zone provides the higher-level application functionality to interact with aggregated medical images.

Data storage management isolates large-scale storage, such as storage area networks (SANs) or network-attached storage (NAS) devices. Data stored in this zone may be unstructured, large files that may contain sensitive, personal, or PHI.

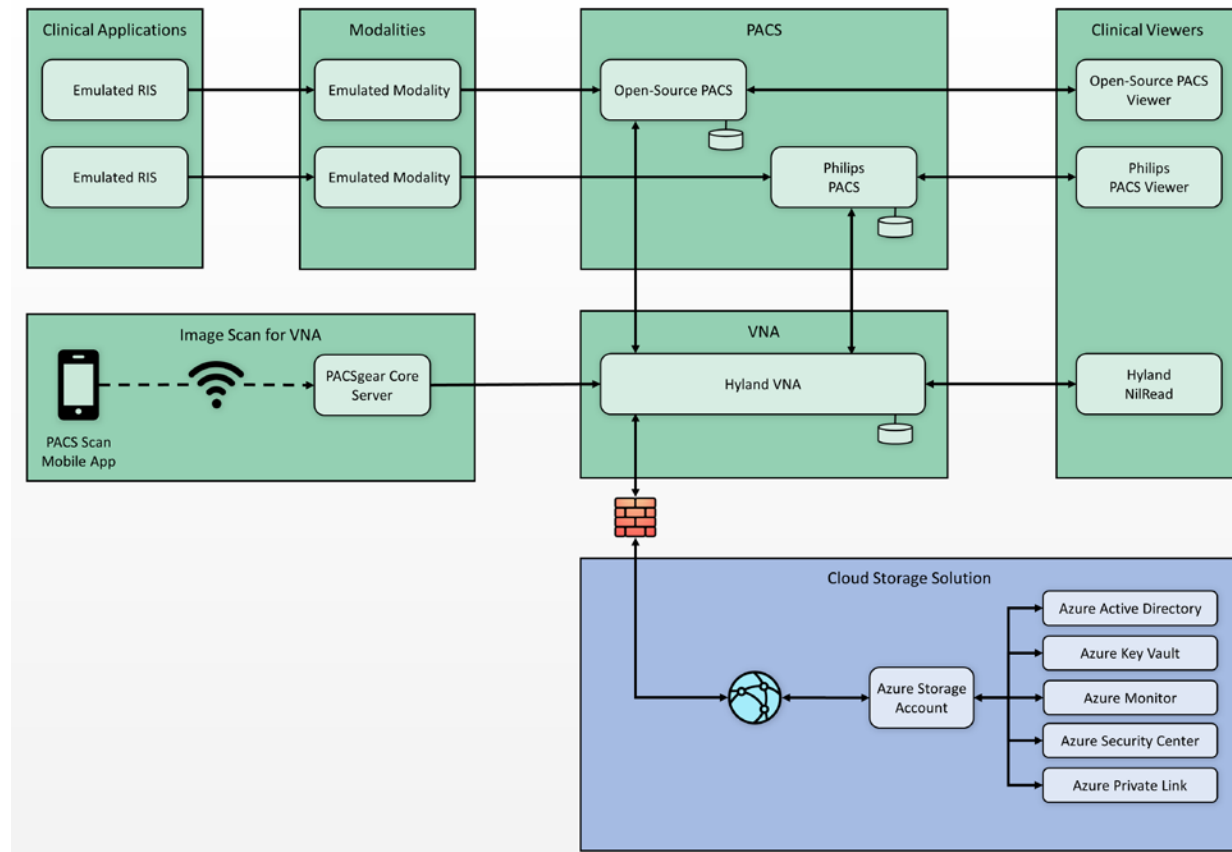
Cloud storage is external to the HDO infrastructure and represents the use of a third-party cloud storage provider where medical images are archived.

Vendor Net supports remote connectivity, e.g., remote vendor support. This zone segregates external network traffic used when vendors may need to perform maintenance on systems or other equipment while the support engineer is off premises.

4.1.1 PACS Ecosystem Components

The PACS ecosystem includes those components that support the clinical processes associated with medical imaging acquisition, review, annotation, and storage. Clinical applications, such as the RIS, generate image acquisition worklists and apply worklists to associated modalities. Modalities retrieve worklists from the RIS. The lab environment included two distinct PACS and a VNA systems and deployed image viewing software associated with those systems on workstations to review and annotate medical images. In building the lab environment, this project emulated some of the components rather than obtaining full-scale solutions. This project emulated both modalities and an RIS. The project also used a mobile phone device for document scanning. Figure 4-2 depicts a high-level view of these components and how we approached implementing them in the lab environment.

Figure 4-2 PACS Ecosystem Components



The open-source tool from DVTK (<https://www.dvtk.org>) includes packages that allowed this project to emulate medical imaging modalities and an RIS. The project deployed two instances of the RIS Emulator

into the clinical application services zone. The DVTK RIS Emulators associate the modalities with separate PACS and provide worklists for those modalities associated with two respective PACS, reflective of an HDO that may operate multiple PACS. The project used Philips IntelliSpace PACS and DCM4CHEE (<https://www.dcm4che.org/>), an open-source PACS, to support this premise. Hyland Acuo VNA was deployed to model HDOs using this technology.

This project deployed the modalities to a modalities network zone. Using emulated modalities allowed the project team to simulate DICOM image acquisition, interaction with the RIS, and transferring images from the modality device to the PACS and VNA for storage and management. The project used an iPhone to operate the PACS Scan Mobile app provided by Hyland, connecting to a PACSgear Core Server. The iPhone was treated as a modality, with the application facilitating document scanning and, through the PACSgear server, transferring mobile-acquired images to the VNA.

4.1.2 Data and Process Flow

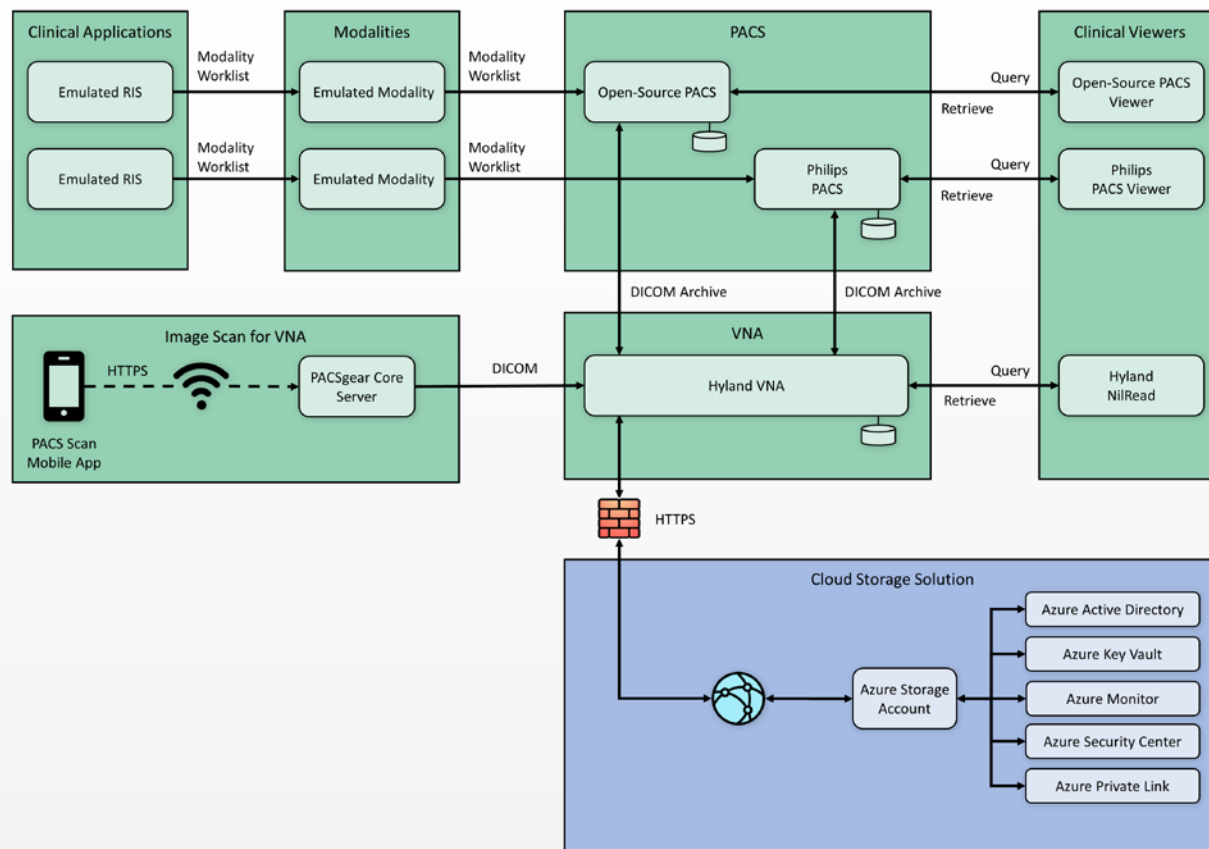
For this project, we examined data and process flows as described in [Section 3.4.1](#), Establishing the Risk Context, that include the following scenarios:

- sample radiology practice flows
- access to aggregations and collections of different types of images
- accessing monitoring and auditing
- image object change management
- remote access

The scenarios identify medical imaging acquisition processes, starting with scheduling the patient for a procedure, and follow the life cycle through when the patient interacts with an imaging device to when a medical imaging specialist processes and forwards the annotated image to a clinician for interpretation and diagnosis. Scenarios also examine processes after direct patient interaction, such as when authorized individuals access images for later review or when images need to be updated.

Figure 4-3 shows a simplified data communication flow in the PACS ecosystem.

Figure 4-3 PACS Ecosystem Data Communication Flow



A typical radiology department workflow may begin with patient registration and admission, followed by a physician ordering an imaging procedure. The order is entered into a RIS to create a worklist. A medical imaging technologist attends to a patient and performs the image capture procedure. The medical imaging technologist may make annotations for a physician’s review. The system forwards that information to a PACS or VNA. A physician retrieves the images from the PACS or VNA and uses an image viewing station to review the images and document findings and diagnoses. On completion, the physician transfers the information back to the PACS. Results may cross-reference with the EHR system.

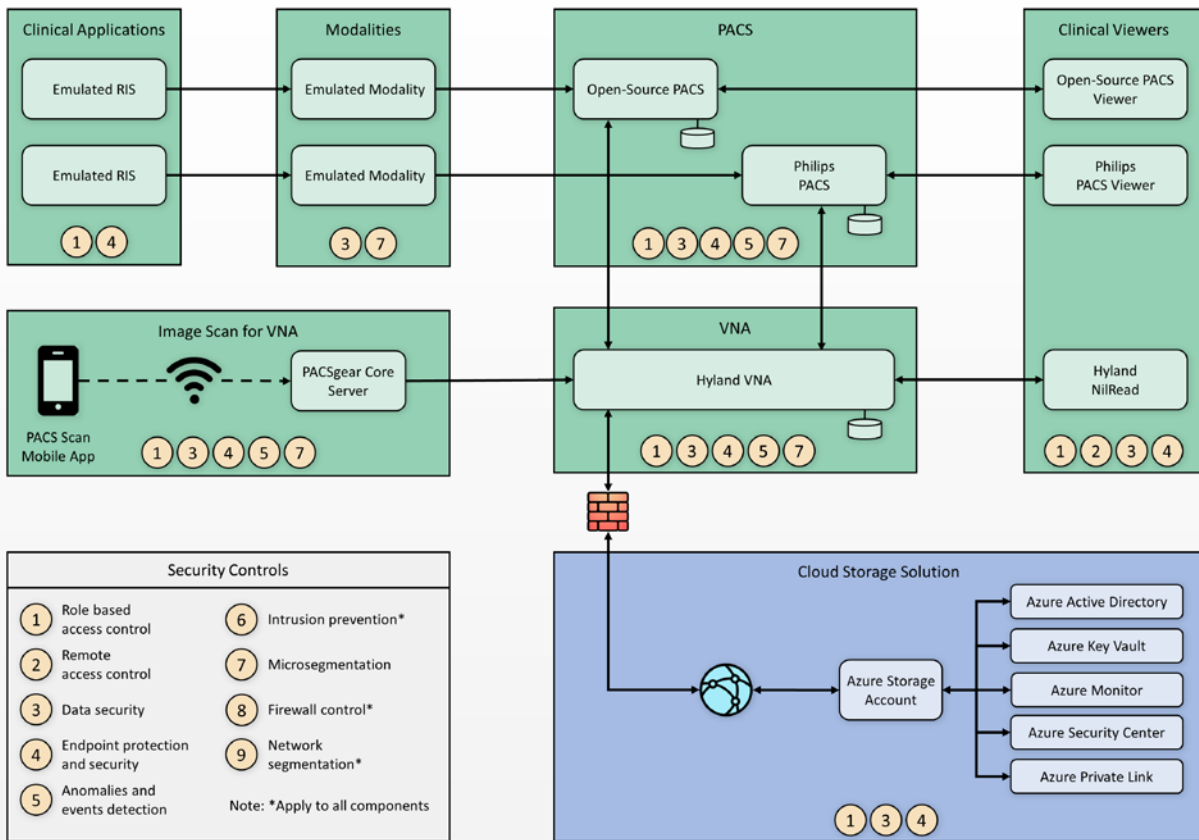
4.1.3 Security Capabilities

This practice guide built upon the zoned network architecture described in NIST SP 1800-8, *Securing Wireless Infusion Pumps in Healthcare Delivery Organizations* [21]. Network zoning provided a baseline upon which engineers deployed the medical imaging ecosystem infrastructure. The practice guide identified and deployed security capabilities to the environment, consisting of the following:

- asset and risk management
- enterprise domain and identity management
 - access control
 - privileged access controls
 - user authentication
 - device and system authentication
 - data access control
- network control and security
 - network segmentation and virtual local area networks (VLANs)
 - firewall and control policies
 - microsegmentation
 - anomalies and events detection (behavioral analytics)
 - intrusion detection and prevention systems
- endpoint protection and security
 - device hardening and configuration
 - malware detection
- data security
 - data encryption (at-rest)
 - data encryption (in-transit)
- secure remote access

While the project takes a holistic approach when evaluating the medical imaging environment, the control scope noted in this practice guide is bound to those elements that are inherently or highly supportive of acquiring, interpreting, or storing medical images. An HDO's infrastructure is larger in scope than that used to support the medical imaging environment. An HDO may and should implement additional pervasive controls to secure the overall environment. This document references pervasive controls not implemented during this project and assumes an organization will implement appropriate controls to address its broader risk profiles. Refer to [Appendix C](#) for details. Figure 4-4 below depicts contextual controls deployed in the project's test build.

Figure 4-4 Base Controls on Test Build Components



4.1.4 Asset and Risk Management

Asset management is a critical control that aligns with the function known as Identify in the NIST Cybersecurity Framework [8]. This project assumes a pervasive control exists, such as a governance, risk and compliance (GRC) solution. The HDO manages IT general assets through the GRC solution. Medical imaging devices may fall outside the scope of IT general assets for many HDOs. For this reason, this project implemented Virta Labs BlueFlow for asset and inventory management for medical imaging devices. BlueFlow captures inventory, configuration, and patch management information [16], [22], [23].

4.1.5 Enterprise Domain and Identity Management

This project looked at identity management controls as including several concepts that encompass identity proofing, credentialing, and providing a means to authenticate devices and systems. Human

actors (clinical, IT administrative, and general HDO staff), medical devices, and systems may have identities established within the HDO. An identity is a broader concept than credentials or user accounts. This project assumed that HDOs perform adequate identity proofing and provisioning. This involves processes that allow HDOs to verify that an individual is who they claim to be, also ensuring that the individual has appropriate credentials to interact with clinical systems and medical imaging information. Regarding provisioning, this project assumed that following identity proofing, the organization can create and securely deliver credentials (e.g., user accounts in which the individual can select and update passwords or challenge responses known only to that individual).

Identities may include multiple user accounts or access mechanisms that may be applied. For example, an individual may have a job function as an IT administrator. As a member of the HDO workforce, they may be credentialed to access certain systems such as email or productivity software. They may also have access to separate privileged accounts to be used when they perform IT administrative duties. Having separate credentials established based on functionality or role is a common practice in healthcare and provides a form of separation of duties.

Medical devices and systems may also have identities, that are authenticated using digital certificates, keys, or other unique identifiers such as host identifiers or MAC addresses.

4.1.5.1 Access Control

Access control is applied contextually, based on the identity type. This project implemented access control for privileged users, clinical users, devices, and systems. Subsections below provide more detail on the project's approach.

4.1.5.1.1 Privileged Access Management

Privileged access includes those credentials that have permissions to systems that are greater than standard users. Privileged access accounts often allow greater visibility of resources stored on systems and may allow modifying configuration settings or permitting installation of software components. One measure that this guide implements is segregating privileged access accounts. These accounts were unique and distinct from those accounts we created that were able to access information via DICOM viewer applications. When activities required privileged access, access actions routed through lab environment's TDi ConsoleWorks implementation, which enforced the project's multifactor authentication solution.

For further guidance on privileged account management, HDOs should reference NIST SP 1800-18, *Privileged Account Management for the Financial Services Sector* [24]. While the document identifies solutions for financial services, the underlying technology solution applies to healthcare and other sectors.

4.1.5.1.2 User Authentication

User authentication involves the use of different factors. Factors are characteristics by which a user may be able to assert their identity. In many cases, users are authenticated using a single factor (e.g., a username and password combination). One means to strengthen single-factor authentication is to use pass phrases rather than passwords. This approach reduces the possibility that a malicious actor may be able to brute-force-attack the credential [25].

Another aspect that HDOs may consider is to implement multifactor authentication where appropriate or feasible. Multifactor authentication includes a need to pass two or more factors that represent something a user knows, has, or is. Memorized passwords or pass phrases represent factors that a user knows. Including other factors, such as something a user has, which may represent a physical token; or something a user is, such as biometrics that include fingerprints, retinal, or facial scans, would provide greater assurance that the user is whom they claim to be. Multifactor authentication may not be implementable in all cases, and HDOs may need to determine their risk tolerance and implementation practicality when considering enhancing their authentication models [26].

4.1.5.1.3 Device and System Authentication

For this project, we emulated medical imaging devices and implemented the HIP. Emulated modality devices authenticated to a HIPswitch, routing modality traffic across a HIP-secured software-defined network. For further information, refer to the discussion in [Section 4.1.6.3](#), Microsegmentation.

For systems authentication within the HDO, this project used digital certificates and keys. This project deployed digital certificates to the PACS and VNA servers as well as to a mobile device where we installed software used to scan documents and images that would be added to our medical imaging store. Authentication between VNA servers and cloud data storage is achieved using access keys.

This practice guide uses digital certificates to secure network sessions using a key management solution provided by the cloud provider. The HDO configures key management to maintain private key control. However, this project did not implement a data security manager or hardware security manager on premise.

4.1.5.1.4 Data Access Control

PACS and VNA solutions often support a “multitenant” concept to allow for different departments, clinics, or hospitals within a larger healthcare system. These applications may implement or integrate with directory services that allow solutions administrators to provide access based on role or business function. This project used role-based access control capabilities found in the Philips IntelliSpace and Hyland Acuo systems. For this project, the VNA plays a vital role for managing medical images across the simulated HDO. The VNA manages, retrieves, and stores medical images to a cloud storage provider. Access to the data in the storage account is managed through access keys and policies.

4.1.6 Network Control and Security

This project continued with the network zoning and segmentation concepts established in NIST SP 1800-8 and built on those concepts by implementing several tools to advance protective and detective capabilities. As examples of these enhancements, this project deployed a next-generation firewall, introduced microsegmentation, and implemented behavioral analytics in its network control and security in its approach. Subsections below provide additional information on these topics.

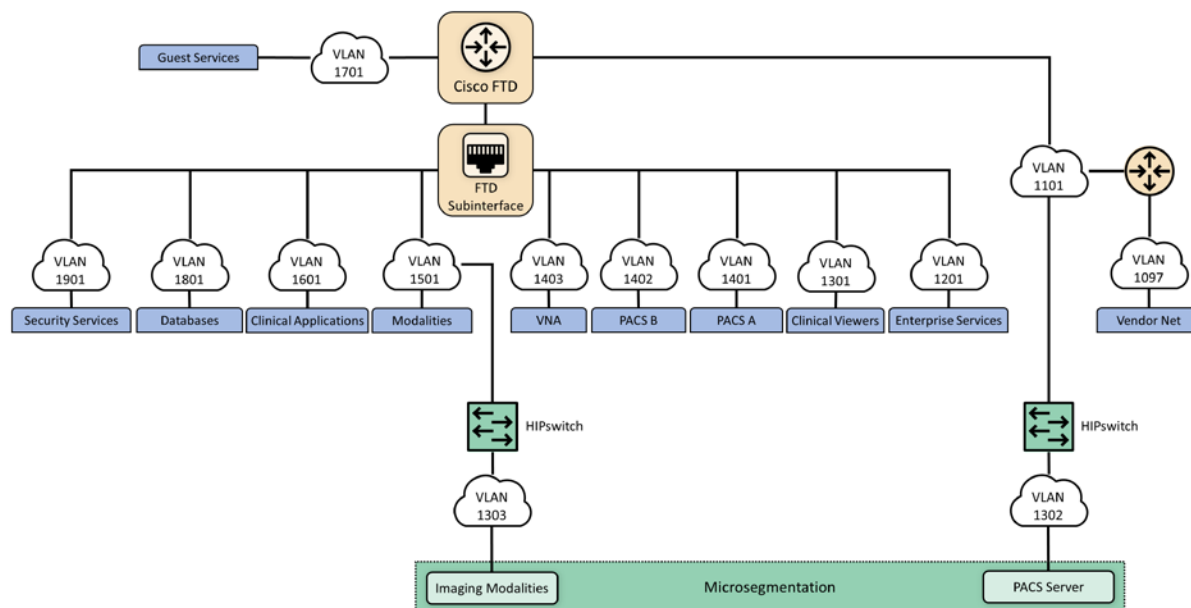
4.1.6.1 Network Segmentation and VLANs

The PACS ecosystem is made up of a variety of different devices with independent requirements to ensure proper functionality. While some devices may require network access to remote services, others may operate effectively with limited connectivity outside their subnet. To meet these needs, we implemented VLANs to segment the PACS network based on devices of similar needs and functionalities. This complies with the concept of network zoning introduced in NIST SP 1800-8 [21]. With this approach, we eliminated inherent trust between VLANs. The project allowed devices to communicate with only trusted devices based on carefully crafted network policies.

The PACS project implemented the architecture described in [Section 4.1](#) by constructing a network that was segmented into VLANs. The project limited the implementation to the main components necessary for the PACS ecosystem. The project segmented the network into the following VLANs:

- vendor net
- enterprise services
- clinical viewers
- PACS A
- PACS B
- modalities
- clinical applications
- guest services
- databases
- remote storage
- security services

This project established segmentation through virtualization, with separate subnets implemented for each VLAN listed above. The project placed each VLAN behind a router/firewall that implements policies defined by VLAN's purpose. Figure 4-5 below depicts the network architecture.

Figure 4-5 NCCoE Lab Environment Network Architecture

4.1.6.2 Firewall and Control Policies

This project used Cisco's Firepower Next Generation Firewall (NGFW). The NGFW provides several features that combine features previously found in separate perimeter security products such as intrusion prevention systems, application firewalls, proxy servers, and network packet inspection tools. The NGFW allows integration of other tools to defend the network against malicious activity.

As network and application attacks become more advanced, network controls should be enhanced beyond stateful traffic filtering. NGFW goes beyond ports, protocols, and IP addresses, providing standard policy-based protection, while including more advanced tools such as intrusion prevention systems, application filtering, uniform resource locator (URL) filtering, and geo-location blocking. The PACS ecosystem faces a variety of threats from different sources, and a comprehensive approach to network security is vital. The lab implemented network zoning by using policy and configuration settings through Firepower. This allowed the project to implement network zoning and proactive network traffic filtering.

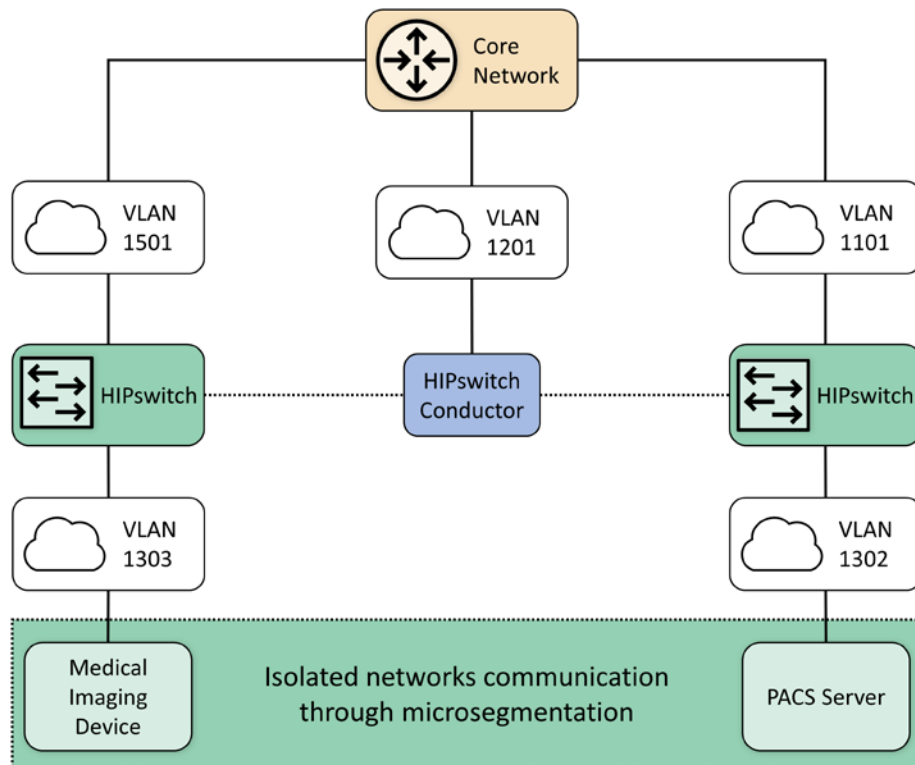
4.1.6.3 Microsegmentation

Microsegmentation uses software-defined networking (SDN) to create a virtual overlay network over the existing network infrastructure. Devices may be grouped based on usage, with developed policies

that establish granular degrees of trust. This project implemented the SDN overlay using host identity protocol (HIP) over the existing network infrastructure and offers in-transit network encryption. This project used microsegmentation to establish network control for modalities. Modalities represent medical imaging devices. These endpoint devices may contain exploitable vulnerabilities and may not have practical means to mitigate compromise beyond network protection. While VLAN-defined network zoning may afford network protection, this guide implements microsegmentation for these medical devices to reduce VLAN management complexity and provide more robust network segregation for medical devices. A microsegmentation approach may offer a solution that requires less impact to network configuration while limiting adverse interaction with the modalities.

This practice guide implemented microsegmentation through Tempered Networks' HIP solution that includes HIPswitches implementing HIP, as described in the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) request for comments 4423 [27]. HIP provides a cryptographically defined host identifier bound to endpoints rather than IP addresses. Network traffic between HIP-enabled endpoints traverses a series of HIPswitches deployed in the lab network infrastructure, creating a cloaked network that operates on top of the physical network. The cloaked network uses advanced encryption standard (AES)-256 encryption to secure data in transit and uses secure hash algorithm (SHA)-256 to authenticate data packets from HIP-enabled endpoints [27], [28], [29]. Figure 4-6 below depicts the microsegmentation architecture deployed in the project's test build.

Figure 4-6 Microsegmentation Architecture



While VLAN segmentation can help reduce unwanted lateral movement within a network, it does not restrict lateral movement within that zone. For some devices and workloads, it may be necessary to isolate their operations and allow only a select few interactions with other devices. The project team determined that microsegmentation would be an appropriate control to protect medical imaging devices that may operate embedded operating systems or firmware where patch release cycles may be different from current commercial off-the-shelf operating systems. Microsegmentation provides this fine-grained approach to isolation and can be implemented within an existing network.

Within the PACS ecosystem, we identified an area where microsegmentation would improve operational security. This guide implements microsegmentation through a solution based on HIP. HIP uses cryptographic host identifiers rather than IP addresses to address and authenticate endpoints and to create secure tunnels. This guide uses this concept to abstract IP addressing away from the modalities, using identity-defined perimeters where endpoint devices are authenticated to HIPswitches and allow secure tunnel communications to other HIPswitches [27].

For this practice guide's architecture, it was important to secure this line of communication and ensure that appropriate defenses protect devices from potential threats. To accomplish this, the project

established two identity-defined perimeters on two separate VLANs. This project then placed a modality behind one perimeter and a PACS behind the other. This project configured these perimeters to allow only authorized traffic between them, meaning the modality was allowed to communicate only with the PACS and vice versa. Additionally, the project encrypted all traffic between the two perimeters, ensuring the data were secure in-transit.

4.1.6.4 Anomalies and Events Detection (Behavioral Analytics)

Medical devices often operate within strict requirements and limited resources. This makes certain tasks like vulnerability assessment difficult to manage, as they often require obtrusive operations such as a host-installed agent. Network-based behavioral analytics can perform the same assessments, identifying suspicious operations without affecting medical device function or performance. Behavioral analytics is an automated feature that collects and analyzes network traffic flow and compares the results to a pre-established baseline to determine whether devices are operating abnormally.

For the PACS architecture, the project identified network flows, primarily among PACS, VNA, and modalities, where it is important to monitor for abnormal behavior. With a baseline established, the project can identify when endpoints attempt to conduct network operations outside their normal profile. With this information, we can verify and remediate the threat. The project implemented the Zingbox IoT Guardian solution.

4.1.6.5 Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems

Components managed through an HDO's IT operations team would implement control mechanisms to perform malware detection, vulnerability scanning, and remediation. This project involved several workstations (e.g., image viewing devices), as well as servers that may operate commercially available operating systems. This project deployed host-based agents, as appropriate, to permit the IT team to perform regular vulnerability scanning for those non-modality systems. This project implemented Symantec Endpoint Protection on image viewing workstations. Also, the project implemented the Cisco Firepower NGFW that included a network-based intrusion prevention mechanism [30].

4.1.7 Endpoint Protection and Security

This practice guide implements endpoint protection and security through device hardening and configuration controls. Protected endpoints include both workstations and servers. This project used several workstations to represent clinical workstations and used medical image viewers as the means to connect to the PACS and VNA servers. The project deployed endpoint protection to servers by installing Symantec Endpoint Protection as the automated solution addressing vulnerability management requirements. The practice guide installed Tripwire Enterprise for configuration management on the servers.

Endpoints represent potential targets for malicious actors, and assuring appropriate control is critical to enterprise risk management. Automated tools that leverage endpoint-deployed agents that process policy may provide HDOs greater asset control and limit potential compromise.

4.1.8 Device Hardening and Configuration

This project deployed Tripwire Enterprise on server components (e.g., the Hyland Acuo server and the Philips IntelliSpace server) to address device hardening and configuration management.

This project deployed a host intrusion prevention system (HIPS) to protect servers performing critical functions in the HDO. The HIPS tool prevents the internals of an operating system from performing unintended or malicious activity. This mechanism can provide further protection from attackers attempting to compromise the system by preventing installation or execution of malicious software. This tool supports policy-based rules for monitoring file system changes of critical operating system application and system file directories. This allows the tool to monitor critical settings of the operating system, such as Windows registry keys. In our environment, we used these tools to ensure that new executables were not installed, thus reducing the attack surface of critical systems.

In conjunction with HIPS, a FIM system protects clinical servers in the reference architecture. This system monitors file system changes, looking for suspicious changes. The FIM system also evaluates policy compliance to ensure the critical servers comply with the HDO policies.

4.1.8.1 Malware Detection

An endpoint-based malware detection system, commonly referred to as anti-virus software, prevents, detects, and removes malicious software from systems. This function is critical to protecting the systems that healthcare professionals use to interact with the PACS, such as the imaging workstations. The anti-virus software implemented in our reference architecture analyzes suspicious behavior, performs firewall functions, and allows custom, policy-based enforcement. These added functions enhance the ability for HDOs to respond to the threat of malicious software on healthcare systems. This practice guide deployed the Symantec Endpoint Protection solution on workstations hosting our DICOM image viewers.

A network-based malware detection system, commonly referred to as an intrusion detection system (IDS), detects malicious activity over the network. In our reference architecture, the IDS interfaces directly with the manager of the endpoint-based malware detection system. This gives the IDS the ability to use data collected from the endpoint to better detect malicious activity on the network [30].

4.1.9 Data Security

This project considered challenges associated with data loss and data alteration. A challenge noted while looking at the medical imaging ecosystem is the diversity of data types that may be prone to varying threat types, with compromise resulting in different adverse outcomes. This project examined data

flows between the implemented components and identified a need to secure data in-transit and data at-rest.

4.1.9.1 Data Encryption (*at-rest and in-transit*)

Microsoft Azure provides cloud storage for this practice guide. Encrypted network sessions between the HDO and the cloud storage provider use TLS, Internet Protocol Security (IPSec) and Internet Key Exchange (IKE). Azure assigns a storage account to the HDO. Access to medical images stored in the cloud service requires storage account credentials. Azure enforces storage account access control using HTTPS with TLS, Perfect Forward Secrecy, and Rivest-Shamir-Adleman (RSA) cryptosystem 2048-bit encryption keys. Azure assures data-at-rest encryption using service-managed keys. Azure encrypts partitions or blocks of data using AES-256 bit keys [31].

This practice guide recommends referring to NIST SP 1800-11, *Data Integrity: Recovering from Ransomware and Other Destructive Events* [32], for measures that address backup and recovery. This project implemented PACS and VNA solutions on Windows servers, and this practice guide recommends implementing secure server message block best practices, e.g., as provided by Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency [33].

Examining the communications traffic flow, the project team determined that relevant data are sensitive in nature. Medical images and accompanying clinical notes and diagnoses are PHI and have requirements that align with confidentiality, integrity, and availability.

This project authenticates communications from the modalities to the PACS and VNA using HIP, which also provides network encryption. HIP employs AES-256 encryption [27], [28], [29] to secure network sessions. By deploying HIP, this project sought to defend against network-borne attacks, including man-in-the-middle attacks where data may be altered in transit.

When multiple PACS data were aggregated into the VNA, the project enabled TLS tunneling. TLS uses DigiCert TLS certificates to implement AES-256 network encryption [28], [29], [35].

Image viewers, as well as mobile devices using Hyland's PACSgear scanning tool, use https/TLS when connecting and communicating to the VNA or PACS respectively [35].

4.1.10 Remote Access

Both healthcare and IT systems require access by vendor-support technicians for remote configuration, maintenance, patching, and updates to software and firmware. The project used a remote access network segment to provide these external privileged users with privileged access to these components that reside within our reference architecture. A virtual private network (VPN) solution provides a secure way in which an organization can extend its private network across the internet, ensuring that only properly authenticated users can access their organization's private network. This project configured

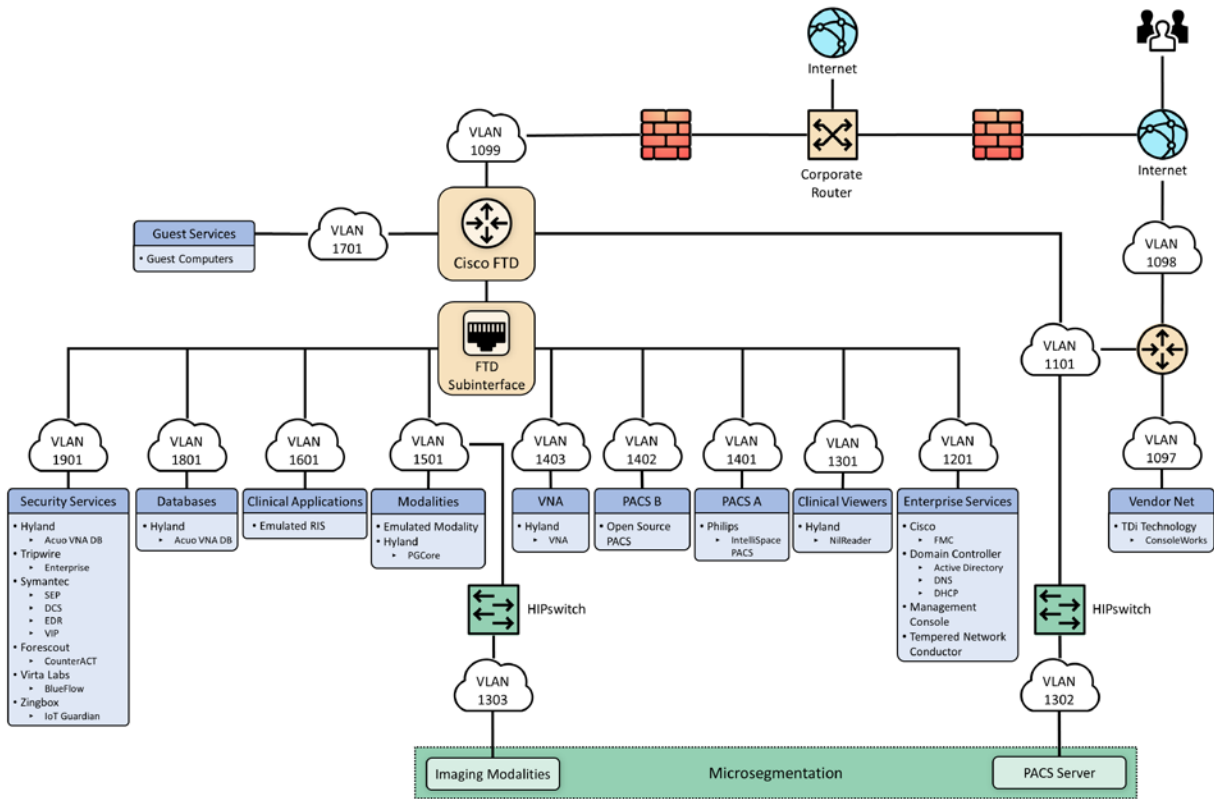
and managed the NCCoE VPN in our environment using vendor-recommended practices [36]. This project implemented TDi ConsoleWorks as a remote access mechanism into the infrastructure.

To further secure access to remote resources, the team implemented a privileged access management (PAM) solution [24]. The PAM solution provides two-factor authentication (2FA), fine-grained access control, and monitoring user access to remote resources. 2FA is provided via domain-based username and password and an application-based security token available on the user's mobile device. This project implemented 2FA in the test build using Symantec Validation and ID Protection (VIP) solution. The project integrated Symantec VIP into the ConsoleWorks authentication mechanism to enforce username password plus onetime passcode to make up the two factors.

4.2 Final Architecture

The target architecture, depicted in Figure 4-7, demonstrates control measures such as microsegmentation and network segmentation as described by this practice guide. The architecture depicts network zones using VLANs, with the modalities zone implemented using microsegmentation. The target architecture also includes using cloud storage for long-term archiving and serves to enhance resiliency and recoverability should the HDO be subject to an adverse event.

Figure 4-7 PACS Final Architecture



5 Security Characteristic Analysis

The purpose of the security characteristic analysis is to understand the extent to which the project meets its objective of demonstrating the security capabilities described in the reference architecture in [Section 4](#). This evaluation focuses on the security of the reference design itself. In addition, it seeks to understand the security benefits and drawbacks of the example solution.

5.1 Assumptions and Limitations

The security characteristic analysis has the following limitations:

- It is neither a comprehensive test of all security components nor a red-team exercise.
- It cannot identify all weaknesses.
- It does not include the lab infrastructure. It is assumed that devices are hardened. Testing these devices would reveal only weaknesses in implementation that would not be relevant to those adopting this reference architecture.

5.2 Scenarios and Findings

One aspect of our security evaluation involved assessing how well the reference design addresses the security characteristics that it was intended to support. The Cybersecurity Framework subcategories were used to provide structure to the security assessment by consulting the specific sections of each standard cited in reference to a subcategory. The cited sections provide validation points that the example solution would be expected to exhibit. Using the Cybersecurity Framework subcategories as a basis for organizing our analysis allowed us to systematically consider how well the reference design supports the intended security characteristics.

5.3 Analysis of the Reference Design's Support for Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories

Using the NIST Cybersecurity Framework subcategories to organize our analysis also provided additional confidence that the reference design addresses our use case security objectives. The remainder of this subsection discusses how the reference design supports each of the identified Cybersecurity Framework subcategories [8].

Table 3-5 lists the reference design functions and the security characteristics, along with products that we used to instantiate each capability. The focus of the security evaluation is not on these specific products but on the Cybersecurity Framework subcategories. There may be other commercially available products that meet the objectives found in the NIST Cybersecurity Framework. Practitioners may substitute other products that provide comparable security control within the reference design.

5.3.1 Asset Management (ID.AM)

This practice guide considered ID.AM-1, ID.AM-2, ID.AM-4, and ID.AM-5 to address asset management.

The practice guide implemented ID.AM-1 using Virta Labs BlueFlow to address modality asset management. Establishing an asset inventory is a fundamental component in determining appropriate controls for the environment. The ID.AM-1 Subcategory specifies, “[p]hysical devices and systems within the organization are inventoried,” and ID.AM-2 specifies, “[s]oftware platforms and applications within the organization are inventoried.” This practice guide groups the ID.AM-1 and ID.AM-2 subcategories together. The practice guide identifies tools that align with objectives defined by one or more of the Cybersecurity Framework subcategories. Physical devices include workstation, server, and storage components, whereas software assets include those applications that run on the physical components.

The practice guide emulates HDOs in that HDOs often have separate biomedical engineering teams, distinct from central IT operations. The implication is that IT general assets and medical devices may have distinct asset-tracking mechanisms. BlueFlow captures inventory, configuration, and patch management information.

ID.AM-4 specifies, “[e]xternal information systems are catalogued.” The Clearwater Information Risk Management Analysis tool would track cloud services as part of the IT asset inventory.

Medical device asset tracking may be distinct from what is maintained in a general IT asset database. For this project, the team maintained simulated medical imaging devices and implemented the Virta Labs BlueFlow tool for asset tracking and configuration management.

ID.AM-5 specifies, “[r]esources (e.g., hardware, devices, data, time, personnel, and software) are prioritized based on their classification, criticality, and business value.” To address ID.AM-5, this project implemented solutions to identify communication and data flows between IT and biomedical engineering assets. The project implemented the Zingbox IoT Guardian and Cisco Stealthwatch solution to analyze NetFlow traffic across the laboratory infrastructure. In capturing NetFlow patterns, the project provided two primary benefits: 1) a baseline of communication flows between medical imaging devices, workstations, and PACS/VNA systems, and 2) an ability to determine when communication patterns were anomalous.

5.3.2 Risk Assessment (ID.RA)

This project selected ID.RA-1 and ID.RA-5 to address the Risk Assessment category. ID.RA-1 specifies, “[a]sset vulnerabilities are identified and documented,” and ID.RA-5 specifies “[t]hreats, vulnerabilities, likelihoods, and impacts are used to determine risk.” The project identified and deployed tools to address these control requirements.

This project used Symantec’s Endpoint Protection solution to address threats to image viewer workstations. The project used Tripwire Enterprise to monitor server assets. This practice guide implemented Virta Labs BlueFlow to manage and assess medical imaging devices. The project also used Zingbox IoT Guardian to perform NetFlow analysis. Practitioners may use information from these tools when needed to determine the risk profile of the HDO environment.

5.3.3 Identity Management and Access Control (PR.AC)

To implement identity management and access control, the project team focused on PR.AC-1, PR.AC-4, and PR.AC-7 Subcategories. PR.AC-1 specifies, “[i]dentities and credentials are issued, managed, verified, revoked, and audited for authorized devices, users and processes.” PR.AC-4 specifies, “[a]ccess permissions and authorizations are managed, incorporating the principles of least privilege and separation of duties.” PR-AC7 specifies, “[u]sers, devices, and other assets are authenticated commensurate with the risk of the transaction.”

5.3.3.1 Identity Management

The project used Microsoft Active Directory to provision human user access to workstations and systems. This project implemented the Symantec VIP. The Symantec VIP tool gave the project multifactor authentication (MFA) capability. MFA enhances non-repudiation within the authentication

process. MFA provides additional factors, apart from a password, that assures that when an individual presents a credential, they are doing so appropriately. For further information on MFA, practitioners may consult with NIST 800-63-3 Digital Identity Guidelines [34]. Table 5-1 describes how the project managed different user types and describes some general characteristics of that user type.

Table 5-1 Identity Management Characteristics

User Type	Identity	Tool	Characteristics
Human Users	Active Directory	Active Directory	Human user authentication method dependent on interaction type
Medical Imaging Devices	Host Identifier	Tempered Networks IDN	Imaging devices abstracted from the production network over a cloaked network implementing HIP
System to System	Certificate	DigiCert Managed PKI	Automated interactions between systems authenticated
HDO to Cloud Storage Provider	Access Keys; Azure Active Directory	Microsoft Azure	Authentication to cloud storage provider is provided using access keys.

This project emulated medical imaging devices. They authenticate using HIP, implemented in Tempered Networks' microsegmentation capability. The Tempered Networks solution, IDN, uses the HIP, which incorporates a key exchange capability between endpoint devices and gateways, or HIPswitches.

The practice guide included a document scan utility installed on a mobile device. To enable device authentication in this case, the project used DigiCert Managed PKI, providing certificate-based authentication.

The project augmented device authorization management by limiting PACS accessibility based on workstation zone provisioning. The practice guide installed Symantec VIP to enable multifactor authentication for certain devices. The practice guide secured network sessions with TLS applying DigiCert-issued certificates [35].

5.3.3.2 Access Control

To implement PR.AC-4, this project used role-based access control (RBAC) features built into the PACS and the VNA systems. Philips IntelliSpace and Hyland Acuo VNA implement RBAC, allowing least privilege access enforcement.

This project also took advantage of the network zoning concept and limited access based on firewall policies that restrict traffic between different zones. For example, the project limited image viewer

workstation network traffic to the PACS and VNA for image retrieval and interaction to specified network zones.

Administrative functions are restricted and are performed through TDi ConsoleWorks sessions that enforce multifactor authentication.

The project implemented PR.AC-3 using TDi Technologies ConsoleWorks to provide remote access to the lab network. The ConsoleWorks environment provided a solution for vendor remote access as well as general user remote VPN, including access by third-party medical imaging services that may need access to patient images [36].

To implement PR.AC-5, the project made significant use of network segmentation through VLANs implemented with Cisco Firepower NGFW and through microsegmentation implemented using Tempered Networks IDN. Identity Defined Networking (IDN) implements an SDN that this project used to secure communications between the simulated medical imaging devices and the PACS/VNA environment.

The project managed access to Azure resources in two ways. Management plane functions, which include creation, modification, and deletion of cloud resources, are protected using Azure AD and RBAC. Best practices for management plane access include least privilege, MFA, and secure administrative workstations. Access to services inside Azure resources is referred to as data plane functions. Authentication at this layer occurs in multiple ways. For storage accounts, authentication occurs using access keys and policies. The interaction between storage accounts and the Key Vault for encryption key retrieval uses Azure Active Directory.

5.3.4 Data Security (PR.DS)

For this project, the team identified PR.DS-1, “[d]ata-at-rest is protected;” PR.DS-2, “[d]ata-in-transit is protected;” PR.DS-6, “[i]ntegrity checking mechanisms are used to verify software, firmware, and information integrity” subcategories to address data security.

This practice guide implements Microsoft Azure for cloud storage. The HDO environment establishes a TLS tunnel using digital certificates that Azure manages. The TLS tunnel assures data-in-transit protection. Azure also implements AES-256 encryption for data-at-rest.

The project installed Symantec Encryption Platform to protect workstations in this practice guide.

This project implemented TLS and HIP to assure data in-transit protection. Image viewing workstations connecting to the PACS/VNA environments use TLS encryption to ensure data-in-transit protection [27], [28], [35]. This project also implements microsegmentation with Tempered Networks and ensures data-in-transit protection by HIP-managed encryption between emulated medical imaging devices and the PACS/VNA environment.

The practice guide uses Tripwire Enterprise and Symantec DCS:SA to provide integrity monitoring of system software files.

PR.DS-6 includes a control objective to additionally manage firmware; however, the lab used emulated medical imaging devices for its modalities, operating as virtual machines. These emulated devices did not include a firmware component.

5.3.5 Information Protection and Procedures (PR.IP)

This project selected PR.IP-1, PR.IP-3, and PR.IP-4 to implement the Information Protection and Procedures Category. PR.IP-1 specifies, “[a] baseline configuration of information technology/industrial control systems is created and maintained incorporating security principles (e.g., concept of least functionality).” PR.IP-3 specifies, “[c]onfiguration change control processes are in place;” and PR.IP-4 specifies, “[b]ackups of information are conducted, maintained, and tested.”

Servers supporting the PACS and VNA systems were built using guidance received from Philips and Hyland, respectively. This project regarded these configurations as baseline configurations and determined them to be based on application functionality requirements. Tripwire Enterprise monitors modifications.

Virta Labs BlueFlow manages medical imaging device configurations. The practice guide emulated medical imaging devices deployed in the lab. Emulated medical devices did not involve firmware.

5.3.6 Protective Technology (PR.PT)

To implement Protective Technology, this project selected PR.PT-1, PR.PT-3, and PR.PT-4. PR.PT-1 specifies, “[a]udit/log records are determined, documented, implemented, and reviewed in accordance with policy.” PR.PT-3 specifies, “[t]he principle of least functionality is incorporated by configuring systems to provide only essential capabilities;” and PR.PT-4 specifies, “[c]ommunications and control networks are protected.”

To address PR.PT-1, the Hyland Acuo VNA, Hyland NilRead Enterprise, Hyland PACSgear, Philips Enterprise Imaging IntelliSpace PACS, and Philips Enterprise Imaging Universal Data Manager components provided the capability to create audit log records.

The practice guide implemented Zingbox IoT Guardian to assure regular network traffic monitoring. The tool aggregated NetFlow traffic across the lab environment and performed behavioral analytics. HDOs should also consider using a security incident event management (SIEM) system that would aggregate logs from different operating systems, applications, and component types. SIEM tools often can support scripts that may trigger alerting to incident response teams.

To address PR.PT-3, this project implemented operating systems that were configured with the minimum functionality necessary to support PACS and VNA operations, based on guidance from Hyland

and Philips, respectively. These collaborators provided configuration recommendations that were applied as baseline settings. The practice guide then used Tripwire Enterprise to monitor this baseline.

This project implements PR.PT-4 through constructing network zones with VLANs and using the Tempered Networks microsegmentation solution. The project used VLANs to establish a base set of network zones, and the Tempered Networks IDN created a means to control network traffic between the simulated medical imaging devices and the PACS/VNA leveraging the HIP, which protects data on networks via data encryption.

The project used the Cisco Firepower NGFW to protect the infrastructure from malicious activity.

TLS and IPsec tunneling protected external connections where appropriate [35], [36].

5.3.7 Anomalies and Events (DE.AE) and Security Continuous Monitoring (DE.CM)

This project grouped together the Functions DE.AE Anomalies and Events and DE.CM Security Continuous Monitoring. The project then selected DE.AE-1, DE.AE-2, DE.AE-3, DE.AE-5, DE.CM-1, DE.CM-3, and DE.CM-7 to address these control areas.

Selected controls for DE.AE Anomalies and Events include DE.AE-1: “[a] baseline of network operations and expected data flows for users and systems is established and managed”; DE.AE-2: “[d]etected events are analyzed to understand attack targets and methods”; DE.AE-3: “[e]vent data are collected and correlated from multiple sources and sensors”; and DE.AE-5: “[i]ncident alert thresholds are established.” This project implemented Zingbox IoT Guardian and Cisco Stealthwatch to achieve these objectives through implementing behavioral analytics. The practice guide configured Zingbox for continuous monitoring by directing NetFlow traffic to its cloud-hosted back end where it performed analysis. The practice guide configured Stealthwatch for monitoring and analysis on-premise.

DE.CM-1 specifies, “[t]he network is monitored to detect potential cybersecurity events”; DE.CM-3: “[p]ersonnel activity is monitored to detect potential cybersecurity events”; and DE.CM-7: “[m]onitoring for unauthorized personnel, connections, devices, and software is performed.” The project addresses DE.CM-1 through the Zingbox and Stealthwatch implementations. The solutions perform network monitoring and cybersecurity event detection by analyzing NetFlow traffic. The project performed additional network monitoring using the Cisco Firepower Next Generation Firewall deployment.

DE.CM-4 specifies, “[m]alicious code is detected”; and DE.CM-7 specifies, “[m]onitoring for unauthorized personnel, connection, devices, and software is performed.” This project implemented Symantec Endpoint Protection to address DE.CM-4 and DE.CM-7. The practice guide implemented intrusion prevention with the Cisco Firepower Next Generation Firewall. The practice guide deployed Symantec Endpoint Protection on workstations, including image viewer workstations.

5.4 Security Analysis Summary

The practice guide's reference design implementation of security surrounding the PACS/VNA helps reduce risk from the PACS/VNA, even when practitioners identify vulnerabilities in a PACS or VNA. The key feature is the multilayered security capabilities defined in [Section 4.1.3](#). This practice guide followed our collaborative partners' recommended security practices to harden devices and systems; monitor traffic; limit access to only authorized users, devices, and systems; and ensure data security across the ecosystem. Any organization following this guide must conduct its own analysis of how to employ the elements discussed here, in its own environment. It is essential that organizations follow security best practices to address potential vulnerabilities and to minimize any risk to the operational network.

6 Functional Evaluation

We conducted a functional evaluation of our example implementation to verify that several common provisioning functions used in our laboratory test worked as expected. We also needed to ensure that the example solution would not alter normal PACS and VNA functions.

In developing a test plan, this project identified implemented cybersecurity controls and identified a method to demonstrate control functionality. Also, this project identified five IHE use case scenarios that implemented multiple cybersecurity controls to augment business process functionality. The identified scenarios found in [Section 3.4.3](#) served as the basis of a functional test plan to demonstrate overall security control efficacy.

[Section 6.1](#) describes the format and components of the functional test cases. Each functional test case is designed to assess the security capabilities of the example implementation to perform the functions listed in [Section 4.1.3](#).

6.1 PACS Functional Test Plan

Each test case consists of multiple fields that collectively identify the goal of the test, the specifics required to implement the test, and how to assess the results of the test. Table 6-1 describes each field in the test case.

Table 6-1 Test Case Fields

Test Case Field	Description
Parent Requirement	Identifies the top-level requirement or the series of top-level requirements leading to the testable requirement
Testable Requirement	Drives the definition of the remainder of the test case fields and specifies the capability to be evaluated
Associated Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories	Lists the NIST Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories addressed by the test case

Test Case Field	Description
Description	Describes the objective of the test case
Associated Test Cases	In some instances, a test case may be based on the outcome of (an)other test case(s). For example, analysis-based test cases produce a result that is verifiable through various means (e.g., log entries, reports, and alerts).
Preconditions	The starting state of the test case. Preconditions indicate various starting-state items, such as a specific capability configuration required or specific protocol and content.
Procedure	The step-by-step actions required to implement the test case. A procedure may consist of a single sequence of steps or multiple sequences of steps (with delineation) to indicate variations in the test procedure.
Expected Results	The expected results for each variation in the test procedure
Actual Results	The observed results

6.1.1 PACS Functional Evaluation Requirements

Table 6-2 identifies the PACS functional evaluation requirements addressed in the test plan and associated test cases. The evaluations are aligned with the basic architecture design and capability requirements from [Section 4](#), Architecture.

Table 6-2 Functional Evaluation Requirements

Capability Requirement (CR) ID	Parent Requirement	Subrequirement	Test Case
CR-1	Business workflows that support image acquisition and transfer to archival (e.g., PACS and VNA) are performed.	Sample Radiology Practice Workflows	PACS-1 PACS-11
CR-2	Asset and Inventory Management		PACS-2
CR-3	Enterprise Domain and Identity Management–Access Control		
CR-3.a		Privileged Access Management	PACS-3 PACS-10
CR-3.b		User Authentication	PACS-3 PACS-4

Capability Requirement (CR) ID	Parent Requirement	Subrequirement	Test Case
			PACS-5 PACS-10
CR-3.c		Device and System Authentication	PACS-3 PACS-4 PACS-5 PACS-11
CR-3.d		Data Access Control	PACS-3 PACS-5
CR-4	Network Control and Security		
CR-4.a		Network Segmentation and VLANs	PACS-7
CR-4.b		Firewall and Control Policies	PACS-7
CR-4.c		Microsegmentation	PACS-4
CR-4.d		Anomalies and Events Detection (Behavioral Analytics)	PACS-8
CR-4.e		Intrusion Detection and Prevention	PACS-9
CR-5	Endpoint Protection and Security		
CR-5.a		Device Hardening and Configuration	PACS-9
CR-5.b		Malware Detection and Prevention	PACS-9
CR-6	Data Security		
CR-6.a		In-Transit Encryption	PACS-4 PACS-5 PACS-12
CR-7	Remote Access	Remote Access	PACS-10

6.1.2 Test Case: PACS-1

Parent Requirement	(CR-1) Business workflows that support image acquisition and transfer to archival (e.g., PACS and VNA) are performed.
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Testable Requirement	(CR-1) Sample Radiology Practice Workflows
Description	Demonstrate that the installed PACS can be used to acquire images from a simulated modality, store those images based on department, and view those images by using a DICOM viewer.
Associated Test Case	N/A
Associated Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories	N/A
Preconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implement PACS architecture, and test that network connections are operational. ▪ Configure DICOM communication between DVTK RIS Emulator and DVTK Modality Emulator. ▪ Load patient studies into the RIS. ▪ Configure DICOM communication between DVTK Modality Emulator and the PACS. ▪ Configure the DICOM viewer to connect to the PACS archiving system. ▪ Provision and give proper permissions to user accounts.
Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Start the DVTK RIS simulator. 2. Start the Modality Emulator. 3. Click the Request Worklist button on the Modality Emulator to display the RIS' preinstalled patient studies. 4. Select one of the Patient Names from the given list. 5. Click the enabled Store Image button to send the images for the selected patient to the connected PACS server. 6. To verify the archived images stored in the Philips PACS server, run Explorer as a Manager. 7. Log in to the client web by using the URL https://192.168.140.131/clientweb. (Alternatively, use a thin client Philips IntelliSpace PACS Enterprise to verify the archived images.) 8. From the Folder List > Exam Lookup, click the Search button to list the patient studies. The image for the patient selected in this test should be listed in the exam lookup view table.
Expected Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The user should be able to display the image by using the Philips Client Web or the Philips PACS Enterprise client. <p>Note: If you need to repeat the same procedure using the same samples, clear the stored image from the Philips PACS. The cleared</p>

	image stored in the Default folder will be moved to the Exceptions Lookup folder. Clear the image from the Exceptions Lookup folder as well.
Actual Results	The implemented PACS environment successfully scheduled images by using the RIS, sent and stored the images in the PACS using the modality, and viewed the stored images using a web client.

6.1.3 Test Case: PACS-2

Parent Requirement	(CR-2) Asset and Inventory Management
Testable Requirement	(CR-2) Asset and Inventory Management
Description	Demonstrate how to identify and manage medical assets.
Associated Test Case	N/A
Associated Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories	ID.AM-1, ID.AM-2, ID.AM-4, ID.AM-5, ID.RA-1, ID.RA-5, PR.IP-1
Preconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PACS network infrastructure is operational. ▪ Virta Labs BlueFlow is deployed in the Security Services VLAN. ▪ Network groups are created in the BlueFlow interface to allow automatic organization of discovered devices.
Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open a web browser, navigate to the Virta Labs BlueFlow web portal URL, and authenticate to the portal. 2. Navigate to Connectors > Discovery. 3. Enter a subnet range (192.168.0.0/16) from which BlueFlow will discover devices. 4. Click Run and allow the discovery process to populate a network group. 5. Navigate to Inventory. Under Networks, click a network object, and display a list of discovered devices. 6. Click a device name, navigate to the Tools tab, and click Fingerprint. 7. Verify the populated information and click Run to perform a scan. 8. Once the scan is complete, navigate back to the device's information page, and verify that the fingerprint tool has accurately identified information about the device such as operating system and Open TCP Ports. 9. Manually fill in other information about the device if needed.

Expected Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Devices are discovered within the specified subnets and appear as devices in the network group. ▪ The fingerprint tool identifies device operating system and open transmission control protocol (TCP) ports. ▪ Device information can be modified manually.
Actual Results	<p>More than 20 new devices were discovered within the PACS VLANs. These new devices were placed automatically into predefined network segments, and devices that did not fit into a predefined network segment were placed into an Other Assets category. The fingerprint tool populated descriptive information for several discovered devices while all other necessary information was filled in manually.</p>

6.1.4 Test Case: PACS-3

Parent Requirement	(CR-3) Enterprise Domain and Identity Management–Access Control
Testable Requirement	(CR-3.a) Privileged Access Management, (CR-3.b) User Authentication, (CR-3.c) Device and System Authentication, (CR-3.d) Data Access Control
Description	Demonstrate the capability authentication to the PACS application by using enterprise active directory (AD).
Associated Test Case	N/A
Associated Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories	PR.AC-1, PR.AC-4, PR.AC-7
Preconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Domain controller has been deployed and configured in the Enterprise Services VLAN. ▪ The Philips PACS has been configured to incorporate the enterprise AD with a display name of AD PACS. ▪ Domain groups have been created and assigned proper policies and roles. ▪ A test user with username pacs-user has been set up in the test AD PACS.
Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Launch the IntelliSpace PACS application on the IntelliSpace PACS Enterprise server. 2. To set the authentication source, select AD PACS from the Log on to drop-down list. 3. Enter the username and password, and then click the login button to login.
Expected Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Authentication via AD PACS is successful. ▪ Access to patient data is based on group policy settings.

Actual Results	<p>A PACS-user, who is in the AD, was used to test the access setup. After entering the username and the correct password to the Philips IntelliSpace PACS Enterprise login page by using the AD PACS as the authentication source, the login was successful. The PACS-user account was validated to assure that appropriate access control settings were applied.</p> <p>PACS-user authentication was further tested, first by entering an incorrect password and next by incorrectly spelling the username. These attempts failed.</p>
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6.1.5 Test Case: PACS-4

Parent Requirement	(CR-4) Network Control and Security (CR-6) Data Security
Testable Requirement	(CR-4.c) Microsegmentation, (CR-6.a) In-Transit Encryption
Description	Demonstrate secure transfer of medical images from modalities to archive systems by using microsegmentation.
Associated Test Case	PACS-3
Associated Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories	PR.DS-2, PR.PT-1, PR.PT-3, PR.PT-4
Preconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deploy and configure microsegmentation into the network infrastructure. ▪ Install, configure, and deploy modalities. ▪ Configure network connections between RIS and modalities to establish a DICOM connection. ▪ Configure network connections between modalities and PACS to establish a DICOM connection. ▪ Populate RIS with simulated patient studies. ▪ Install and configure a network traffic analyzer.
Procedure	<p><u>To schedule radiology patient studies with the DVTK Modality Emulator</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Launch the RIS Emulator desktop application and click the Start button to open a DICOM connection with the Modality Emulator. 2. Using the Modality Emulator, click the Request Worklist button to display a list of requested patient studies being sent from the RIS. 3. Select a requested patient study from the list to send to the Philips PACS server.

	<p>To store <u>patient studies on the Philips PACS server by using DVTK Modality Emulator</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click the Store Images button to send the selected patient study to the Philips PACS. <p>To verify that data are encrypted between the modality and the PACS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Start a packet capture with Cisco Firepower between the HIPswitches associated with the modality and the PACS, respectively. A new window will appear with attribute text boxes. For the Source Host, provide the IP address of the modality's HIPswitch. For the Destination Host, provide the IP address of the PACS HIPswitch. 2. Export the produced packet captures to a packet capture (PCAP) file. 3. Import the PCAP file into Wireshark and try to read the data captured.
Expected Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RIS establishes a DICOM connection with the modality to schedule patient studies. ▪ DICOM communications channel is established between modalities and the PACS. ▪ Modality Emulator can send patient studies to the PACS. ▪ In-transit data are encrypted.
Actual Results	<p>The RIS, Modality, and the PACS succeeded in establishing DICOM connections after microsegmentation was implemented. Data being transferred from Modality to the PACS was encrypted through the secured connection.</p>

6.1.6 Test Case: PACS-5

Parent Requirement	(CR-3) Enterprise Domain and Identity Management–Access Control (CR-6) Data Security
Testable Requirement	(CR-3.b) User Authentication, (CR-3.c) Device and System Authentication, (CR-3.d) Data Access Control, (CR-6.a) In-Transit Encryption
Description	Show how clinical departments have access to only their department's medical images and show that an encrypted connection is used when clinical departments are accessing medical images.
Associated Test Case	PACS-3

Associated Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories	PR.AC-1, PR.AC-4, PR.AC-7, PR.DS-2, PR.PT-1, PR.PT-3, PR.PT-4
Preconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Define different clinical departments (e.g., radiology, cardiology, and dermatology). ▪ Create role-based access control by assigning user accounts to clinical departments. ▪ Configure and enable TLS connections on the PACS and VNA. ▪ Patient records for multiple departments are stored on the VNA.
Procedure	<p><u>To transfer patient studies from the Philips PACS server to the radiology user group on the Hyland VNA server</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Log in to the Philips PACS to view stored patient records. 2. Start a packet capture on Cisco Firepower on the PACS A interface. A new window will appear with attribute text boxes. For the Source Host, provide the IP address of the PACS. For the Destination Host, provide the IP address of the VNA. 3. Select a patient study to send to Hyland VNA to be stored in the radiology department. 4. Export the selected patient study to the radiology department on the Hyland VNA. <p><u>To confirm that Hyland VNA user accounts can access only approved departments</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Log in to the Hyland VNA by using credentials with access to the radiology department’s patient records. 6. Verify that the patient study sent in the steps above is shown. <p><u>To evaluate TLS connection from the Philips PACS to Hyland VNA</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Export the produced packet captures in step 2 to a PCAP file. 8. Import the PCAP file into Wireshark and try to read the captured data. 9. Verify that the PACS applies encryption to data in-transit and is unreadable.
Expected Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The PACS transfers patient studies to a specific department group on an archiving system. ▪ User accounts on the archiving system are restricted to view records to assigned department. ▪ Data transfers from the PACS to the VNA are encrypted through TLS communication.
Actual Results	PACS was able to securely transfer patient studies by using TLS encryption to the radiology group on the archiving system. User

	accounts with access to view radiology patient studies were able to access only studies linked to the radiology department.
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6.1.7 Test Case: PACS-6

Parent Requirement	(CR-3) Enterprise Domain and Identity Management–Access Control (CR-6) Data Security
Testable Requirement	(CR-3.b) User Authentication, (CR-3.c) Device and System Authentication, (CR-6.a) In-Transit Encryption
Description	Show how to securely review archived medical images.
Associated Test Case	PACS-3
Associated Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories	PR.AC-1, PR.AC-4, PR.AC-7, PR.DS-2, PR.PT-1, PR.PT-3, PR.PT-4
Preconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enable https connections on a web server and outside web browser. ▪ Configure DICOM image web viewer to connect to outside web browser. ▪ Define different clinical departments (e.g., radiology, cardiology, and dermatology), and create user accounts to correspond to clinicians who may work in those departments. ▪ Create role-based access-control by assigning user accounts to clinical departments.
Procedure	<p><u>To authenticate as a radiology user and securely view patient studies for radiology department on the VNA</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access Hyland NilRead on a web browser by using https (https://<ip address of NilRead Viewer>). 2. Start a packet capture on Cisco Firepower on the Clinical Viewers interface. A new window will appear with attribute text boxes. For the Source Host, provide the IP address of the web viewer. For the Destination Host, provide the IP address of the client computer accessing the PACS viewer through a web browser. 3. Log in to the viewer as a radiology user. 4. Click the patient study record stored from Test Case 4 and verify that the viewer is using https when displaying patient images. <p><u>To evaluate encrypted data transfers from Hyland VNA to Hyland NilRead Viewer</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Export the produced packet captures in step 2 to a PCAP file.

	<p>6. Import the PCAP file into Wireshark and try to read the data captured.</p> <p>7. Verify that the VNA applies encryption to data in-transit and is unreadable.</p>
Expected Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DICOM image web viewer should be accessible and display patient images using https. ▪ Data sent from an archiving server to the DICOM image web viewer should be encrypted.
Actual Results	Web viewer securely connected to the archiving server and transmitted patient images to a client computer over https.

6.1.8 Test Case: PACS-7

Parent Requirement	(CR-4) Network Control and Security
Testable Requirement	(CR-4.a) Network Segmentation and VLANs, (CR-4.b) Firewall, and Control Policies
Description	Demonstrate network segmentation and routing between VLANs within the PACS architecture by restricting guest network access.
Associated Test Case	N/A
Associated Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories	PR.AC-5, PR.PT-1, PR.PT-3, PR.PT-4
Preconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Domain controller is deployed and configured in the Enterprise Services VLAN. ▪ Windows computer is deployed to the guest network. ▪ Cisco FTD interfaces are configured. ▪ Cisco Firepower access control policy, with a default action of Block All Traffic, is created and applied to the Cisco FTD Appliance. ▪ Cisco Firepower access control policy is configured with the following access control rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP) traffic from Guest network to Domain Controller. • Allow DNS traffic from Guest network to Domain Controller. • Allow http and https traffic from Guest network to wide area network (WAN) interface. ▪ DHCP relay is configured on the Guest network interface through Firepower Management Center.
Procedure	<p><u>To test that DHCP services are available for Guest network</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Power on Windows computer on the Guest network and log in.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Right-click the Windows Start button and select Network Connections.3. Right-click the network interface connected to the Guest network and select Properties.4. Click Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4), click Properties, select Obtain an IP address automatically, then click OK.5. Run the Command Prompt from the Windows Start button.6. At the command line, type <code>ipconfig /all</code>7. Ensure the DHCP Enabled is set to Yes.8. Ensure the IPv4 Address, Subnet Mask, Default Gateway, and DHCP Server are populated according to your DHCP settings. <p><u>To test that DNS services are available for Guest network</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Right-click the Windows Start button and select Network Connections.2. Right-click the network interface connected to the Guest network and select Properties.3. Click Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) and click Properties. Select Obtain the DNS server address automatically and click OK.4. Run the Command Prompt from the Windows Start button.5. At the command line, type <code>ipconfig /all</code>6. Ensure the DNS Server is populated according to your DHCP settings.7. At the command line, type <code>nslookup</code>8. Verify that the Default Address and Address are populated with the correct DNS server.9. At the prompt, type a URL (<code>nist.gov</code>) and ensure that an IP address (<code>129.6.13.49</code>) is returned by the DNS server. <p><u>To test that traffic from Guest network to internal VLANs is blocked</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Open a web browser from the Windows computer connected to the Guest network.2. Type into the address bar an IP address (<code>192.168.140.131</code>) that corresponds to a PACS web server from one of the internal PACS VLANs. The web browser should not be able to retrieve the web page.3. Right-click on the Windows Start button and select Command Prompt. At the command line, attempt to ping the VNA server from one of the internal PACS VLANs by typing <code>ping 192.168.130.120</code>
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	<p>4. Ensure command prompt returns <code>Request timed out</code> and no packets are received.</p> <p><u>To test that only web traffic from Guest network to the WAN is allowed</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open a web browser from the Windows computer connected to the Guest network. 2. Type a URL (https://www.nist.gov/) into the address bar. 3. Wait for website to load properly. 4. Right-click the Windows Start button and select Command Prompt. 5. At the command line, attempt to ping an external web server by typing <code>ping nist.gov</code> 6. Ensure the command prompt returns <code>Request timed out</code> and no packets are received.
<p>Expected Results</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Computers with interfaces connected to the Guest network will automatically be provisioned an IPv4 address. ▪ Computers with interfaces connected to the Guest network will automatically be provisioned a DNS server address. ▪ All traffic, excluding the exceptions for DNS and DHCP, originating from the Guest network and destined for any internal PACS VLAN will be blocked. ▪ http and https traffic originating from the Guest network and destined for the WAN interface will be allowed.
<p>Actual Results</p>	<p>Upon booting up for the first time, the Windows computer on the Guest network was allocated an IPv4 address within the DHCP scope address pool and provisioned a DNS server address and was successfully able to resolve the IP address of a provided URL. The computer was not able to communicate with other devices in the internal PACS VLANs (192.168.140.131 and 192.168.130.120) using different network protocols (https and internet control message protocol) but was able to communicate with external web servers through a web browser using http and https.</p>

6.1.9 Test Case: PACS-8

<p>Parent Requirement</p>	<p>(CR-4) Network Control and Security</p>
<p>Testable Requirement</p>	<p>(CR-4.d) Anomalies and Events Detection (Behavioral Analytics)</p>
<p>Description</p>	<p>Demonstrate the capability to detect abnormal network traffic across the PACS architecture.</p>
<p>Associated Test Case</p>	<p>PACS-7</p>

Associated Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories	DE.AE-1, DE.AE-2, DE.AE-3, DE.AE-5, DE.CM-1, DE.CM-3, and DE.CM-7
Preconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PACS architecture is implemented and network connections have been tested and are operational. ▪ Zingbox Inspector is deployed and configured in the Security Services VLAN. ▪ Virta Labs BlueFlow is deployed and configured in the Security Services VLAN.
Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open a web browser and navigate to the web portal of Virta Labs BlueFlow. 2. Enter credentials and log in. 3. Navigate to Connectors > Discovery. 4. Enter a subnet range (192.168.0.0/16) on which BlueFlow will run an IP scan. 5. Click Run and wait for the discovery process to finish. 6. Open a web browser and navigate to the web portal of Zingbox Cloud. 7. Enter credentials and log in. 8. Navigate to Alerts > Security Alerts. 9. Under Alerts, look for an alert named Suspicious internal IP scans and an alert type of scanner. 10. Expand the alert, hover over a subsection, and click View Details. 11. On the Alert Details page, verify that the client IP that the IP scans originated from corresponds to the BlueFlow device.
Expected Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Zingbox correctly identifies BlueFlow’s IP scan and creates a security alert for suspicious activity.
Actual Results	Zingbox identified BlueFlow’s IP scan as suspicious activity and created a security alert. Zingbox also created a security alert the second time a BlueFlow IP scan was run but stopped creating alerts for subsequent IP scans from the BlueFlow device. While the BlueFlow scan was approved and not malicious, this type of scanning can be performed by malicious devices attempting to discover devices on the network.

6.1.10 Test Case: PACS-9

Parent Requirement	(CR-4) Network Control and Security (CR-5) Endpoint Protection and Security
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Testable Requirement	(CR-4.e) Intrusion Detection and Prevention, (CR-5.a) Device Hardening and Configuration, (CR-5.b) Malware Detection and Prevention
Description	Demonstrate the capability to detect threats affecting PACS servers and related end points. This test also demonstrates an intrusion detection capability.
Associated Test Case	N/A
Associated Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories	DE.CM-1, DE.CM-4, PR.PT-1, PR.PT-3, PR.PT-4
Preconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PACS architecture is implemented and network connections have been tested and are operational. ▪ Symantec Endpoint Protection appliance is deployed and configured in the Security Services VLAN. ▪ Symantec Endpoint Protection agent is installed on an end point. ▪ The endpoint agent is connected to the Symantec Endpoint Protection Manager.
Procedure	<p><u>To verify that the endpoint agent is connected to the SEP management server</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Log in to the SEP management console (https://192.168.190.172:8443/console/apps/sepm), click Clients, and select the target group (e.g., PACS). 2. Click the Client tab in the PACS group to list the client information in a table. 3. The endpoint is listed under the Name column with a Health State of online. <p><u>To verify that the endpoint receives the current policy updates</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Navigate to the Client tab in the SEP management console. 2. The policy serial number should match the serial number of the endpoint found at Help > Troubleshooting in the endpoint agent. <p><u>To verify that the proper protections are enforced on the endpoint</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Navigate to the Client tab in the SEP management console. 2. In the PACS group, change the drop-down list selection to Protection Technology, and review the protection categories status (enabled or disabled). <p><u>To add a System Lockdown policy to prevent unwanted applications from running</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enable the System Lockdown policy from the parent group of PACS. 2. Select the Blacklist Mode, add a test application (e.g., <i>7zFM.exe</i>) to the list, and save the policy.

	<p>3. From the end point, click the Symantec shield icon, and click Update Policy.</p> <p><u>To verify that the virus and spyware protection policy works</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use a browser on the end point to download an anti-virus test file from the EICAR website (https://www.eicar.org/). 2. Click the image labeled DOWNLOAD ANTI MALWARE TESTFILE. 3. Click the eicar.com link under Download area using the secure, SSL enabled protocol https. 4. A Symantec notification will appear, informing you that a risk is found.
Expected Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Files added to this list are not allowed to be run. Linking to the test virus file will lead to a warning, and the threat should be locked.
Actual Results	<p>Prior to the lockdown policy enforcement, the <i>7zFM.exe</i> file and 7zFM file manager console were able to run on the end point. After the lockdown policy enforcement, the <i>7zFM.exe</i> file was not able to run, and a warning message appeared stating, "Windows cannot access the specified device, path, or file. You may not have the appropriate permissions to access the item."</p> <p>When accessing the malware test file, the following message appeared: "Symantec Endpoint Protection [SID:24461] Diagnostic: EICAR Standard Anti-Virus Test File detected, Symantec Service Framework."</p>

6.1.11 Test Case: PACS-10

Parent Requirement	(CR-3) Enterprise Domain and Identity Management–Access Control (CR-7) Remote Access
Testable Requirement	(CR-3.a) Privileged Access Management, (CR-3.b) User Authentication
Description	Demonstrate the capability to provide controlled remote access to PACS using two-factor authentication.
Associated Test Case	PACS-3
Associated Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories	PR.AC-3
Preconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TDi Technology ConsoleWorks is installed and configured to use active directory for username and password authentication. Proper access control rules, tags, and profiles are defined to allow access to necessary resources.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ User accounts for remote access are set up and linked to profiles set for each remote user who needs to access the PACS servers. ▪ Symantec VIP Enterprise Gateway is installed and integrated with ConsoleWorks by using the RADIUS connection. ▪ To supplement standard username/password logins on a variety of servers and services, the VIP Access mobile phone application is installed, and a credential ID has been acquired from Symantec for receiving time-sensitive tokens. ▪ Test user credentials are registered in the VIP manager and associated to the account.
<p>Procedure</p>	<p><u>To verify that username/password are not sufficient to log in</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use a web browser to connect to the TDi console (https://192.168.1.4:5176) and log in with username/password. 2. Verify that the login is unsuccessful. <p><u>To verify the two-factor authentication using username/password with a VIP token</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use a browser to connect to the TDi console: (https://192.168.1.4:5176). 2. Open the VIP Access mobile phone application. It should display a security code with a valid time duration. 3. Log in to the TDi console with username/password followed by the VIP security token found in the mobile phone application. <p><u>To verify that the user can access only the granted resources</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Select the Graphical menu to open a Graphical View. 2. Check the list of graphical connections to ensure that only allowed connections are visible. 3. Check each of the graphical connections by clicking Connect and verifying that the console properly connects.
<p>Expected Results</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Logging in to the TDi console with a valid username/password without a 2FA token should fail with the message “Invalid User Credentials.” ▪ Logging in to the TDi console with a valid username/password with valid 2FA token should be successful. ▪ Authenticated user should have access to the list of approved graphical connections and should be able to connect to these servers.
<p>Actual Results</p>	<p>Using a pre-created Hyland user as an example, the first attempt to log in to the TDi console with only a username and password failed. The second attempt to log in, this time with a 2FA token, was successful.</p>

	From the dashboard, the Graphical View menu was opened, and only approved graphical connections that were visible to the Hyland user (e.g., Hyland VNA, Hyland Database). The user was able to connect to these remote servers and authenticate with a Hyland service account.
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6.1.12 Test Case: PACS-11

Parent Requirement	(CR-1) Business workflows that support image archiving and retrieving from archival (e.g., PACS and VNA) are performed. (CR-3) Enterprise Domain and Identity Management–Access Control
Testable Requirement	(CR-1) Sample Radiology Practice Workflows, (CR-3.c) Device and System Authentication
Description	Demonstrate that the installed PACS and the VNA system can connect to a dedicated remote cloud storage server to archive patient images.
Associated Test Case	PACS-1
Associated Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories	PR.AC-1, PR.AC-7
Preconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PACS-1 test case produces successful results that prove the PACS created patient studies and the VNA stored the studies. ▪ A Microsoft Azure storage account exists. ▪ The VNA contains a Microsoft Azure storage archive device instance. ▪ The VNA radiology storage application connects to the VNA Azure Archive device.
Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Log in to the Hyland VNA Acuo Admin Portal. 2. Navigate to Storage Management > Archive Devices. 3. Add a New Azure Archive Device. 4. Enter Microsoft Azure account information provided after creating a storage blob for the VNA (e.g., Account Name, Account Key) 5. Click Test Connection. 6. Change a few characters in the Account Key. 7. Click Test Connection. <p><u>To identify when images should be archived in the Azure cloud storage for testing purposes</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Log in to Hyland Acuo Admin Portal. 9. Navigate to Storage Applications > RADIOLOGY. 10. Click Azure Archive Device. 11. Set the parameters for when the VNA should store patient studies in Microsoft Azure for archival. For testing purposes, set all parameters to 0. 12. Check Write files to archive. <p><u>To identify how long images should stay in the cache for testing purposes</u></p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Log in to Hyland Acuo Admin Portal. 14. Navigate to Storage Applications > RADIOLOGY. 15. Click Edit Cache Cleaner Configuration. 16. Set the parameters for how long the VNA should retain patient studies in the cache. For testing purposes, keep patient studies in the cache for 3 days. 17. Check Verify Archive Location Before Removing from Image Cache. <u>To store images in Microsoft Azure Cloud Storage</u> 18. Log in to the PACS server. 19. Select a patient study to send to Hyland VNA to store in the radiology department. 20. Export the selected patient study to the radiology department on the Hyland VNA. 21. The VNA will receive the patient study and automatically send the patient study to Microsoft Azure. <u>To retrieve images stored in Microsoft Azure Cloud Storage</u> 22. Log in to NilRead and verify that the patient study stored is accessible. 23. Open the patient study. 24. Verify the study retrieval from cloud storage by evaluating metadata stored in the underlying database. <u>To retrieve images stored in VNA Cache</u> 25. Log in to NilRead and verify that the patient study stored is accessible. 26. Open the patient study. 27. Verify the study retrieval from cache by evaluating metadata stored in the underlying database.
Expected Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hyland Acuo VNA should automatically store patient studies in Microsoft Azure within the time frame identified. ▪ VNA should retain studies in the cache for the time frame identified. ▪ The user should be able to retrieve images stored in Microsoft Azure cloud storage or the VNA’s cache.
Actual Results	<p>Microsoft Azure successfully received and stored a patient study in the dedicated storage blob. Users were able to retrieve the study stored in the cloud instance and in the VNA’s cache.</p>

6.1.13 Test Case: PACS-12

Parent Requirement	(CR-6) Data Security
Testable Requirement	(CR-6.a) In-Transit Encryption
Description	Demonstrate secure transfer of medical images from VNA to Remote Cloud Storage using TLS.

Associated Test Case	N/A
Associated Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories	PR.DS-2, PR.PT-4
Preconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ VNA and Microsoft Azure can communicate with each other. ▪ Microsoft Azure cloud storage instance is associated with the VNA's radiology department. ▪ PACS server contains simulated patient studies. ▪ A network traffic analyzer is set up to evaluate packet transfers between the VNA and Microsoft Azure.
Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Log in to the PACS server. 2. Select a patient study to send to Hyland VNA to store in the radiology department. 3. Export the selected patient study to the radiology department on the Hyland VNA. 4. Start a packet capture on Cisco Firepower on the PACS A interface. A new window will appear with attribute text boxes. For the Source Host, provide the IP address of the VNA. For the Destination Host, provide the IP address of the cloud storage blob. 5. The VNA will receive the patient study and automatically store the patient study to Microsoft Azure. 6. Export the packet captures produced from step 4 to a PCAP file. 7. Import the PCAP file into Wireshark and try to read the data captured. 8. Verify that the VNA applies encryption to data in-transit and is unreadable.
Expected Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ VNA utilizes TLS encryption for data transfers from the VNA to a Microsoft Azure cloud storage blob.
Actual Results	VNA was able to securely transfer patient studies by using TLS encryption to the Microsoft Azure storage blob.

7 Future Build Considerations

The healthcare landscape continues to evolve as industry develops and adopts new technologies and services. In the medical imaging ecosystem, one such new development is the use of cloud-based enterprise imaging solutions. These solutions can help ensure data security in the event of a disaster, increase patient access to their own data, and improve efficiencies within the HDO. However, cloud-based enterprise imaging solutions may introduce new cybersecurity risks. An update to this practice guide could review the implications and potentially improve the cybersecurity of cloud-based enterprise imaging solutions.

Appendix A List of Acronyms

2FA	Two-Factor Authentication
AES	Advanced Encryption Standard
AD	Active Directory
ARP	Address Resolution Protocol
AV	Anti-Virus
CIA	Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability
CT	Computed Tomography
DHCP	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
DICOM	Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine
DNS	Domain Name System
DoS	Denial of Service
EHR	Electronic Health Record
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FIM	File Integrity Monitoring
FTD	Firepower Threat Defense
GRC	Governance, Risk, and Compliance
HDO	Healthcare Delivery Organization
HIP	Host Identity Protocol
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIPS	Host Intrusion Prevention System
HIS	Health Information System
HL7	Health Level 7
HTM	Healthcare Technology Management
http	Hypertext Transfer Protocol

https	Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure
IDN	Identity Defined Networking
IDS	Intrusion Detection System
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force
IHE	Integrating the Health Enterprise
IoT	Internet of Things
IPSec	Internet Protocol Security
IT	Information Technology
MAC	Media Access Control
MFA	Multifactor Authentication
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
NCCoE	National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence
NGFW	Next Generation Firewall
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
PaaS	Platform as a Service
PACS	Picture Archiving and Communication System(s)
PAM	Privileged Access Management
PCAP	Packet Capture
PET	Positron Emission Tomography
PHI	Protected Health Information
PKI	Public Key Infrastructure
RADIUS	Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service
RBAC	Role Based Access Control
RIS	Radiology Information System
RMF	Risk Management Framework

RSA	Rivest-Shamir-Adleman
SDN	Software Defined Networking
SP	Special Publication
SSE	Systems Security Engineering
SSL/TLS	Secure Socket Layer/Transport Layer Security
TCP/IP	Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
VIP	Validation and ID Protection
VLAN	Virtual Local Area Network
VNA	Vendor Neutral Archive
VPN	Virtual Private Network

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Appendix C Pervasive Versus Contextual Controls

This practice guide limits its scope to a defined boundary regarding scheduling, acquiring, using, and storing medical imaging and associated information for those images. Conceptually, this is bound in a medical imaging ecosystem and applies contextual controls to that ecosystem. Healthcare delivery organization (HDO) environments, however, feature greater complexity than this practice guide may address. That is, the medical imaging ecosystem resides within an enterprise infrastructure that should implement a pervasive set of controls. The project assumes that an HDO implements pervasive controls that may have material impact on mitigating the HDO's overall cybersecurity risk profile, but the project did not implement in the lab build. Pervasive controls may be inherited by systems that operate within the HDO infrastructure, but coverage may not be absolute. Therefore, practitioners may implement contextual controls to address gaps or to augment pervasive control capabilities. Pervasive controls tend to be organizational in scope, although they may also apply to specific systems and network components within the organization. Pervasive controls may be technical or procedural in nature. The pervasive control concept is borrowed from auditing frameworks that discuss the use of entity controls that have varying degrees of effects that are pervasive or have a widespread effect across an entity or organization [37].

An analogy can help explain the pervasive control concept. An individual may live in a house or apartment, which exists in a neighborhood. That neighborhood may then be part of a town or a city. The town or city may include a number of services, such as police, fire, and rescue. The town or city (or through a third-party service) may also provide utilities, such as water and electricity, to its residents. Pervasive controls are those that, while available to the house or apartment, the occupant has not implemented or have direct control over. The house or apartment may have locks, alarms, or fire-suppressant devices that the occupant installed or has direct control over. Those controls are contextual to the house or apartment. In this analogy, the medical imaging ecosystem is the house that resides in an HDO town or city.

Pervasive control examples within HDOs include governance, risk, and compliance (GRC) systems that address a diverse range of functions needed to operate a cybersecurity strategy, including performance and management of enterprise risk, tracking information technology (IT) assets, incident response processes, IT disaster recovery and business continuity, and data loss prevention (DLP), which would prevent data exfiltration by using tools that are outside the picture archiving and communication system (PACS) and medical imaging ecosystem. This project implemented contextual controls pertinent to the medical imaging ecosystem and assumes implementation of pervasive controls across the enterprise. For purposes of this project, pervasive controls that we feel are material but are not implemented in the

medical imaging ecosystem context pertinent to the immediate control environment of the laboratory's PACS environment are noted in Table C-1 below.

Table C-1 Pervasive Security Controls

Cybersecurity Framework Subcategory	Description	Potential Implementation
ID.AM-1, ID.AM-2	<p>ID.AM-1: Physical devices and systems within the organization are inventoried.</p> <p>ID.AM-2: Software platforms and applications within the organization are inventoried.</p>	<p>GRC suite that includes an asset management module. A potential tool that may address may be Clearwater Compliance IRM Analysis tool.</p> <p>The application of such tools would address IT general assets such as servers, workstations, and other components that may interact with the PACS environment but do not fall within the control environment established for this project.</p> <p>IT general assets may be managed by a centralized IT organization that is not directly involved in supporting or maintaining the PACS environment or medical imaging devices.</p>
ID.RA-4, ID.RA-6	<p>ID.RA-4: Potential business impacts and likelihoods are identified.</p> <p>ID-RA6: Risk responses are identified and periodized.</p>	<p>These two controls address enterprise risk management. ID.RA-4 may be addressed through implementing business impact assessments or enterprise risk assessments.</p> <p>ID.RA-6 considers the case where enterprise risk has been identified or where the HDO has determined that existing controls need to be enhanced or added. Those determinations are often documented in a Plan of Action and Milestones that describes tasks needing to be addressed, resources required, and milestone dates for realizing tasks.</p> <p>Typical control implementation to address ID.RA-4 and ID.RA-6 would include a GRC suite with an enterprise risk management module.</p> <p>The Clearwater Compliance IRM Analysis tool may be relevant as well.</p>
PR.AC-2	PR.AC-2: Physical access to assets is managed and protected.	Server assets may be hosted in a data center with appropriate physical security and environmental controls.

Cybersecurity Framework Subcategory	Description	Potential Implementation
PR.DS-5	PR.DS-5: Protections against data leaks are implemented.	This control addresses the possibility of data exfiltration and may consider options wherein clinical or other sensitive data are migrated outside the HDO perimeter by using email or web services. Typical controls to be deployed at the internet border may include DLP tools. An example tool may be the Symantec DLP solution.
PR.IP-6	PR.IP-6: Data is destroyed according to policy.	This control addresses the need to destroy data as appropriate should that data reach its end of life. PACS and VNA control mechanisms would address objects within their purview, but HDOs should look at pervasive mechanisms to address when data may reside on workstations, endpoint devices, or removable media. In addressing appropriate data destruction measures, HDOs should consult National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Publication 800-88 Rev. 1, <i>Guidelines for Media Sanitation</i> .
PR.IP-9 PR.IP-10	PR.IP-9: Response plans (Incident Response and Business Continuity) and recovery plans (Incident Recovery and Disaster Recovery) are in place and managed. PR.IP-10: Response and recovery plans are tested.	<p>These controls pertain to enterprise response and recovery planning, including disaster recovery, and assurance that the plans are regularly tested.</p> <p>Incident response planning may be addressed in several different ways that include establishing an incident response team, capturing data regarding reported or detected security events, and remediating. Inclusive of establishing incident response procedures, organizations may consider developing “play books” that could consist of established procedures based on determining certain threat types that may require courses of action different from standard incident handling.</p> <p>Recovery plans, which may consist of business continuity plans, and disaster recovery plans should be established. Organizations may consider maintaining these plans, including establishing play</p>

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		<p>books, as maintained out of band, e.g., in physical format or in mechanisms that provide assurance that the plans themselves are inaccessible in case of a security event.</p> <p>Management of such plans may be maintained in GRC suites that include modules designed to house such plans and establish regular testing schedules.</p>
RS.RP-1	Response plan is executed during or after an event.	Response plans may be managed through a GRC solution. Physical copies of response plans should be maintained to allow for potential system outages.
RC.RP-1	Recovery plan is executed during or after a cybersecurity incident.	Recovery plans may be managed through a GRC solution. Physical copies of recovery plans should be maintained to allow for potential system outages.

Appendix D Aligning Controls Based on Threats

C/I/A	Threat Event	National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework Mitigating Control
C	Abuse of credentials or insider threat	<p><u>PROTECT (PR)</u> Access Control User Identification and Authentication</p> <p><u>DETECT (DE)</u> Anomalies and Events Detection Security Continuous Monitoring</p>
C	Credential compromise	<p><u>PROTECT (PR)</u> Access Control User Identification and Authentication</p> <p><u>DETECT (DE)</u> Anomalies and Events Detection Security Continuous Monitoring</p>
C	Data exfiltration	<p><u>PROTECT (PR)</u> Data Security and Privacy Information Protection Processes and Procedures Protective Technology</p> <p><u>DETECT (DE)</u> Anomalies and Events Detection Security Continuous Monitoring</p>
I	Data-in-transit disruption	<p><u>PROTECT (PR)</u> Data Security and Privacy Communications and Network Security</p> <p><u>DETECT (DE)</u> Anomalies and Events Detection Security Continuous Monitoring</p>
I	Data alteration	<p><u>PROTECT (PR)</u> Access Control Data Security and Privacy</p>

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		<u>DETECT (DE)</u> Anomalies and Events Detection Security Continuous Monitoring
I	Time synchronization	<u>PROTECT (PR)</u> Data Security and Privacy Maintenance Communications and Network Security <u>DETECT (DE)</u> Anomalies and Events Detection Security Continuous Monitoring
I	Introduction of malicious software	<u>PROTECT (PR)</u> Protective Technology <u>DETECT (DE)</u> Anomalies and Events Detection Security Continuous Monitoring
I	Unintended use of service	<u>IDENTIFY (ID)</u> ID.AM-2: Software platforms and applications within the organization are inventoried. <u>PROTECT (PR)</u> PR.PT-3: The principle of least functionality is incorporated by configuring systems to provide only essential capabilities. <u>DETECT (DE)</u> Security Continuous Monitoring
A	Data storage disruption	<u>IDENTIFY (ID)</u> ID.BE-5: Resilience requirements to support delivery of critical services are established for all operating states (e.g., under duress/attack, during recovery, during normal operations). <u>PROTECT (PR)</u>

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		Data Security and Privacy Information Protection Processes and Procedures Communications and Network Security PR.PT-5: Mechanisms (e.g., failsafe, load balancing, hot swap) are implemented to achieve resilience requirements in normal and adverse situations.
A	Network disruption	<u>PROTECT (PR)</u> Data Security and Privacy Communications and Network Security <u>DETECT (DE)</u> Anomalies and Events Detection Security Continuous Monitoring
A	Backup/recovery disruption	<u>PROTECT (PR)</u> Information Protection Processes and Procedures <u>RECOVER (RC)</u> Recovery and Restoration
A	Supply chain compromise	<u>IDENTIFY (ID)</u> ID.SC-5: Response and recovery planning and testing are conducted with suppliers and third-party providers.