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# Executive Summary

## 1 **WHY WE WROTE THIS GUIDE**

2 Increasingly, healthcare delivery organizations (HDOs) are relying on telehealth and remote patient  
3 monitoring (RPM) capabilities to treat patients at home. RPM is convenient and cost-effective, and since  
4 the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, its adoption rate has rapidly increased. Without adequate  
5 privacy and cybersecurity measures, however, unauthorized individuals may expose sensitive data or  
6 disrupt patient monitoring services. In collaboration with industry partners, the National Cybersecurity  
7 Center of Excellence (NCCoE) built a laboratory environment to demonstrate how HDOs can implement  
8 cybersecurity and privacy controls to enhance telehealth RPM resiliency.

## 9 **CHALLENGE**

10 RPM solutions engage multiple actors as participants in a patient’s clinical care—HDOs, telehealth  
11 platform providers, and the patients themselves. Each participant uses, manages, and maintains  
12 different technology components within an interconnected ecosystem. Each actor must be responsible  
13 for safeguarding against unique threats and risks associated with RPM technologies within their  
14 purview.

15 This practice guide assumes that the HDO engages with a telehealth platform provider that is a separate  
16 entity from the HDO and patient. The telehealth platform provider manages a distinct infrastructure,  
17 applications, and set of services. The telehealth platform provider coordinates with the HDO to  
18 provision, configure, and deploy the RPM components to the patient home and assures secure  
19 communication between the patient and clinician.

20 Patients and patient families are involved in this ecosystem. The patient will receive equipment that may  
21 include biometric devices, a communications device (tablet or mobile phone), or workstations from the  
22 telehealth platform provider. While the telehealth platform provider manages the equipment, the  
23 patient may need to provide internet connectivity and be responsible for physical management of the  
24 provided equipment.

## 25 **SOLUTION**

26 The NCCoE collaborated with healthcare, technology, and telehealth partners to build a distributed RPM  
27 solution. The RPM solution implemented controls that safeguard the HDO environment and  
28 documented approaches that the telehealth platform provider addresses. Telehealth platform providers  
29 assure that RPM components are isolated within the patient home environment. The telehealth  
30 platform provider assures end-to-end data security between the patient and the HDO.

31 Technology solutions alone may not be sufficient to maintain privacy and security controls on external  
32 environments. This practice guide notes the involvement of people, process, and technology as  
33 necessary to implement a holistic risk mitigation strategy.

34 This practice guide can help your organization:

- 35
  - assure confidentiality, integrity, and availability of an RPM solution

- 36     ▪ enhance patient privacy
- 37     ▪ limit HDO risk when implementing an RPM solution

38 While the NCCoE used a suite of commercial products to address this challenge, this guide does not  
39 endorse these particular products, nor does it guarantee compliance with any regulatory initiatives. Your  
40 organization’s information security experts should identify the products that will best integrate with  
41 your existing tools and IT system infrastructure. Your organization can adopt this solution or one that  
42 adheres to these guidelines in whole, or you can use this guide as a starting point for tailoring and  
43 implementing parts of a solution.

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47       it could be important to your organization, and our approach to solving this challenge
- 48     • NIST SP 1800-30B: *Approach, Architecture, and Security Characteristics*—what we built and why,  
49       including the risk analysis performed and the security/privacy control map
- 50     • NIST SP 1800-30C: *How-To Guides*—instructions for building the example implementation,  
51       including all the details that would allow one to replicate all or parts of this project

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47 and best practices, and provide users with the materials lists, configuration files, and other information  
48 they need to implement a similar approach.

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50 businesses and other organizations may voluntarily adopt. These documents do not describe regulations  
51 or mandatory practices, nor do they carry statutory authority.

## 52 **ABSTRACT**

53 Increasingly, healthcare delivery organizations (HDOs) are relying on telehealth and remote patient  
54 monitoring (RPM) capabilities to treat patients at home. RPM is convenient and cost-effective, and its  
55 adoption rate has increased. However, without adequate privacy and cybersecurity measures,  
56 unauthorized individuals may expose sensitive data or disrupt patient monitoring services.

57 RPM solutions engage multiple actors as participants in a patient's clinical care. These actors include  
58 HDOs, telehealth platform providers, and the patients themselves. Each participant uses, manages, and  
59 maintains different technology components within an interconnected ecosystem, and each is

60 responsible for safeguarding their piece against unique threats and risks associated with RPM  
61 technologies.

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63 entity from the HDO and patient. The telehealth platform provider manages a distinct infrastructure,  
64 applications, and set of services. The telehealth platform provider coordinates with the HDO to  
65 provision, configure, and deploy the RPM components to the patient home and assures secure  
66 communication between the patient and clinician.

67 The NCCoE analyzed risk factors regarding an RPM ecosystem by using risk assessment based on the  
68 NIST Risk Management Framework. The NCCoE also leveraged the NIST Cybersecurity Framework, *NIST*  
69 *Privacy Framework*, and other relevant standards to identify measures to safeguard the ecosystem. In  
70 collaboration with healthcare, technology, and telehealth partners, the NCCoE built an RPM ecosystem  
71 in a laboratory environment to explore methods to improve the cybersecurity of an RPM.

72 Technology solutions alone may not be sufficient to maintain privacy and security controls on external  
73 environments. This practice guide notes the application of people, process, and technology as necessary  
74 to implement a holistic risk mitigation strategy.

75 This practice guide’s capabilities include helping organizations assure the confidentiality, integrity, and  
76 availability of an RPM solution, enhancing patient privacy, and limiting HDO risk when implementing an  
77 RPM solution.

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## 206 1 Summary

207 This practice guide demonstrates how healthcare delivery organizations (HDOs) can implement  
208 cybersecurity and privacy controls to enhance the resiliency of telehealth services. In collaboration with  
209 industry partners, the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) at the National Institute of  
210 Standards and Technology (NIST) built a laboratory environment to simulate the telehealth ecosystem  
211 and enable remote patient monitoring (RPM) services for patients.

212 RPM is convenient, cost-effective, and growing, but it comes with security and privacy risks. Patient  
213 monitoring systems are often found in healthcare facilities, in controlled environments. RPM is different  
214 in that monitoring equipment is deployed in the patient's home, which may not offer the same level of  
215 cybersecurity or physical-security control to prevent misuse or compromise. Without privacy or  
216 cybersecurity controls in place within the RPM ecosystem, patient data and the ability to communicate  
217 with the care providers may be compromised.

218 This practice guide explores a situation in which a care provider prescribes deploying an RPM device to  
219 the patient home. The RPM device captures biometric data on regular intervals, conveys the data to the  
220 clinical care team and allows patient-clinician communication without the patient making an in-person  
221 visit to the HDO. RPM enables care based on the patient's needs, regardless of geographic constraints.

222 Capturing biometric data at regular intervals allow clinicians to have broader insight into a patient's  
223 condition. With larger data sets, clinicians can monitor the patient's condition and make diagnosis and  
224 treatment decisions with more robust information. RPM solutions allow audio and video communication  
225 in addition to utilizing biometric data and supports the patient-clinician relationship.

226 Implementing an RPM ecosystem involves multiple parties and environments. In developing the  
227 reference architecture for this practice guide, the NCCoE considered components that would be  
228 deployed in three distinct domains that encompass the RPM ecosystem: the patient home environment,  
229 the telehealth platform provider, and the HDO. The practice guide engaged with a telehealth platform  
230 provider that leveraged cloud services and facilitated audio- and videoconferencing between the patient  
231 home and the HDO. The telehealth platform provider provisioned and managed biometric devices that  
232 were deployed in the patient home, and routed data and communication between the patient home  
233 and the HDO.

234 The NCCoE built a laboratory environment to simulate the telehealth ecosystem, performed a risk  
235 assessment, and developed an example implementation that demonstrates how HDOs can use  
236 standards-based, commercially available cybersecurity technologies and collaborate with telehealth  
237 platform providers to assure privacy and security biometric devices that are deployed to the patient  
238 home.

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

240 Section 1, Summary, presents the challenge addressed by the NCCoE project, with an in-depth look at  
241 our approach, the architecture, and the security characteristics we used; the solution demonstrated to

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

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

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

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

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

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

262 The appendixes provide acronym translations, references, a deeper dive into the threats and risks  
263 associated with RPM, the review of the NIST Privacy Risk Assessment Methodology (PRAM), and a list of  
264 additional informative security references cited in the framework. Acronyms used in figures and tables  
265 are in the List of Acronyms appendix.

## 266 **1.1 Challenge**

267 A remote patient monitoring system involves deploying biometric monitoring devices in the patient  
268 home, transmitting the biometric data collected back to the clinical team, often via a third-party  
269 telehealth platform provider. The reliance of external entities and the interaction of devices and data  
270 through multiple domains for the effective function of telehealth may expose the HDO and patient to  
271 security and privacy risks.

272 This practice guide addresses a scenario in which the HDO engages with a telehealth platform provider,  
273 which manages a distinct infrastructure, applications, and set of services. The telehealth platform  
274 provider coordinates with the HDO to provision, configure, and deploy the RPM components to the  
275 patient home and assures secure communication between the patient and clinician.

276 RPM devices are deployed in a networked patient home environment. The patient may have broadband  
277 internet connectivity, including Wi-Fi. RPM devices deployed in the patient home may include the  
278 biometric monitoring devices, a gateway interface device (tablet or mobile phone), or workstations from  
279 the telehealth platform provider. While the telehealth platform provider manages RPM devices, they do  
280 not manage other communications infrastructure.

281 Without privacy or cybersecurity controls in place, patient data and the ability to communicate with the  
282 care providers may be compromised.

## 283 1.2 Solution

284 This NIST Cybersecurity Practice Guide, *Securing Telehealth Remote Patient Monitoring Ecosystem*,  
285 shows how biomedical engineers, networking engineers, security engineers, and IT professionals can  
286 help securely configure and deploy an RPM ecosystem by using commercially available tools and  
287 technologies that are consistent with cybersecurity standards.

288 The NCCoE worked with healthcare, technology, and telehealth collaborators to build a distributed RPM  
289 solution. This practice guide implemented controls, based on the NIST Cybersecurity and Privacy  
290 Frameworks, to safeguard the HDO, telehealth platform provider, and patient home environments. This  
291 practice guide also documents approaches that the telehealth platform provider should address,  
292 including assuring end-to-end data security between the patient and the HDO and that RPM biometric  
293 components are isolated within the patient home environment.

294 Any organization that deploys RPM can use the example implementation, which represents one of many  
295 possible solutions and architectures, but those organizations should perform their own risk assessment  
296 and implement controls based on their risk posture.

297 Technology solutions alone may not be sufficient to maintain privacy and security controls on external  
298 environments. This practice guide notes the application of people, process, and technology as necessary  
299 to implement a holistic risk mitigation strategy.

## 300 1.3 Benefits

301 The NCCoE's practice guide to *Securing Telehealth Remote Patient Monitoring Ecosystem* can help your  
302 organization:

- 303     ▪ assure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of an RPM solution
- 304     ▪ enhance patient privacy
- 305     ▪ limit HDO risk when implementing an RPM solution

## 306 2 How to Use This Guide

307 This NIST Cybersecurity Practice Guide demonstrates a standards-based reference design and provides  
308 users with the information they need to replicate an RPM environment. This reference design is modular  
309 and can be deployed in whole or in part.

310 This guide contains three volumes:

- 311     ▪ NIST SP 1800-30A: *Executive Summary*
- 312     ▪ NIST SP 1800-30B: *Approach, Architecture, and Security Characteristics – what we built and why*  
313         **(you are here)**
- 314     ▪ NIST SP 1800-30C: *How-To Guides* – instructions for building the example solution

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

316 **Business decision makers, including chief security and technology officers**, will be interested in the  
317 *Executive Summary*, NIST SP 1800-30A, which describes the following topics:

- 318     ▪ challenges that enterprises face in securing the RPM ecosystem
- 319     ▪ example solution built at the NCCoE
- 320     ▪ benefits of adopting the example solution

321 **Technology or security program managers** who are concerned with how to identify, understand, assess,  
322 and mitigate risk will be interested in this part of the guide, NIST SP 1800-30B, which describes what we  
323 did and why. The following sections will be of particular interest:

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

327 You might share the *Executive Summary*, NIST SP 1800-30A, with your leadership team members to help  
328 them understand the importance of adopting standards-based commercially available technologies that  
329 can help secure the RPM ecosystem.

330 **IT professionals** who want to implement an approach like this will find the whole practice guide useful.  
331 You can use the how-to portion of the guide, NIST SP 1800-30C, to replicate all or parts of the build  
332 created in our lab. The how-to portion of the guide provides specific product installation, configuration,  
333 and integration instructions for implementing the example solution. We do not re-create the product  
334 manufacturers' documentation, which is generally widely available. Rather, we show how we  
335 incorporated the products together in our environment to create an example solution.

336 This guide assumes that IT professionals have experience implementing security products within the  
337 enterprise. While we have used a suite of commercial products to address this challenge, this guide does

338 not endorse these particular products. Your organization can adopt this solution or one that adheres to  
 339 these guidelines in whole, or you can use this guide as a starting point for tailoring and implementing  
 340 parts of the NCCoE’s risk assessment and deployment of a defense-in-depth strategy in a distributed  
 341 RPM solution. Your organization’s security experts should identify the products that will best integrate  
 342 with your existing tools and IT system infrastructure. We hope that you will seek products that are  
 343 congruent with applicable standards and best practices. [Section 3.6](#), Technologies, lists the products we  
 344 used and maps them to the cybersecurity controls provided by this reference solution.

345 A NIST Cybersecurity Practice Guide does not describe “the” solution, but a possible solution. This is a  
 346 draft guide. We seek feedback on its contents and welcome your input. Comments, suggestions, and  
 347 success stories will improve subsequent versions of this guide. Please contribute your thoughts to  
 348 [hit\\_nccoe@nist.gov](mailto:hit_nccoe@nist.gov).

349 Acronyms used in figures are in the List of Acronyms appendix.

## 350 2.1 Typographic Conventions

351 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> .
<b>Bold</b>	names of menus, options, command buttons, and fields	Choose <b>File &gt; Edit</b> .
Monospace	command-line input, onscreen computer output, sample code examples, and status codes	<code>mkdir</code>
<b>Monospace Bold</b>	command-line user input contrasted with computer output	<code>service sshd start</code>
<a href="#">blue text</a>	link to other parts of the document, a web URL, or an email address	All publications from NIST’s NCCoE are available at <a href="https://www.nccoe.nist.gov">https://www.nccoe.nist.gov</a> .

## 352 3 Approach

353 RPM is a telehealth use case wherein healthcare providers can use internet-based technologies to track  
 354 biometric data from the patient’s home. Patients may have chronic or recurring health conditions that

355 require regular clinical monitoring; however, in-person visitation is impractical or undesirable.  
356 Technology enables capturing biometric data, having that data relayed to systems that clinicians may  
357 use to evaluate a patient; and allows bidirectional communication between the patient and clinician.  
358 RPM may be an appropriate means for performing healthcare in pandemic scenarios or to address  
359 patients who may live in parts of the country where healthcare settings or practitioners are scarce.

360 The NCCoE collaborated with a healthcare Community of Interest (COI) that included technology and  
361 cybersecurity vendors, healthcare cybersecurity subject matter experts, and healthcare systems to  
362 identify RPM use cases, data workflows, actor participants, and general deployment architecture.  
363 Further, with the assistance of the COI and external cybersecurity subject matter experts, a risk  
364 assessment was performed and reviewed, assuring the measures and outcomes that were determined  
365 from the risk assessment activity.

366 Additionally, this project reviewed NIST SP 800-171 Rev. 1, *Protecting Controlled Unclassified*  
367 *Information in Nonfederal Systems and Organizations* [1], as well as NIST SP 800-181, *National Initiative*  
368 *for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) Cybersecurity Workforce Framework* [2], for further guidance.  
369 Organizations may refer to these documents in expanding their safeguarding environment as  
370 appropriate. These documents serve as background for this project, with primary emphasis on the NIST  
371 Cybersecurity Framework [3], the NIST Risk Management Framework [4] and the *NIST Privacy*  
372 *Framework* [5].

### 373 3.1 Audience

374 This guide is intended for professionals implementing an RPM ecosystem for HDOs that use third-party  
375 telehealth platform providers. This guide examines scenarios where HDOs partner with a third-party  
376 telehealth platform provider where that telehealth platform provider manages devices that are used by  
377 the patient in their home setting. The telehealth platform provider implements technology that collects  
378 and makes biometric data available to clinicians, thus allowing the HDO to focus on patient care  
379 delivery. Approaches and controls focus on securing end-to-end communications, safeguarding assets  
380 and data that reside at HDO facilities; and discuss measures that HDOs and telehealth platform  
381 providers should implement in the patient home.

### 382 3.2 Scope

383 This RPM practice guide focuses on scenarios where patients with chronic or recurring conditions have  
384 biometric devices in their home and enables clinicians to regularly receive biometric data. Patients and  
385 clinicians can use audio- and videoconferencing. The solution includes a third-party telehealth platform  
386 provider that provisions and manages biometric devices and provides communications means.

### 387 3.3 Assumptions

388 This practice guide makes the following assumptions:

- 389       ▪ RPM architecture includes deploying components to three distinct domains: the patient home,
- 390       ▪ the telehealth platform provider, and the HDO.
- 391       ▪ HDOs are regulated entities and must comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- 392       In complying with laws and regulations, HDOs have implemented adequate privacy and security
- 393       programs that include activities to address risk to both the organization and individuals when
- 394       deploying an RPM architecture. Controls that have been implemented in accordance with laws
- 395       and regulations provide an enterprise scope that this document refers to as pervasive controls.
- 396       ▪ The telehealth platform provider maintains an adequate privacy and security control
- 397       environment.
- 398       ▪ The telehealth platform provider manages the configuration of patient home-deployed
- 399       equipment
- 400       ▪ The patient home may have different communications options such as cellular data connectivity
- 401       or broadband internet.
- 402       ▪ RPM solutions emphasize collaboration. An RPM program’s efficacy depends on the patient, the
- 403       telehealth platform provider, and the HDO to participate in the program and apply adequate
- 404       privacy and security practices. The HDO does not define the control environments for the
- 405       telehealth platform provider or the patient home. Each participant needs sufficient awareness
- 406       and exercises appropriate control over components that operate in their domain.
- 407       ▪ Patient engagement activities provide the patient a clear understanding of privacy practices and
- 408       expectations that address the specifics of the RPM architecture.

409 For this practice guide, telehealth platform providers deployed biometric devices that had cellular data  
410 capabilities and were not configured for broadband (e.g., Wi-Fi or wired networking).

### 411 **3.4 Risk Assessment**

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

420 The NCCoE recommends that any discussion of risk management, particularly at the enterprise level,  
421 begins with a comprehensive review of [NIST SP 800-37 Revision 2, \*Risk Management Framework for\*](#)  
422 [Information Systems and Organizations](#)—material that is available to the public.

423 The [Risk Management Framework \(RMF\)](#) guidance, as a whole, proved to be invaluable in giving us a  
 424 baseline to assess risks, from which we developed the project, the security characteristics of the build,  
 425 and this guide.

426 In this practice guide, the NCCoE implements multiple approaches in assessing risk. An RPM  
 427 environment is composed of multiple domains, with different constituents managing each domain.  
 428 When analyzing risk, this practice guide contextualizes that risk and selects mitigating controls by  
 429 disrupting threats. A description of how this practice guide addresses these concepts is in [Appendix C](#),  
 430 Threats and Risks.

### 431 3.4.1 Threats

432 NIST SP 800-30 Revision 1 defines a threat as, "... any circumstance or event with the potential to  
 433 adversely impact organizational operations and assets, individuals, other organizations, or the Nation  
 434 through an information system via unauthorized access, destruction, disclosure, or modification of  
 435 information, and/or denial of service." Threats are actions that may compromise a system's  
 436 confidentiality, integrity, or availability [6]. The following table describes threats that have been  
 437 evaluated for this project. Threats evolve, and organizations need to perform their own analysis when  
 438 evaluating threats and risk that the organization faces.

439 Table 3-1 below is a sample threat taxonomy as it applies across the entire RPM ecosystem. The threat  
 440 taxonomy uses a confidentiality (C), integrity (I), and availability (A) categorization, the threat event  
 441 considered, and a description of the threat event. While the threat taxonomy provides a landscape view  
 442 of threats, organizations may want to perform threat modeling to determine contextual application of  
 443 threats. Threats and Risks in [Appendix C](#) describes concepts on how to examine contextualized threats.

444 **Table 3-1 Threat Taxonomy**

C, I, A	Threat Event	Description
C	phishing	Phishing attacks are a form of social engineering, where the attacker presents themselves as a trusted party to gain the confidence of the victim.
I, A	malicious software	Malicious software (malware) is unauthorized code that may be introduced to a system. It performs unintended actions that may disrupt normal system function. Malware may masquerade as desirable apps or applications.
I, A	command and control	Command and control attacks may begin with deployment of malware. Malware may allow a system to be operated remotely by unauthorized entities. Should a system fall victim to a command and control

C, I, A	Threat Event	Description
		attack, that system may then be used as a pivot point to attack other components, either within the organization's infrastructure or as a point where attacks may be launched against other organizations.
A	ransomware	Ransomware is a form of malware that disrupts access to system resources. A typical form of ransomware involves the malware employing encryption that disables a legitimate system user from accessing files. Ransomware attacks generally involve a demand for payment to restore files. Payment does not ensure that the attacker will decrypt files, however.
C	credential escalation	Credential escalation attacks seek to take user account capabilities and extend those to a privileged level of capability.
I, A	operating system or application disruption	The operating system or application may be adversely affected by malicious actors that successfully implement malware on the target device. Data may be altered, or the device or application may not function properly.
C	data exfiltration	Malicious actors may be able to retrieve sensitive information from vulnerable devices. Malware may be used for this purpose.
A	denial of Service Attack	Flooding network connections with high-volume traffic to disrupt communication in patient home, between home and telehealth platform, or between telehealth platform provider and HDO. Such type of attack could also be used to damage a device, e.g., though accelerated battery depletion.
I	transmitted data manipulation	Unauthorized individuals may intercept and alter data transmissions.

### 445 3.4.2 Vulnerabilities

446 This practice guide uses a customized application for identifying vulnerabilities, which aggregates  
447 vulnerabilities identified in NIST SP 800-30 Revision 1. As noted in this special publication, a vulnerability  
448 is a deficiency or weakness that a threat source may exploit, resulting in a threat event. The document  
449 further describes how vulnerabilities may exist in a broader context, i.e., that they may be found in  
450 organizational governance structures, external relationships, and mission/business processes. The table  
451 in [Section C-6](#) of [Appendix C](#), Threats and Risks, enumerates those vulnerabilities using a holistic

452 approach and represents those vulnerabilities that this project identified and for which it offers  
 453 guidance.

### 454 3.4.3 Problematic Data Actions for Privacy

455 This build considered operational activities of the example solution that interact with patient data  
 456 during RPM processes (“data actions”) and identified those that potentially cause problematic data  
 457 actions.

458 The *NIST Privacy Framework* defines a problematic data action as “a data action that could cause an  
 459 adverse effect for individuals” [5]. Problematic data actions can result in privacy risk to individuals and  
 460 prevent an organization from developing a solution that meets the privacy engineering objectives of  
 461 predictability, manageability, and disassociability. Table 3-2 below describes problematic data actions  
 462 that have been evaluated for this project. Organizations need to perform their own analysis when  
 463 evaluating problematic data actions and risk that the organization and patients face.

464 Table 3-2 below demonstrates the problematic data action taxonomy identified for the entire RPM  
 465 ecosystem. This Problematic Data Action Taxonomy uses a predictability (P), manageability (M), and  
 466 disassociability (D) designation; the problematic data action considered; and the description of the  
 467 problematic data action. While the Problematic Data Action Taxonomy provides a landscape view of  
 468 problematic data action, an organization may want to perform a risk assessment to determine  
 469 contextual application of the problematic data action. The Problematic Data Actions and Risks discussion  
 470 in [Appendix D](#) introduces the PRAM [7] and provides a more detailed analysis.

471 **Table 3-2 Problematic Data Action Taxonomy**

P, M, D	Problematic Data Action	Description
P, M	distortion	Inaccurate or misleadingly incomplete data are used or disseminated. Distortion can present users in an inaccurate, unflattering, or disparaging manner, opening the door for stigmatization, discrimination, or loss of liberty.  RPM context: Incorrect or unintended use of biometric devices may introduce data quality issues into the RPM environment, resulting in inaccurate or incomplete data being used to make decisions regarding patient care.
M	insecurity	Lapses in data security can result in various problems, including loss of trust, exposure to economic loss and other identity theft-related harms, and dignity losses.

P, M, D	Problematic Data Action	Description
		RPM context: Biometric data and patient health information flows through various entities in the RPM solution, each of which plays a role in protecting the information.
D, M	reidentification	<p>De-identified data, or data otherwise disassociated from specific individuals, becomes identifiable or associated with specific individuals again. It can lead to problems such as discrimination, loss of trust, or dignity losses.</p> <p>RPM context: Disassociated processing is intentionally used during some dataflows within the RPM solution to mitigate the risk of exposing identifiable patient information to vendors, administrators, and other practitioners that are outside of the patient’s care team.</p>
P, M	unanticipated revelation	<p>Data reveals or exposes an individual or facets of an individual in unexpected ways. Unanticipated revelation can arise from aggregation and analysis of large and/or diverse data sets. Unanticipated revelation can give rise to dignity losses, discrimination, and loss of trust and autonomy.</p> <p>RPM context: Using one or more biometric devices can indicate potential health problems for which a patient is being monitored to others beyond the patient’s healthcare provider.</p>

472 This build considered operational activities of the example solution that interact with patient data  
473 during RPM processes (“data actions”) and identified those that potentially cause Problematic Data  
474 Actions.

475 This practice guide used the NIST PRAM [7] and accompanying Catalog of Problematic Data Actions and  
476 Problems [8] to conduct this analysis. Table 3-2, Problematic Data Action Taxonomy, provides the results  
477 of this analysis. See [Appendix D](#) for additional considerations regarding examples of problematic data  
478 actions for RPM solutions.

479 **3.4.4 Risk**

480 As noted in [Section 3.4](#), NIST SP 800-30 Revision 1, *Guide for Conducting Risk Assessments*, defines risk  
 481 as “a measure of the extent to which an entity is threatened by potential circumstance or event, and is  
 482 typically a function of: (i) the adverse impacts that would arise if the circumstance or event occurs; and  
 483 (ii) the likelihood of occurrence” [\[9\]](#).

484 Risk is the adverse impact; that is, risk is the result when a threat (attack) successfully leverages one or  
 485 more vulnerabilities. As organizations consider risk, they should note that risk is not discrete; that is, one  
 486 may realize multiple risks based on a successful attack. Notwithstanding, we consider those risks  
 487 identified below. In reviewing these risks, please note that we consider unique scenarios that presume  
 488 certain attack types for the two risks categorized as availability risks, those being ransomware and pivot  
 489 point attacks.

490 Table 3-3, Cybersecurity Risk Taxonomy describes high-level cybersecurity risks that affect the RPM  
 491 environment. The risk taxonomy table captures key risks, assigning where the risk may impact the  
 492 organization across a confidentiality, integrity, and availability (CIA) [\[6\]](#) dimension.

493 **Table 3-3 Cybersecurity Risk Taxonomy**

C, I, A	Risk	Description	Risk Level
C	fraudulent use of health-related information	Health-related information may be used for several different fraudulent means, such as identity theft, insurance fraud, or extortion.	medium
I	patient diagnoses disrupted based on timeliness disruption, leading to patient safety concerns	Unavailability or significant delay in delivering biometric data may negate the benefits of remote patient monitoring. Clinicians may not be able to provide appropriate care should biometric data transmission be disrupted.	medium
I	incorrect patient diagnosis due to change of data	A critical patient event is missed due to changes in the data stream between device and HDO.	high

C, I, A	Risk	Description	Risk Level
A	process disruption due to ransomware	Ransomware may prevent normal device operations. Data may be irretrievable and therefore, may prevent clinical care.	high
I, A	systemic disruption due to component compromise	Disruptions to the system that affect its availability or integrity may compromise the benefits derived from remote patient monitoring.	high
I	clinician misdiagnosis	If data are altered inappropriately, clinicians may make inaccurate diagnoses, resulting in patient safety issues.	high

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495 Table 3-4, Privacy Risk Taxonomy, describes high-level privacy risks that affect the RPM environment.  
 496 Table 3-4 captures key risks, assigning where the risk may impact individuals, in the areas of  
 497 predictability, manageability, and disassociability [5]. Privacy risk levels to individuals depend on the  
 498 context of specific RPM solution deployment and are not included.

499 **Table 3-4 Privacy Risk Taxonomy**

P, M, D	Risk	Problematic Data Action
M	Unauthorized individuals may access data on devices	Insecurity: Data not protected at rest or in transit.
P, M	Biometric device types can indicate patient health problems that individuals would prefer not to disclose beyond their healthcare provider	Unanticipated revelation: Biometric device types can indicate patient health problems individuals would prefer not to disclose beyond their healthcare provider.
P, M	Incorrect data capture of readings by devices may impact quality of patient care	Distortion: Device misuse may cause failure to monitor patients in accordance with their healthcare plan.
D, M	Aggregated data may expose patient information	Re-identification: Associating biometric data with patient identifiers can expose health conditions.
P, M	Exposure of patient information through	Unanticipated Revelation: Data sharing across parties can increase the risk of exposure due to confidentiality-related

P, M, D	Risk	Problematic Data Action
	multiple providers of system components	incidents, which can reveal patient health information in ways or to parties that the individual may not expect.

### 500 3.4.5 Mitigating Risk

501 As noted above, risk is the adverse outcome when a threat successfully leverages a vulnerability.  
502 Mitigating risk may take many different forms. This practice guide addresses risk by performing a threat  
503 modeling exercise and by mitigating threats. The previous sections discussed threat from a holistic  
504 perspective. That is, the noted threats enumerate a broad survey of attack types that may adversely  
505 affect the RPM ecosystem. RPM decomposes to the following three distinct domains: patient home,  
506 telehealth platform provider, and HDO. As organizations consider measures to disrupt threats and  
507 adverse actions made against the ecosystem, an opportunity exists where organizations examine threats  
508 to identify controls that mitigate adverse actions identified by threat modeling.

### 509 3.5 Security Control Map

510 As this practice guide considered RPM ecosystem risks, the team performed a mapping to the NIST  
511 Cybersecurity Framework [\[3\]](#). This mapping established an initial set of appropriate control Functions,  
512 Categories, and Subcategories, demonstrating how selected Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories  
513 map to controls in NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4 [\[10\]](#), as well as to the NIST NICE Framework, NIST SP 800-  
514 181 [\[2\]](#). The table also lists sector-specific standards and best practices from other standards bodies  
515 (e.g., the International Electrotechnical Commission [IEC], International Organization for Standardization  
516 [ISO]), as well as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) [\[11\]](#), [\[12\]](#), [\[13\]](#). The  
517 security control map, shown in Table 3-5, identifies a set of controls, including those specifically  
518 implemented in the lab build, as well as the pervasive set of controls as described in [Section 5.2](#),  
519 Pervasive Controls, that HDOs should deploy. Practitioners should refer to NIST SP 1800-24, *Securing*  
520 *Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS)*, Appendix C for further description of pervasive  
521 controls [\[14\]](#).

522 Table 3-5 Security Characteristics and Controls Mapping–NIST Cybersecurity Framework

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				NIST NICE Framework (NIST SP 800-181)	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			45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(A) 164.308(a)(7)(ii)(E )	A.8.1.1 A.8.1.2 A.12.5.1
		ID.AM-4: External information systems are catalogued	AC-20 SA-9			45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(4)(ii)(A) 164.308(b) 164.314(a)(1) 164.314(a)(2)(i)(B) 164.314(a)(2)(ii) 164.316(b)(2)	A.11.2.6

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				NIST NICE Framework (NIST SP 800-181)	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	CO-OPL-001	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	AN-ASA-001 AN-ASA-002 AN-TWA-001 CO-CLO-002 CO-OPS-001 SP-ARC-001	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	AN-ASA-001 AN-ASA-002 AN-EXP-001 AN-LNG-001 AN-TGT-001	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)	A.16.1.6 Clause 6.1.2

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				NIST NICE Framework (NIST SP 800-181)	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
				AN-TGT-002 AN-TWA-001 CO-CLO-001 CO-CLO-002 CO-OPL-001 CO-OPL-002		164.308(a)(7)(ii)(E) 164.308(a)(8)	
		ID.RA-5: Threats, vulnerabilities, likelihoods, and impacts are used to determine risk	RA-2 RA-3 PM-16	SP-SYS-001	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
		ID.RA-6: Risk responses are identified and prioritized	PM-4 PM-9	SP-SYS-001	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

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				NIST NICE Framework (NIST SP 800-181)	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
PROTECT (PR)	Identity Management, Authentication 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	OM-ADM-001	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	OM-ADM-001	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

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Function	Category	Subcategory	NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4		IEC TR 80001-2-2	HIPAA Security Rule	ISO/IEC 27001
							A.11.2.7 A.11.2.8
		PR.AC-3: Remote access is managed	AC-1 AC-17 AC-19 AC-20 SC-15	OM-ADM-001	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

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				NIST NICE Framework (NIST SP 800-181)	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-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	OM-ADM-001 OM-KMG-001 PR-INF-001	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				NIST NICE Framework (NIST SP 800-181)	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-6: Identities are proofed and bound to credentials and asserted in interactions	AC-1 AC-2 AC-3 AC-16 AC-19 AC-24 IA-1 IA-2 IA-4 IA-5 IA-8 PE-2 PS-3	SP-RSK-002 OV-PMA-003	AUTH CNFS EMRG NAUT PLOK SGUD	N/A	A.7.1.1 A.9.1.2

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				NIST NICE Framework (NIST SP 800-181)	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 NAUT PAUT		A.9.2.1 A.9.2.4 A.9.3.1 A.9.4.2 A.9.4.3 A.18.1.4

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				NIST NICE Framework (NIST SP 800-181)	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
	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	OM-DTA-002 PR-CDA-001	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
		PR.DS-3: Assets are formally managed throughout removal, transfers, and disposition	CM-8 MP-6 PE-16		N/A	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(A) 164.310(a)(2)(ii) 164.310(a)(2)(iii) 164.310(a)(2)(iv) 164.310(d)(1) 164.310(d)(2)	A.8.2.3 A.8.3.1 A.8.3.2 A.8.3.3 A.11.2.5 A.11.2.7

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				NIST NICE Framework (NIST SP 800-181)	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-4: Adequate capacity to ensure availability is maintained	AU-4 CP-2 SC-5		AUDT DTBK	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(A) 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(B) 164.308(a)(7) 164.310(a)(2)(i) 164.310(d)(2)(iv) 164.312(a)(2)(ii)	A.12.1.3 A.17.2.1

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				NIST NICE Framework (NIST SP 800-181)	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	SP-SYS-001	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

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				NIST NICE Framework (NIST SP 800-181)	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 (PR.IP)		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
		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
		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

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				NIST NICE Framework (NIST SP 800-181)	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-10: Response and recovery plans are tested	CP-4 IR-3 PM-14	OM-NET-001	DTBK SGUD	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(7)(ii)(D)	A.17.1.3
		PR.IP-12: A vulnerability management plan is developed and implemented	RA-3 RA-5 SI-2	OV-PMA-001	MLDP	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(i) 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(A) 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(B)	A.12.6.1 A.14.2.3 A.16.1.3 A.18.2.2 A.18.2.3
	Maintenance (PR.MA)	PR.MA-1: Maintenance and repair of organizational assets are performed and logged, with approved and controlled tools	MA-2 MA-3 MA-5 MA-6	OM-ADM-001 PR-INF-001	CSUP RDMP	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(3)(ii)(A) 164.310(a)(2)(iv)	A.11.1.2 A.11.2.4 A.11.2.5 A.11.2.6

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Function	Category	Subcategory	NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4		IEC TR 80001-2-2	HIPAA Security Rule	ISO/IEC 27001
		PR.MA-2: Remote maintenance of organizational assets is approved, logged, and performed in a manner that prevents unauthorized access	MA-4		CSUP	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(D) 164.308(a)(3)(ii)(A) 164.310(d)(1) 164.310(d)(2)(ii) 164.310(d)(2)(iii) 164.312(a) 164.312(a)(2)(ii) 164.312(a)(2)(iv) 164.312(b) 164.312(d) 164.312(e)	A.11.2.4 A.15.1.1 A.15.2.1
	Protective Technology (PR.PT)	PR.PT-1: Audit/log records are determined, documented, implemented, and reviewed in accordance with policy	AU Family	OV-PMA-001 OV-PMA-002 OV-PMA-003 OV-PMA-004 OV-PMA-005 OV-SPP-001	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

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Function	Category	Subcategory	NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4		IEC TR 80001-2-2	HIPAA Security Rule	ISO/IEC 27001
				OV-SPP-002			
		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				NIST NICE Framework (NIST SP 800-181)	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

NIST Cybersecurity Framework v1.1				NIST NICE Framework (NIST SP 800-181)	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
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	OV-EXL-001 OV-MGT-001	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
		DE.AE-2: Detected events are analyzed to understand attack targets and methods	AU-6 CA-7 IR-4 SI-4	AN-LNG-001 CO-CLO-002 IN-FOR-001 OM-DTA-002 OM-STS-001 PR-CDA-001	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
	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	AN-ASA-001 AN-ASA-002 AN-EXP-001 AN-TWA-001 CO-CLO-001 OM-DTA-001	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

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Function	Category	Subcategory	NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4		IEC TR 80001-2-2	HIPAA Security Rule	ISO/IEC 27001
				OM-KMG-001 OM-NET-001 OV-EXL-001 OV-LGA-002 OV-MGT-001			
		DE.CM-2: The physical environment is monitored to detect potential cybersecurity events	CA-7 PE-3 PE-6 PE-20	AN-ASA-001 AN-ASA-002 AN-TWA-001	MLDP	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.310(a)(2)(ii) 164.310(a)(2)(iii)	A.11.1.1 A.11.1.2
		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

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Function	Category	Subcategory	NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4		IEC TR 80001-2-2	HIPAA Security Rule	ISO/IEC 27001
		DE.CM-5: Unauthorized mobile code is detected	SC-18 SI-4 SC-44		MLDP SGUD	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(D), 164.308(a)(5)(ii)(B)	A.12.5.1 A.12.6.2
		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	AN-EXP-001 IN-FOR-002 SP-DEV-002	MLDP PLOK	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(1)(i) 164.308(a)(8)	A.12.6.1

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Function	Category	Subcategory	NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4		IEC TR 80001-2-2	HIPAA Security Rule	ISO/IEC 27001
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
	Improvements (RS.IM)	RS.IM-1: Response plans incorporate lessons learned	CP-2 IR-4 IR-8		DTBK	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(7)(ii)(D) 164.308(a)(8) 164.316(b)(2)(iii)	A.16.1.6 Clause 10
		RS.IM-2: Response strategies are updated	CP-2 IR-4 IR-8		DTBK	45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308(a)(7)(ii)(D) 164.308(a)(8)	A.16.1.6 Clause 10
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	OM-ADM-001	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

524 Table 3-6 identifies the NIST Privacy Framework v1.0 Functions, Categories and Subcategories  
 525 implemented in the lab build. NIST has begun the process of mapping the Privacy Framework to the final  
 526 published version of NIST SP 800-53, Revision 5 [15]. A future version of this publication will add a  
 527 control mapping using NIST SP 800-53, Revision 5, to Table 3-6. Practitioners should refer to the Privacy  
 528 Framework Resource Repository for further information regarding the latest references mapping to the  
 529 Privacy Framework [5].

530 **Table 3-6 Privacy Characteristics–NIST Privacy Framework**

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Function	Category	Subcategory
Identify - P	Inventory and Mapping (ID.IM-P)	ID.IM-P1: Systems/products/services that process data are inventoried.
		ID.IM-P2: Owners or operators (e.g., the organization or third parties such as service providers, partners, customers, and developers) and their roles with respect to the systems/products/services and components (e.g., internal or external) that process data are inventoried.
		ID.IM-P7: The data processing environment is identified (e.g., geographic location, internal, cloud, third parties).
	Risk Assessment (ID.RA-P)	ID.RA-P3: Potential problematic data actions and associated problems are identified.
		ID.RA-P4: Problematic data actions, likelihoods, and impacts are used to determine and prioritize risk.
		ID.RA-P5: Risk responses are identified, prioritized, and implemented.
Control – P	Data Processing	CT.DM-P5: Data are destroyed according to policy.

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Function	Category	Subcategory
	Management (CT.DM-P)	CT.DM-P8: Audit/log records are determined, documented, implemented, and reviewed in accordance with policy and incorporating the principle of data minimization.
<b>Protect-P</b>	Data Protection Policies, Processes, and Procedures	PR.PO-P3: Backups of information are conducted, maintained, and tested.
		PR.PO-P7: Response plans (Incident Response and Business Continuity) and recovery plans (Incident Recovery and Disaster Recovery) are established, in place, and managed.
		PR.PO-P8: Response and recovery plans are tested.
		PR.PO-P10: A vulnerability management plan is developed and implemented.
	Identity Management, Authentication, and Access Control	PR.AC-P1: Identities and credentials are issued, managed, verified, revoked, and audited for authorized individuals, processes, and devices.
		PR.AC-P2: Physical access to data and devices is managed.

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Function	Category	Subcategory
		PR.AC-P3: Remote access is managed.
		PR.AC-P4: Access permissions and authorizations are managed, incorporating the principles of least privilege and separation of duties.
		PR.AC-P5: Network integrity is protected (e.g., network segregation, network segmentation).
		PR.AC-P6: Individuals and devices are proofed and bound to credentials and authenticated commensurate with the risk of the transaction (e.g., individuals' security and privacy risks and other organizational risks).
	Data Security (PR.DS-P)	PR.DS-P1: Data-at-rest are protected.
		PR.DS-P2: Data-in-transit are protected.
		PR.DS-P3: Systems/products/services and associated data are formally managed throughout removal, transfers, and disposition.

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Function	Category	Subcategory
		PR.DS-P4: Adequate capacity to ensure availability is maintained.
		PR.DS-P5: Protections against data leaks are implemented.
		PR.DS-P6: Integrity checking mechanisms are used to verify software, firmware, and information integrity.
	Maintenance (PR.MA-P)	PR.MA-P1: Maintenance and repair of organizational assets are performed and logged, with approved and controlled tools.
		PR.MA-P2: Remote maintenance of organizational assets is approved, logged, and performed in a manner that prevents unauthorized access.
	Protective Technology (PR.PT-P)	PR.PT-P2: The principle of least functionality is incorporated by configuring systems to provide only essential capabilities.
		PR.PT-P3: Communications and control networks are protected.

531 **3.6 Technologies**

532 Table 3-7 lists all the technologies used in this project, and provides a mapping among the generic  
 533 application term, the specific product used, and the security control(s) that the product provides. Refer  
 534 to Table 3-5 for an explanation of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework Subcategory codes and refer to  
 535 Table 3-6 for explanation of the NIST Privacy Framework Subcategory codes.

536 While this practice guide notes that the RPM solution is deployed across three domains, HDOs must  
 537 recognize that the responsibility for risk management remains with the HDO. Risk mitigation may be  
 538 achieved through tools or practices, where privacy and security measures are applied as appropriate in  
 539 each of the domains. HDOs may find that deploying privacy and security tools to the patient home  
 540 involve challenges and therefore, an HDO may collaborate with the telehealth platform provider to  
 541 provide adequate education and awareness training to patients. Training may address appropriate use  
 542 of the equipment that is sent to the patient home and awareness that patient data are involved and that  
 543 the patient needs to assure that data are shared only with authorized individuals.

544 For this practice guide, the telehealth platform provider is a third-party entity, distinct from the patient  
 545 and the HDO. Telehealth platform providers should implement an adequate control environment that  
 546 enables the telehealth platform provider to collaborate with HDOs in delivering RPM solutions. The  
 547 scope of this practice guide does not discuss all controls that a telehealth platform provider should  
 548 deploy. Rather, this practice guide focuses on controls that are deployed in the HDO. The telehealth  
 549 platform provider is a separate entity and should ensure that adequate controls are implemented in  
 550 their environment. Further, telehealth platform providers must ensure that equipment deployed to the  
 551 patient home includes appropriate safeguards.

552 **Table 3-7 Products and Technologies**

Component/ Capability	Product	Function	NIST Cybersecurity Framework and Privacy Framework Subcategories	Domain
telehealth platform provider	Accuhealth Evelyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provides role-based user access control</li> <li>▪ Performs asset management for the provisioned devices</li> <li>▪ Transmits health information to the platform.</li> </ul>	ID.AM-1 ID.AM-2	patient home
	Vivify Pathways Home		ID.AM-4 ID.AM-5	telehealth platform provider
	Vivify Pathways Care Team Portal		PR.AC-1 PR.AC-4 PR.AC-5 PR.AC-6	

Component/ Capability	Product	Function	NIST Cybersecurity Framework and Privacy Framework Subcategories	Domain
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Connects patients and physicians.</li> </ul>	PR.AC-7 PR.DS-1 PR.DS-2 PR.DS-3 PR.DS-4 PR.DS-6 PR.PT-1 PR.PT-3 PR.PT-4  ID.IM-P1 ID.IM-P2 ID.IM-P7 PR.AC-P1 PR.AC-P4 PR.AC-P5 PR.AC-P6 PR.DS-P1 PR.DS-P2 PR.DS-P3 PR.PT-P2 PR.PT-P3	
risk assessment controls	Tenable.sc Vulnerability Management Version 5.13.0 with Nessus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provides on-premises centralized vulnerability management with multiple scanners</li> <li>▪ Provides vulnerability prioritization</li> <li>▪ Provides risk scores</li> </ul>	ID.RA-5  ID.RA-P4	HDO

Component/ Capability	Product	Function	NIST Cybersecurity Framework and Privacy Framework Subcategories	Domain
identity management, authentication, and access control	Active Directory (AD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Authenticates and authorizes users and computers in the domain.</li> <li>▪ Authenticates and authorizes to multiple applications within the environment.</li> </ul>	PR.AC-1 PR.AC-4  PR.AC-P1 PR.AC-P4	HDO
	Cisco Firepower Version 6.3.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provides console management for Firepower Threat Defense</li> <li>▪ Provides centralized control over network and communication</li> <li>▪ Provides network visibility</li> <li>▪ Provides intrusion prevention</li> <li>▪ Provides network segmentation</li> <li>▪ Provides policy-based network protection</li> </ul>	PR.AC-5 PR.PT-4 DE.AE-2 DE.CM-1 DE.CM-4 DE.CM-5  PR.AC-P5 PR.PT-P3	HDO
	Cisco Umbrella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provides domain name service (DNS) and internet protocol (IP) layer security</li> <li>▪ Provides content/application filtering</li> <li>▪ Provides Advanced Malware Protection (AMP)</li> </ul>	DE.CM-4 DE.CM-5	HDO

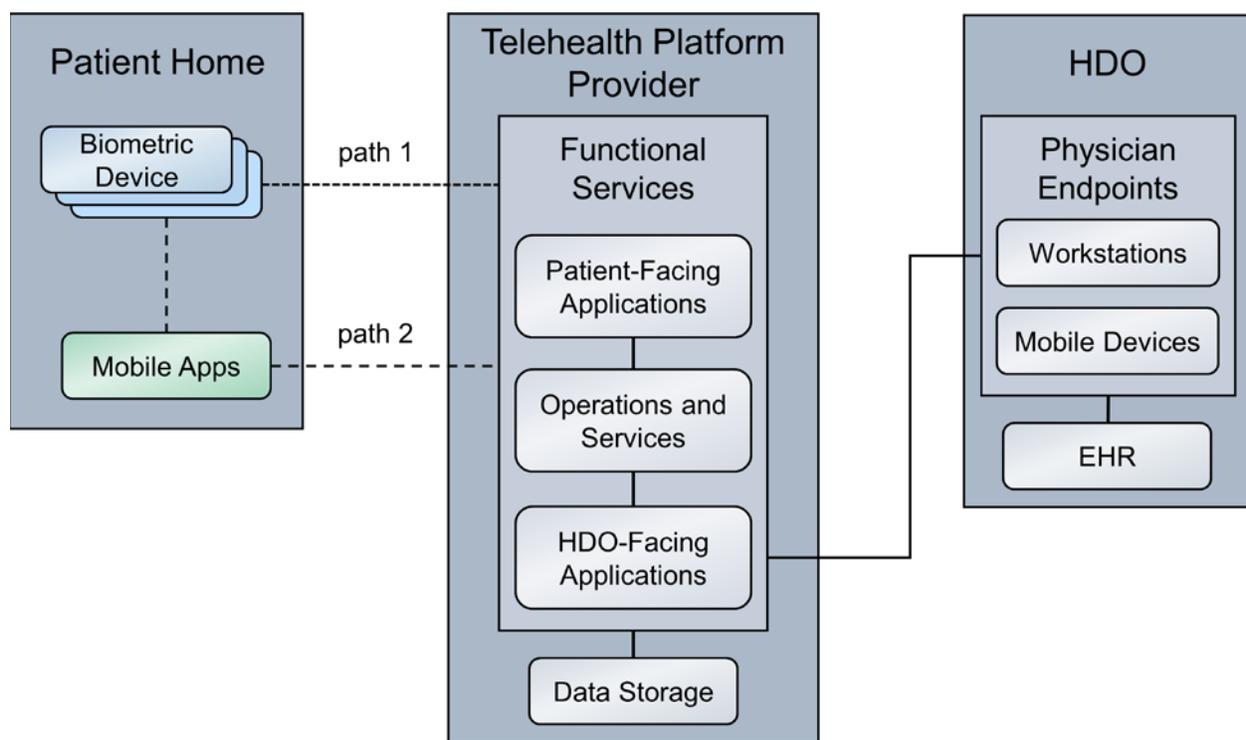
Component/ Capability	Product	Function	NIST Cybersecurity Framework and Privacy Framework Subcategories	Domain
	Cisco Stealthwatch Version 7.0.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides insight into who and what is on the network</li> <li>Provides network analysis through machine learning and global threat intelligence</li> <li>Provides malware detection for encrypted traffic</li> </ul>	PR.DS-5 PR.PT-4 DE.AE-1 DE.CM-1 DE.CM-4 DE.CM-5  PR.DS-P5 PR.PT-P3	HDO
data security	Accuhealth  Vivify Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensures that data-in-transit are protected.</li> <li>Ensures that data- at-rest are protected.</li> </ul>	PR.DS-1 PR.DS-2 PR.DS-3  PR.DS-P1 PR.DS-P2 PR.DS-P3	patient home  telehealth platform provider  HDO
anomalies and events and security continuous monitoring	LogRhythmXDR Version 7.4.9  LogRhythm NetworkXDR Version 4.0.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aggregates log files.</li> <li>Performs behavioral analytics.</li> <li>Monitors for unauthorized personnel, connections, devices, and software.</li> <li>Provides dashboards with the analytic results</li> </ul>	ID.RA-5 PR.PT-1 DE.AE-1 DE.AE-2 DE.CM-7  ID.RA-P4 CT.DM-P8	HDO

## 553 4 Architecture

554 This practice guide implements a representative RPM solution as a distributed architecture. The solution  
 555 deployed components across three domains that consist of the patient home, the telehealth platform  
 556 provider, and the HDO. The patient home is the environment in which the patient lives and uses RPM

557 components that include biometric monitoring devices, devices that the patient uses to communicate  
 558 with their care team, and devices that the patient operates for personal use. This practice guide  
 559 incorporates cloud-hosted telehealth platform providers within the architecture. The telehealth  
 560 platform provider maintains components that include virtual or physical components with servers to  
 561 manage, maintain, and receive data communications from either the patient home or the HDO. The  
 562 HDO maintains its own environment and includes components such as workstations and clinical systems  
 563 to receive and interpret patient data and record patient interactions in an electronic health record (EHR)  
 564 system. Figure 4-1 illustrates the high-level RPM distributed architecture.

565 **Figure 4-1 RPM Architecture**



## 566 4.1 Layering the Architecture

567 The NCCoE healthcare lab stratified the distributed architecture with three layers: business, security,  
 568 and infrastructure. The business layer focuses on functional capabilities that include biometric readings  
 569 and patient interactions. The security layer conceptually describes how the NCCoE lab implements  
 570 security capabilities. The NCCoE also implements an infrastructure layer that represents the network  
 571 and communications environment.

572 The layers intersect each of the three domains. The patient home domain implements the business layer  
 573 using the biometric devices and interface device(s) that capture and relay biometric data from the

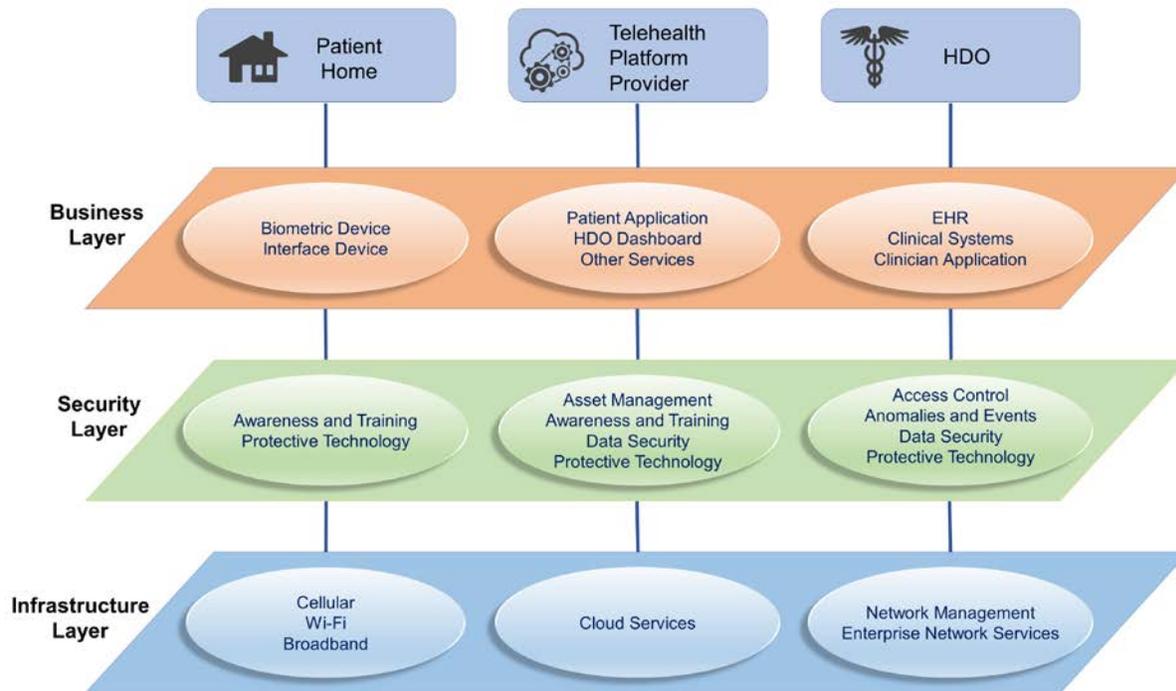
574 patient and allow the patient to communicate with the clinical care team, respectively. The patient  
575 home may include a security layer component that segregates network traffic between the RPM  
576 components and personally owned devices when the RPM devices use the same network infrastructure  
577 (e.g., over Wi-Fi) as the personally owned devices. When devices operate and communicate over Wi-Fi,  
578 the infrastructure layer would consist of Wi-Fi access points, routers, and switches that the patient  
579 operates.

580 The telehealth platform provider domain also implements three layers. The business layer consists of  
581 services that facilitate handling patient data and web- or audioconferencing capabilities. The security  
582 layer consists of components used to secure the environment, such as authentication mechanisms,  
583 certificate management systems, or security logging capabilities. The infrastructure layer consists of  
584 network and server components that may be implemented as cloud services. Practitioners should note  
585 that this practice guide does not go into significant detail regarding security or infrastructure layer  
586 configurations for telehealth platform providers. As noted in this practice guide's list of assumptions, it  
587 is assumed that telehealth platform providers have adequate privacy and security controls. These  
588 controls would align with the layer concept. HDOs should evaluate telehealth platform providers to  
589 determine control adequacy.

590 The HDO domain implements the business layer with applications and clinical systems used to support  
591 the RPM program. The security layer represents security capability deployment, which includes  
592 authentication mechanisms, network monitoring capabilities, and vulnerability scanning as  
593 representative examples. The HDO implements the infrastructure layer with fundamental IT services  
594 such as AD, DNS, and networking devices.

595 Figure 4-2 depicts a high-level view of the three layers intersecting each domain of these components  
596 and how we approached implementing them in the lab environment.

597 Figure 4-2 Architecture Layers

598 **4.2 High-Level Architecture Communications Pathways**

599 This practice guide describes an architecture that considers six different communications paths among  
 600 the patient home, telehealth platform provider, and HDO. Figure 4-3, RPM Communications Paths,  
 601 shows the different paths labeled A through F. The different communication paths represent the varying  
 602 modes by which the patient shares data with the clinician. Each path leads to the telehealth platform  
 603 provider who receives the data and presents the data in an HDO-facing application. The clinician  
 604 accesses data presented within an HDO-facing application via an app or application.

605 **4.2.1 Cellular Data Pathways**

606 The following communications pathways describe how patients use devices that are preconfigured with  
 607 cellular data services. Telehealth platform providers may provision devices with cellular data capability  
 608 to support ease of use and connectivity assurance and to ensure that the device may not be reachable  
 609 by an untrusted internet connection (e.g., an arbitrary Wi-Fi hot spot).

610 **Path A** assumes that the biometric device has cellular communications. The telehealth platform provider  
 611 deploys the biometric device with a preconfigured subscriber identity module, commonly referred to as  
 612 a SIM card. Option A does not include an RPM interface, such as a mobile device that may be a laptop,

613 cellular phone, or tablet. The biometric device sends data over cellular data networks, which then route  
614 the data to the telehealth platform provider. The telehealth platform provider receives the data and  
615 displays it for clinicians to view through a portal or dashboard application. The clinician accesses the  
616 data through a clinician-facing app or application.

617 **Path B** assumes that the telehealth platform provider has deployed a biometric device and an RPM  
618 interface to the patient home. The RPM interface may be a mobile device such as a cellular phone or  
619 tablet. For this path, the biometric device forwards data to the RPM interface via Bluetooth. The RPM  
620 interface would include a SIM card that enables cellular data communication to the telehealth platform  
621 provider. The RPM interface would be deployed with an app to be used by the patient. The app would  
622 include an interface that allows the patient to forward the data to the telehealth platform provider.

#### 623 4.2.2 Broadband Pathways

624 Telehealth platform providers may provide devices that leverage broadband internet connectivity  
625 provisioned at the patient home. Devices may use Wi-Fi or other communications protocols. Devices  
626 may transmit data that traverses a patient-provided internet router. The following pathways describe  
627 how data may flow when internet broadband is available.

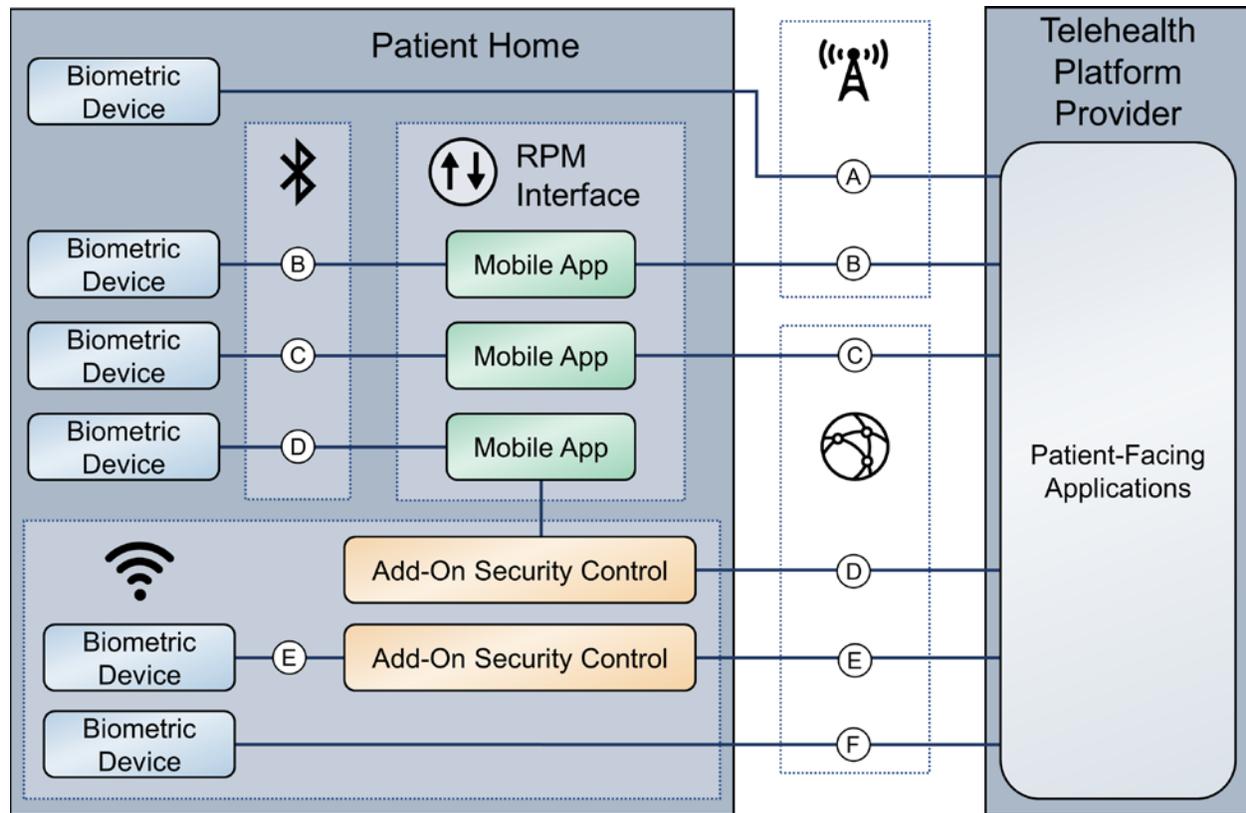
628 **Path C** assumes that the telehealth platform provider has deployed a biometric device and an RPM  
629 interface to the patient home. The dataflow within the patient home domain is the same as Path B.  
630 However, rather than cellular communication, the RPM interface communicates with the telehealth  
631 platform provider via a broadband connection provided by the patient.

632 **Path D** has the same dataflow as Path C; however, external network transmissions traverse an add-on  
633 security device such as a Layer 2 over Layer 3 gateway.

634 **Path E** is like Path A; however, rather than cellular data, the path leverages a patient home broadband  
635 connection traversing an add-on security device such as a Layer 2 over Layer 3 gateway.

636 **Path F** is like Paths A and E. Path F leverages a patient home broadband connection; however, no other  
637 gateway is used. Data are sent directly to the telehealth platform provider over the public internet.

638 Figure 4-3 RPM Communications Paths

639 **4.3 Data and Process Flows**

640 To gain a high-level understanding of how RPM programs operate, this practice guide evaluates diabetes  
 641 and cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation use cases.

642 The World Health Organization defines diabetes as “a chronic, metabolic disease characterized by  
 643 elevated levels of blood glucose (or blood sugar), which leads over time to serious damage to the heart,  
 644 blood vessels, eyes, kidneys, and nerves” [16]. A diabetes RPM program could be beneficial in identifying  
 645 when a patient’s blood glucose levels are higher/lower than normal. Ensuring that a patient’s blood  
 646 glucose levels remain in a normal range helps prevent long-term complications that diabetes could  
 647 cause [17]. Patients may receive biometric devices such as glucometers, blood pressure monitors,  
 648 weight scales, and activity trackers. These biometric devices may be enabled with Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, or  
 649 cellular data communications capabilities that allow patients to share biometric data with physicians.  
 650 Physicians may continuously monitor their biometric data to identify and prevent a potential problem  
 651 from occurring.

652 HDOs may enroll patients with chronic heart or lung conditions such as chronic obstructive pulmonary  
653 disease or coronary heart disease into cardiac and pulmonary RPM rehabilitation programs. These  
654 programs help patients return to a normal life and reduce other risk factors such as high blood pressure,  
655 high blood cholesterol, and stress [18], [19].

656 Telehealth platform providers implement solutions using biometric devices, services, and applications.  
657 While telehealth platform providers may develop and maintain services and applications, they  
658 collaborate with manufacturers to procure and manage biometric devices. Conceptually, the device  
659 manufacturer operates as an extension of the telehealth platform provider when delivering RPM  
660 solutions to patients.

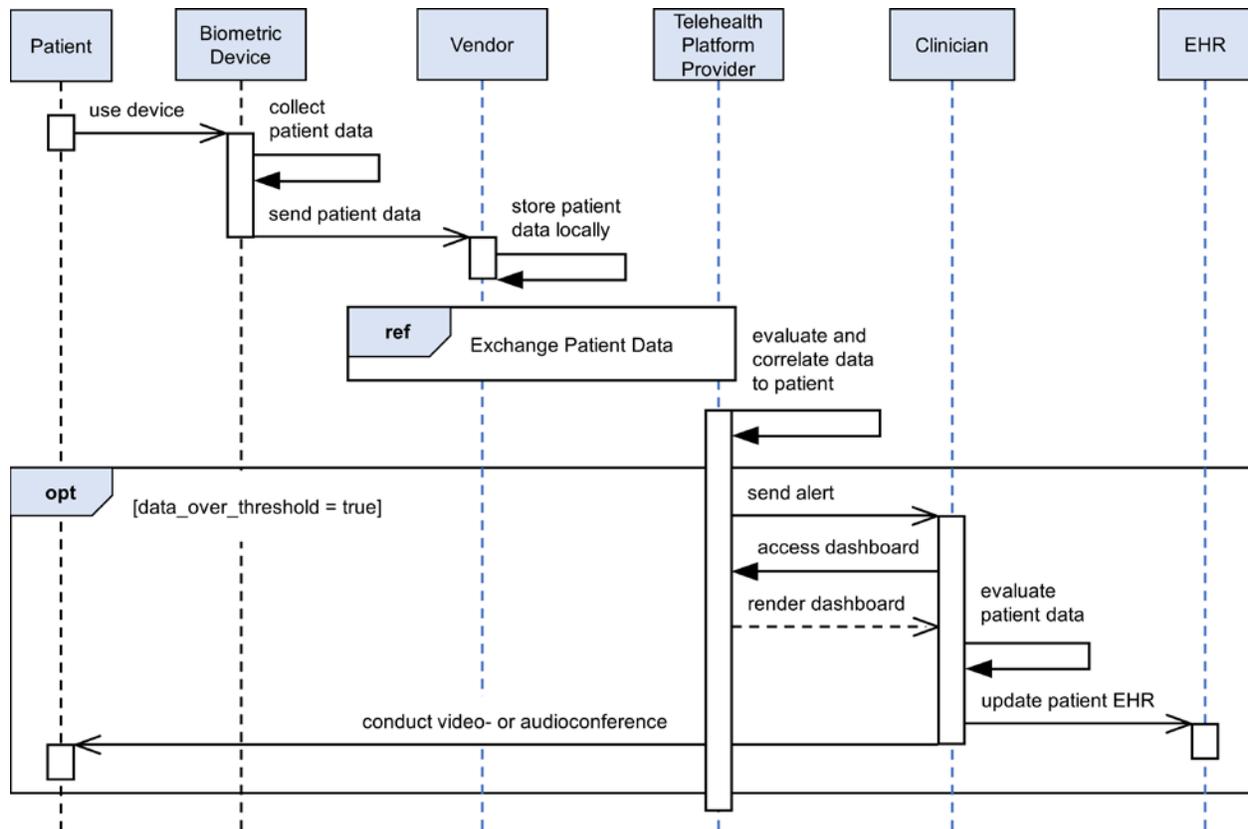
661 As noted in [Section 4.2](#), High-Level Architecture Communications Pathways, practitioners may  
662 implement RPM ecosystems where data communications involve different communications protocols or  
663 paths.

664 This practice guide examines two distinct dataflows. The first dataflow begins when the patient  
665 transmits data from the biometric device. The biometric device sends data to the device manufacturer.  
666 The telehealth platform provider retrieves the data and presents the data through an HDO-facing  
667 application. The clinician views the data from an app or application that interfaces with the patient data  
668 residing in the telehealth platform provider HDO-facing application.

669 The second dataflow begins when the patient transmits the data from the biometric device. A field  
670 gateway device, such as a mobile device that may be a tablet, mobile phone, or laptop, pulls the data  
671 from the biometric device. The patient uses the field gateway device to transport the data to the  
672 telehealth platform provider. The telehealth platform provider receives the data and presents it through  
673 an HDO-facing application. The clinician views the data from an app or application that interfaces with  
674 the patient data residing in the telehealth platform provider HDO-facing application.

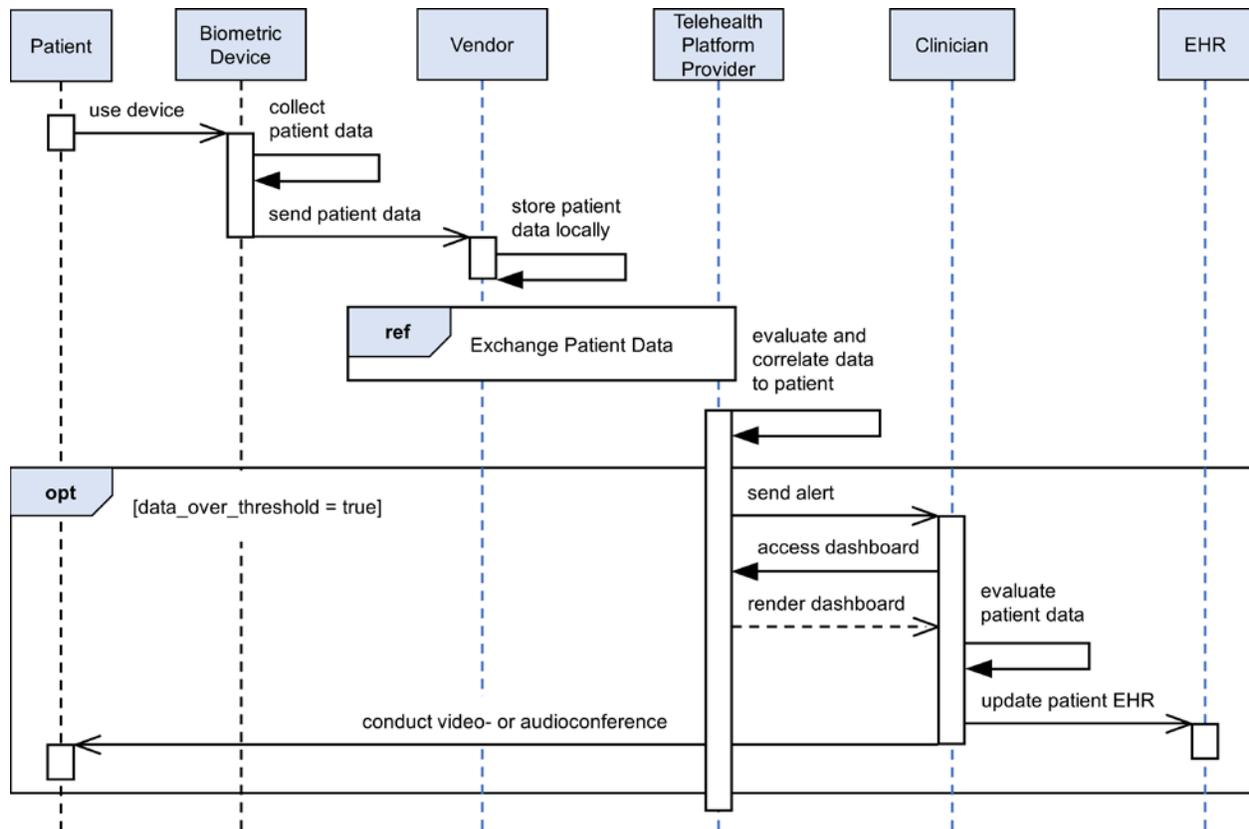
675 Figure 4-4 depicts the first dataflow sequence. This dataflow sequence demonstrates an RPM  
676 implementation that uses device vendor platforms to transmit data from a patient's home to the  
677 telehealth platform provider. A patient begins the process by interfacing with the biometric devices  
678 provided by the third-party platform, which in turn gathers the required medical readings. Once the  
679 device gathers the desired readings, the device transmits and stores the data to the vendor's local  
680 storage server. The third-party platform makes a connection to the vendor's storage server and pulls  
681 that data into its own local storage server. The platform then evaluates the received data and creates  
682 correlations between the retrieved data, the associated patient, and the primary care provider. If the  
683 platform identifies any areas of concern (such as high blood glucose readings for a diabetes use case)  
684 while evaluating the data, the platform sends an alert to the patient's primary care provider for  
685 immediate action. Otherwise, the primary care provider will connect to the third-party platform's web  
686 server to view the patient's data on a dashboard. The physician/clinician will evaluate the data, modify  
687 the patient's care plan, update the patient's EHR, and contact the patient to update them on their new  
688 care plan via video or audio call.

689 **Figure 4-4 RPM Dataflow Option 1**



690 Figure 4-5 depicts the second dataflow sequence. In this dataflow sequence, a patient begins the  
 691 process by interfacing with the biometric device provided by the telehealth platform provider, which in  
 692 turn collects the required medical readings. Once the data are collected, the device transmits the data  
 693 to the mobile device. The patient uses the mobile device to answer survey questions associated with  
 694 their program, providing a clinician more insight on the patient’s health. The patient uses the mobile  
 695 device to collect data from all biometric devices associated with their RPM regimen. The patient uses  
 696 the mobile device to transmit the biometric device data and survey results. The mobile device pushes  
 697 the grouped data to the telehealth platform provider. The platform presents the data to the primary  
 698 care provider. The clinician connects to the third-party platform’s web server to view the patient’s data  
 699 on a dashboard. The clinician evaluates the data and may update the patient’s care plan. Then, the  
 700 clinician may update the patient’s EHR and contact the patient via a mobile device to update them on  
 701 their new care plan.

702 Figure 4-5 RPM Dataflow Option 2

703 **4.4 Security Capabilities**

704 This practice guide implemented a lab environment that represented the three domains described in  
 705 [Section 4](#), Architecture. When building the HDO environment, the practice guide built upon the zoned  
 706 network architecture described in NIST SP 1800-8, *Securing Wireless Infusion Pumps in Healthcare*  
 707 *Delivery Organizations* [20]. The practice guide used the network zoning approach as a baseline for the  
 708 RPM ecosystem infrastructure. On top of the baseline, the practice guide selected relevant security  
 709 capabilities for appropriate domains. The selected security capabilities are:

- 710     ▪ telehealth platform provider
- 711     ▪ risk assessment controls
- 712     ▪ identity management, authentication, and access control
- 713     ▪ data security
- 714     ▪ anomalies and events and security continuous monitoring

715 HDOs bear risk when implementing RPM practices. The RPM environment is distributed across three  
716 domains and requires the participation of the patient, the telehealth platform provider, and the HDO to  
717 assure that risks are adequately mitigated. This practice guide's architecture describes deploying  
718 components in three domains, with threats and risks that may affect each domain distinctly. As  
719 organizations implement RPM solutions, they must involve parties involved in managing the individual  
720 domains in recognizing and safeguarding against privacy and cybersecurity events that may occur within  
721 the respective domains.

722 Practitioners will note that the security capability descriptions focus primarily on the HDO domain.  
723 Capabilities are deployed to other domains to the extent that the HDO may have influence. HDOs may  
724 not authoritatively determine the control environment implemented by the telehealth platform  
725 provider. HDOs may obtain assurance that similar controls are implemented by the telehealth platform  
726 provider before establishing the relationship with the provider. HDOs should establish questionnaires or  
727 audit approaches that they may use in evaluating third parties such as telehealth platform providers.  
728 HDOs and telehealth platform providers are subject to regulatory requirements to ensure patient  
729 privacy and cybersecurity.

730 Telehealth platform providers are third parties that may implement security capabilities that do not  
731 necessarily use the tools standard to the HDO. Telehealth platform providers may provide services for  
732 many HDOs and implementing the same tools for all HDOs may not be feasible from a technical  
733 perspective. Telehealth platform providers apply risk management approaches that are appropriate for  
734 their business model. While telehealth platform providers may manage risk by using different tools and  
735 techniques from the HDO, these providers should address the risk concerns for the HDO. Telehealth  
736 platform providers should apply similar measures, e.g., the NIST Cybersecurity Framework [\[3\]](#) and Risk  
737 Management Framework [\[4\]](#), that describe risk and control approaches. When evaluating telehealth  
738 platform providers, HDOs should review the privacy and security control policies and other  
739 documentation to ensure that the mitigation approaches that the telehealth platform provider  
740 implements are consistent with the HDO's requirements.

741 HDOs and telehealth platform providers may find difficulties when implementing security capabilities on  
742 the patient home domain. Patients may find complex controls or practices onerous and therefore, they  
743 may be less likely to participate in the RPM program. Telehealth platform providers may implement  
744 security capabilities for end-point devices such as biometric sensors or mobile devices that are part of  
745 the RPM program. HDOs, in collaboration with telehealth platform providers, may offer education and  
746 awareness material to discuss appropriate use of RPM-deployed equipment with the patient.

#### 747 4.4.1 Telehealth Platform Provider

748 Telehealth platform providers are discussed in this practice guide as a security capability. HDOs  
749 implementing RPM programs will depend on telehealth platform providers to enable communications  
750 between patients and clinicians. Also, for this practice guide, telehealth platform providers configure,

751 manage, and maintain biometric devices and potentially other technology that are provided to the  
752 patient. HDOs engaging with telehealth platform providers to enable their RPM programs are  
753 responsible for ensuring that they apply due diligence and understand the privacy and security  
754 capabilities that the telehealth platform provider maintains. Telehealth platform providers represent a  
755 third-party partner, and HDOs should evaluate their partners accordingly.

#### 756 4.4.2 Risk Assessment Controls

757 The NIST Cybersecurity Framework includes risk assessment under the Identify Function. This practice  
758 guide implements tools for vulnerability management.

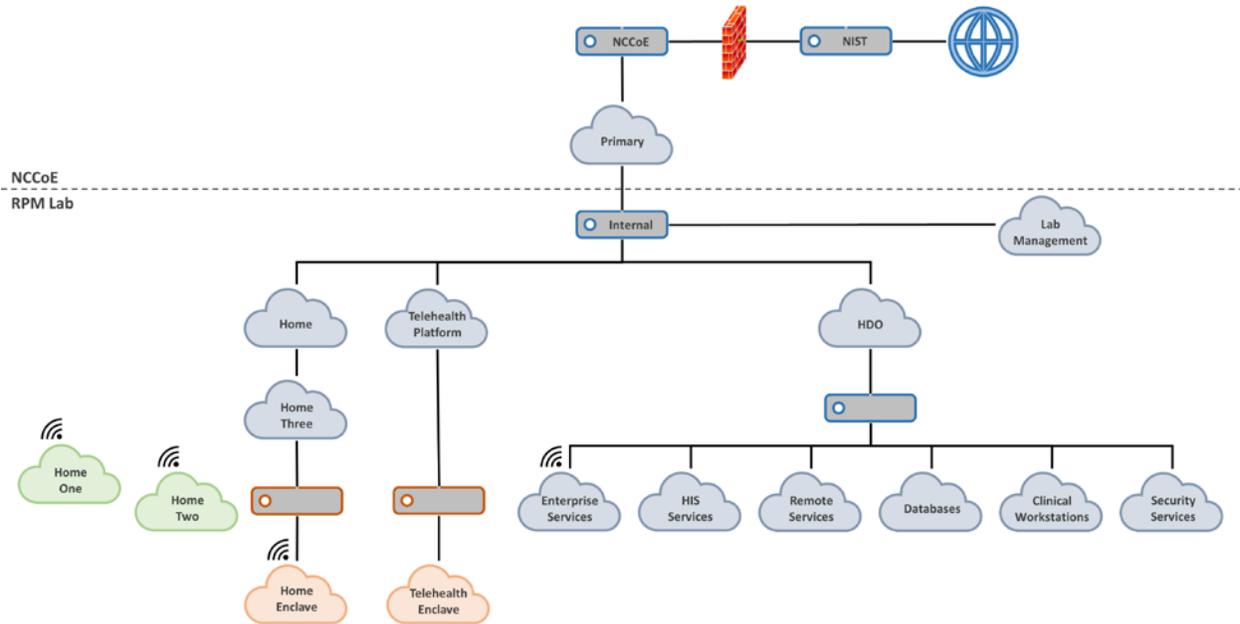
759 The practice guide uses Tenable.sc with Nessus to perform vulnerability scanning and provide dashboard  
760 reports. Vulnerability scanning operates by applying signatures of known vulnerabilities. Components  
761 that operate within the HDO domain are subject to regular vulnerability scanning. As vulnerabilities are  
762 identified, patching or other mitigating approaches may be applied. Patches or updates to operating  
763 systems, apps, or applications may be applied as available.

#### 764 4.4.3 Identity Management, Authentication, and Access Control

765 Identity management involves activities that discuss identity proofing and establishing credentials.  
766 Authentication for this practice guide provides the mechanisms that assure that authorized entities  
767 access the system after telehealth platform providers and HDOs establish respective credentials.  
768 Practitioners should refer to NIST SP 1800-24 (reference Section 5.3.3), *Securing Picture Archiving and  
769 Communication System (PACS)* [14], which provides more in-depth discussion on identity management  
770 and access control. While that practice guide uses different tools and addresses a different clinical  
771 practice from RPM, concepts regarding identity management and authentication are relevant for this  
772 practice guide.

773 This practice guide extends on a network zoning concept that was discussed in NIST SP 1800-8, *Securing  
774 Wireless Infusion Pumps in Healthcare Delivery Organizations* [20]. Figure 4-6 depicts the lab  
775 environment built for this practice guide. The diagram splits the infrastructure between the NCCoE and  
776 the RPM lab, with the latter representing the configured simulated environments for this practice guide.  
777 Focusing on the HDO cloud depiction, this practice guide simulates the HDO environment that is made  
778 up of enterprise services, health information services (HIS) services, remote services, databases, clinical  
779 workstations, and security services virtual local area networks (VLANs).

780 Figure 4-6 Network Segmentation and VLAN Within the RPM Lab

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#### 4.4.4 Data Security

782 This practice guide examines challenges associated with data loss and data alteration. Communications  
 783 initiate from the patient home, traversing a public communications channel, and are made accessible to  
 784 clinicians via internet connectivity. This practice guide addresses the need to provide end-to-end data  
 785 protection as a vital requirement to ensure RPM viability.

786 Network sessions are encrypted. Telehealth platform providers implement data security as they manage  
 787 biometric devices and the dataflow between the patient home and solutions hosted by the telehealth  
 788 platform provider. Stored data are protected through encryption. The practice guide examined  
 789 dataflows and applied a privacy risk assessment that analyzed communications between the  
 790 implemented components and identified how data-in-transit security controls are implemented.

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#### 4.4.5 Anomalies and Events and Security Continuous Monitoring

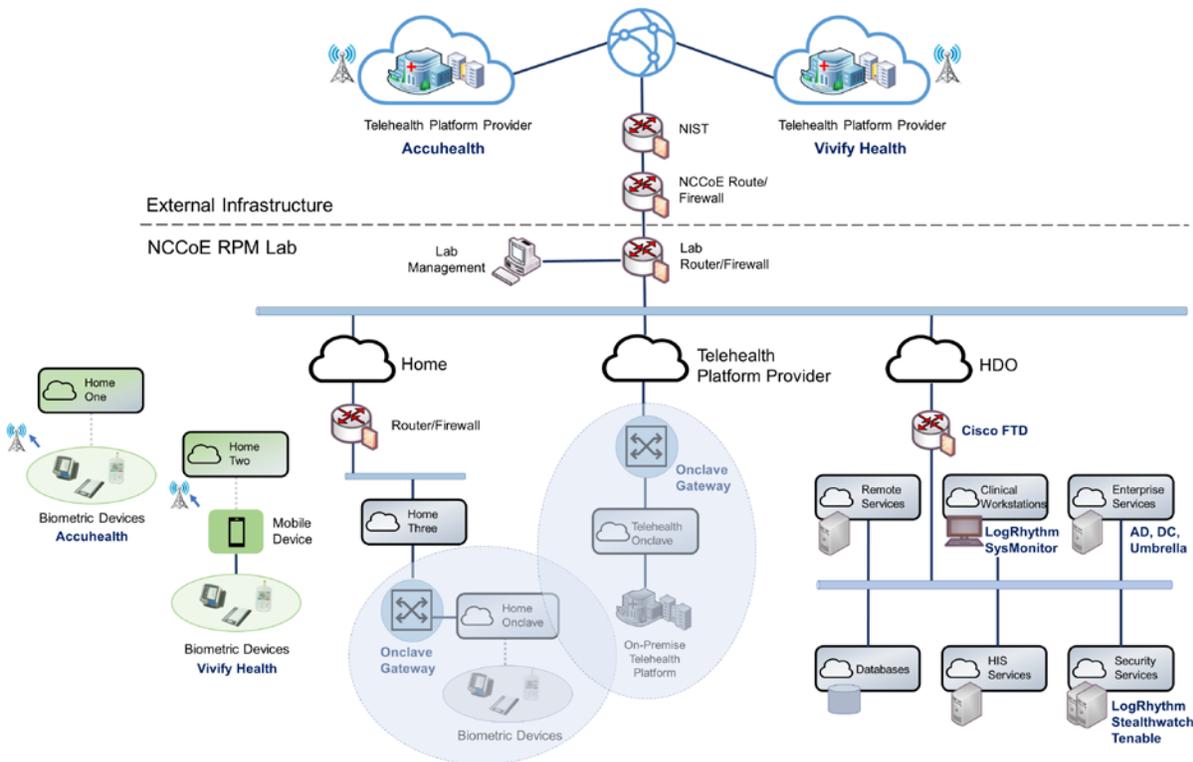
792 Managing anomalies and events and performing security continuous monitoring provides a proactive,  
 793 real-time measure to determine that threats and vulnerabilities are appropriately recognized and  
 794 mitigated within HDO environments. This practice guide implements several controls that address  
 795 managing anomalies and events and performing security continuous monitoring. Security engineers  
 796 require tools and processes to manage anomalies and events that include applying Cyber Threat  
 797 Intelligence (CTI), collecting and managing log information, and applying behavioral analytics. NIST

798 describes CTI in NIST SP 800-150, *Guide to Cyber Threat Information Sharing* [21]. NIST provides  
 799 additional detail regarding security continuous monitoring in NIST SP 800-137 [22].

## 800 4.5 Final Architecture

801 The practice guide focused on cellular data-focused biometric devices in building the architecture. The  
 802 practice guide built an architecture that addressed communications pathways A and B that were  
 803 described in [Section 4.2](#), High-Level Architecture Communications Pathways. This practice guide also  
 804 implemented a Layer 2 over Layer 3 solution provided by Onclave Networks as a proof of concept to  
 805 secure network sessions between the patient home and the telehealth platform provider. Discussion on  
 806 the Onclave solution appears in [Appendix E](#). The Onclave solution discusses a future build consideration  
 807 where telehealth platform providers may deploy similar approaches, further enhancing data-in-transit  
 808 sessions from the patient home when those devices communicate over a broadband connection. Figure  
 809 4-7 depicts the final reference architecture of the example RPM solution.

810 **Figure 4-7 Final Architecture**



## 811 5 Security and Privacy Characteristic Analysis

812 The purpose of the security and privacy characteristic analysis is to understand the extent to which the  
813 project meets its objective of demonstrating the privacy and security capabilities described in the  
814 reference architecture in [Section 4](#). In addition, it seeks to understand the security and privacy benefits  
815 and drawbacks of the example solution.

### 816 5.1 Assumptions and Limitations

817 The security characteristic analysis has the following limitations:

- 818     ▪ It is neither a comprehensive test of all security components nor a red-team exercise.
- 819     ▪ It cannot identify all weaknesses.
- 820     ▪ It does not include the lab infrastructure. It is assumed that devices are hardened. Testing these  
821 devices would reveal only weaknesses in implementation that would not be relevant to those  
822 adopting this reference architecture.
- 823     ▪ HDOs and telehealth platform providers implement an array of risk mitigation approaches that  
824 extend beyond what is discussed in this document. The broader array of controls consists of  
825 organizational structures, policies and procedures, and tools to support enterprise privacy and  
826 cybersecurity programs that this practice guide refers to as a set of pervasive controls.

### 827 5.2 Pervasive Controls

828 NIST SP 1800-24, *Securing Picture Archiving Communication System* [\[14\]](#), described the use of controls  
829 that were termed “pervasive.” Subsequent practice guides such as this RPM practice guide discuss  
830 implementing controls that narrowly apply to the practice guide’s lab construction. Notwithstanding,  
831 HDOs and telehealth platform providers are enterprise organizations that may face a broader set of  
832 risks, including regulatory requirements, that extend beyond the narrow topic. The pervasive control  
833 concept assumes that HDOs and telehealth platform providers have implemented a comprehensive  
834 control set to address their risk and regulatory obligation.

835 For example, onboarding workforce members may involve identity proofing and creating, and managing  
836 accounts and credentials. Organizations need to perform these activities to appropriately implement an  
837 enterprise risk management program. The requirement is not specific to RPM programs. These functions  
838 should be established prior to implementing an RPM program. Other controls, such as asset  
839 management, having incident response teams, and establishing incident response programs, should also  
840 be pervasive across the enterprise.

841 Another example is asset management. Asset management is a critical control that should be  
842 implemented by telehealth platform providers. Telehealth platform providers should maintain accurate  
843 inventories and manage configuration settings, patching, updates, and the overall life cycle for devices

844 that are deployed to the patient home. While this is a requirement, this practice guide partnered with  
845 multiple telehealth platform providers. This practice guide did not deploy security or privacy capabilities  
846 to the telehealth platform providers. Rather, it relied upon telehealth platform providers to implement  
847 an adequate and appropriate set of pervasive controls for their environment and for the services that  
848 they provide.

849 The NIST Cybersecurity Framework [\[3\]](#) describes cybersecurity activities and outcomes that  
850 organizations should achieve for establishing or improving enterprise security programs. These activities  
851 and outcomes are articulated in the Subcategories of the Cybersecurity Framework Core. The  
852 Cybersecurity Framework provides the basis for pervasive controls, whereas this practice guide  
853 highlights implementation of selected controls. Readers should not regard the selected controls as the  
854 only controls that an HDO must implement. The selected controls that are described in this practice  
855 guide are a small subset of controls that HDOs and telehealth platform providers should implement. This  
856 practice guide's controls descriptions indicate how the selected controls were implemented in the lab  
857 environment.

### 858 **5.3 Telehealth Platform Providers**

859 Telehealth platform providers address several controls for the RPM solution. Telehealth platform  
860 providers configure, maintain, and manage devices that are deployed to the patient home domain.  
861 Telehealth platform providers provision devices to patients who have been enrolled in an RPM program  
862 by their HDO. Telehealth platform providers perform asset management for the provisioned devices and  
863 thus address ID.AM-1, ID.AM-2, ID.AM-4, ID.AM-5, ID.IM-P1, ID.IM-P2, and ID.IM-P7. Telehealth  
864 platform providers are responsible for addressing ID.RA-1.

865 Telehealth platform providers authenticate sessions based on the device identifier. When patients send  
866 or transfer data from biometric devices, data are routed to the telehealth platform provider. The  
867 telehealth platform provider receives the data and makes it available to clinicians and system users via a  
868 portal. Portals use unique identifiers for credentials (e.g., username/password) and ensure that  
869 connections to the portal are protected by using Transport Layer Security (TLS) 1.2.

870 For this practice guide, telehealth platform providers provisioned biometric devices and tablets that  
871 used cellular data communications. Devices were explicitly not permitted to access Wi-Fi networks.  
872 Removing Wi-Fi capability separated RPM communication from network traffic that may have been  
873 present in the patient home domain. This practice guide used devices that were equipped to  
874 communicate over 4G Long-Term Evolution (LTE), which uses asymmetric encryption between the  
875 device and the cellular tower [\[31\]](#). Further investigation in data-in-transit protection was not  
876 determined in this practice guide.

877 The telehealth platform provider addresses PR.AC-1, PR.AC-4, PR.DS-1, PR.DS-2, PR.DS-4, PR.DS-6,  
878 PR.PT-1, PR.PT-3, PR.PT-4, PR.AC-P1, PR.AC-P4, PR.DS-P1, PR.DS-P2, PR.DS-P4, PR.DS-P6, CT.DM-P8,  
879 PR.PT-P2, and PR.PT-P3.

880 This practice guide implemented telehealth platform provider services with Accuhealth and Vivify  
881 Health.

## 882 **5.4 Risk Assessment (ID.RA and ID.RA-P)**

883 This practice guide implemented tools that address elements of ID.RA-5 (threats, vulnerabilities,  
884 likelihoods, and impacts are used to determine risk) and ID.RA-P4. This practice guide implemented  
885 Tenable.sc to address vulnerability management. Tenable includes vulnerability scanning and  
886 dashboards that display identified vulnerabilities with scoring and other metrics that enable security  
887 engineers to prioritize.

888 Telehealth platform providers have separate infrastructures and organizational structures that require  
889 similar approaches. Telehealth platform providers may host their services with various implementations.  
890 Telehealth platform providers may deploy similar solutions for their environments.

## 891 **5.5 Identity Management, Authentication, and Access Control (PR.AC and 892 PR.AC-P) Protective Technology (PR.PT-P)**

893 This practice guide regarded many of the identity management Subcategories as part of a set of  
894 pervasive controls that have been discussed in NIST SP 1800-24, *Securing Picture Archiving and  
895 Communication System (PACS)* [14]. HDOs and telehealth platform providers should apply similar  
896 solutions to address managing human, device, and system identities. Sample solutions are provided in  
897 NIST SP 1800-24.

898 Extending the network zoning concepts that were described in NIST SP 1800-8, *Securing Wireless  
899 Infusion Pumps in Healthcare Delivery Organizations* [20], this practice guide implemented VLANs with  
900 firewall feature sets by using Cisco Firepower Threat Defense. This practice guide addresses PR.AC-5 by  
901 implementing VLANs that represent network zones found within an HDO. Telehealth platform providers  
902 may implement similar measures within their infrastructures.

903 The NIST Cybersecurity Framework implements identity management, authentication, and access  
904 control under the Protect Function by using the PR.AC Category. Within the HDO, this practice guide  
905 implements PR.AC-5 by using Cisco Firepower to establish network zones as a set of VLANs. The network  
906 zones assure that components from each zone do not have implicit trust, and thus compromise on end  
907 points found in one zone are limited in their ability to affect devices that operate in other zones.

908 This practice guide implemented three primary Cisco tools for the HDO environment: Cisco Firepower,  
909 Cisco Umbrella, and Cisco Stealthwatch. As noted, this practice guide used Firepower to create and  
910 manage VLANs within the environment. Cisco Firepower includes a central management dashboard that  
911 allowed security engineers to configure and manage other features within the Cisco suite of tools.  
912 Firepower also includes intrusion detection capability and visibility into network traffic and network  
913 analytics that enabled engineers to detect and analyze events, monitor the network, and detect

914 malicious code, and thus addressed DE.AE-2, DE.CM-1, and DE.CM-4. Cisco Firepower addressed PR.AC-  
915 5, PR.PT-4, PR.AC-P5, and PR.PT-P3. The practice guide implemented Cisco Umbrella for DNS and IP layer  
916 security and provide content and application filtering. Cisco Umbrella addressed DE.CM-4. The practice  
917 guide also used Cisco Stealthwatch that implemented behavioral analytics capabilities and provided  
918 malware detection. Cisco Stealthwatch addressed PR.DS-5, PR.PT-4, DE.AE-1, DE.CM-1, PR.DS-P5, and  
919 PR.PT-P3.

920 Within the HDO domain, this practice guide implemented an AD to establish user accounts. AD  
921 credentials provided engineers with authentication for several components deployed in the lab. The  
922 lab's AD implementation addresses PR.AC-1, PR.AC-4, PR.AC-P1, and PR.AC-P4.

923 The telehealth platform provider assures that PR.AC-5, PR.AC-6, PR.AC-7, PR.AC-P5, and PR.AC-P6 are  
924 met by managing components that are deployed to the patient home. Components that are deployed by  
925 the telehealth platform provider are fully managed devices that have been preconfigured and  
926 distributed by Accuhealth. The RPM components that Accuhealth provided for the patient home use a  
927 cellular communication pathway where unauthorized individuals may not remove or alter SIM cards.  
928 The cellular data communication pathway assures that the RPM components are segregated from  
929 untrusted devices that may operate in the patient home and thus implements PR.AC-5 and PR.AC-P5.

930 RPM-enrolled patients are predetermined by the HDO, and the telehealth platform provider provisions  
931 RPM components to an established, known set of patients. HDOs enrolling patients in the RPM program  
932 partially addresses PR.AC-1 and PR.AC-P1. Clinicians identifying patients may be regarded as performing  
933 an identity-proofing activity, whereas telehealth platform providers may complete PR.AC-1 and PR.AC-  
934 P1 activities by creating accounts or records that relate to the patient and the RPM equipment that the  
935 patient receives.

936 Patient-provided (e.g., "bring your own device") biometric devices were excluded in this practice guide's  
937 architecture. The telehealth platform provider manages patient home-deployed components and thus  
938 assures that PR.AC-6 and PR.AC-P6 are addressed.

939 For this practice guide, the telehealth platform provider manages components that it procured and  
940 configured. The telehealth platform provider configures the devices to include authenticators that  
941 enforce component authentication. For this practice guide, only biometric devices that are managed by  
942 telehealth platform providers are provisioned authenticators. This implements PR.AC-7 and PR.AC-P6.  
943 Patient homes may include other devices, such as personally-owned devices, that are not a part of the  
944 RPM ecosystem. Devices that are not managed by telehealth platform providers do not have  
945 authentication credentials for the RPM solution.

## 946 5.6 Data Security (PR.DS and PR.DS-P)

947 This practice guide implemented PR.DS-2 and PR.DS-P2 to ensure that data-in-transit are protected.  
948 HDOs connecting to cloud-hosted consoles used TLS 1.2. The telehealth platform provider assured  
949 implementation of PR.DS-3 and PR.DS-P3 for RPM biometric devices deployed to the patient home.

950 Accuhealth and Vivify Health use Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) AES256 encryption [23] for data-  
951 at-rest and address PR.DS-1 and PR.DS-P1.

## 952 5.7 Anomalies and Events, Security Continuous Monitoring (DE.AE, 953 DE.CM) and Data Processing Management (CT.DM-P)

954 This practice guide implements LogRhythmXDR as a security incident event management (SIEM) tool.  
955 End-point devices that include servers and network infrastructure components generate log data that  
956 were aggregated in the SIEM tool for analysis. LogRhythm included two components: LogRhythmXDR  
957 and LogRhythm NetworkXDR. SIEM capabilities provide security engineers a baseline of network  
958 operations and allow security engineers to determine expected dataflows for users and systems.  
959 Engineers can detect events and analyze potential threats. LogRhythmXDR therefore, is a SIEM that  
960 addresses NIST Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories ID.RA-5, PR.PT-1, DE.AE-1, DE.AE-2, ID.RA-P4,  
961 and CT.DM-P8. LogRhythm NetworkXDR provides capabilities that assure that the network is monitored  
962 for potential cybersecurity threats. It also provides assurance that unauthorized mobile code is detected  
963 and thus addresses DE.CM-7. This practice guide assures the implementation of a network monitoring  
964 capability based on regular log collection and applies the SIEM analytics and automated response  
965 capabilities. The practice guide implemented Cisco Firepower, Cisco Stealthwatch, and Cisco Umbrella,  
966 which detects malicious code, detects unauthorized mobile code, and provides continuous network  
967 monitoring and analytics. Therefore, the Cisco suite addresses DE.CM-4 and DE.CM-5.

## 968 6 Functional Evaluation

969 This practice guide uses the NIST Cybersecurity Framework. The Cybersecurity Framework includes  
970 Category and Subcategory concepts that allows this practice guide to develop a reference architecture.  
971 The reference architecture reflects use cases and dataflows analyzed by the NCCoE. This practice guide  
972 aligns privacy and cybersecurity tools to Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories. The reference  
973 architecture depicts where tools were deployed.

### 974 6.1 RPM Functional Test Plan

975 One aspect of our security evaluation involved assessing how well the reference design addresses the  
976 security characteristics that it was intended to support. The Cybersecurity Framework Categories and  
977 Subcategories were used to provide structure to the security assessment by consulting the specific  
978 sections of each standard that are cited in reference to a Subcategory. The cited sections provide

979 validation points that the example solution would be expected to exhibit. Using the Cybersecurity  
 980 Framework Subcategories as a basis for organizing our analysis allowed us to systematically consider  
 981 how well the reference design supports the intended security characteristics.

### 982 6.1.1 RPM Functional Evaluation

983 Table 6-1 identifies the RPM functional evaluation addressed in the test plan and associated test cases.  
 984 The evaluations are aligned with the basic architecture design and capability requirements from  
 985 [Section 4](#), Architecture.

986 **Table 6-1 Functional Evaluation Requirements**

Cybersecurity Framework Category	Relevant Cybersecurity Framework Subcategories	Identifier	Requirement	Domain	Test Case
asset management	ID.AM-1 ID.AM-5	CR-1	device management	home  telehealth platform provider	RPM-1
risk assessment	ID.RA-1 ID.RA-4 ID.RA-5 ID.RA-6	CR-2	end-point vulnerability scanning	HDO	RPM-2
identity management, authentication, and access control	PR.AC-1 PR.AC-2 PR.AC-3 PR.AC-4 PR.AC-5 PR.AC-6	CR-3	role-based access	telehealth platform provider	RPM-3
		CR-4	domain user authentication	HDO	RPM-4
		CR-5	domain user authorization	HDO	RPM-4
		CR-6	network segmentation	HDO	RPM-5
		CR-7	access control policy	HDO	RPM-5
security continuous monitoring	DE.CM-1 DE.CM-2 DE.CM-4 DE.CM-7 DE.CM-8	CR-8	malware protection	HDO	RPM-6
		CR-9	anomaly detection	HDO	RPM-7
		CR-10	LogRhythm	HDO	RPM-8
		CR-11	LogRhythm	HDO	RPM-9

## 987 6.1.2 Test Case: RPM-1

Cybersecurity Framework Category	<b>Asset Management</b>
Testable Requirement(s)	<b>(CR-1)</b> device management
Associated Test Case(s)	
Description	Demonstrate the ability to verify that provisioned devices are associated with the intended patient who has enrolled in an RPM program.
Preconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A doctor-level Accuhealth account has been provisioned.</li> <li>• Accuhealth RPM devices have been provisioned and delivered, including the following (obfuscated serial number): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ blood pressure monitor (1234567)</li> <li>○ blood glucose monitoring system (22334455)</li> <li>○ digital scale (987654)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Accuhealth has enrolled sample patients and associated them with the RPM devices listed above, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Regina Houston (1234567)</li> <li>○ Regina Houston (987654)</li> <li>○ Janelle Kouma (22334455)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Procedure	<p><u>Verify the patient/device association in the Accuhealth system.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Log in to the Accuhealth platform with the doctor-level user account.</li> <li>2. Click <b>Patient Details</b>.</li> <li>3. Under <b>Select Patient</b>, select <b>Regina Houston</b>.</li> <li>4. Under <b>Choose a view</b>, select <b>Profile</b>.</li> <li>5. Review the patient info for <b>Regina Houston</b>.</li> <li>6. Navigate to <b>Device Information</b>.</li> <li>7. Check if the <b>Device ID</b> field captures the device serial numbers, <b>1234567</b> and <b>987654</b>, that are associated with <b>Regina Houston</b>.</li> <li>8. Under <b>Select Patient</b>, select <b>Janelle Kouma</b>.</li> <li>9. Review the patient information for <b>Janelle Kouma</b>.</li> <li>10. Navigate to <b>Device Information</b>.</li> <li>11. Check if the <b>Device ID</b> field captures the device serial number, <b>22334455</b>, associated with <b>Janelle Kouma</b>.</li> </ol> <p><u>Verify that data from the RPM devices is being sent to Accuhealth and associated with the correct patient.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. For the following devices, turn each device on and follow the provided instructions to take a measurement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>blood pressure monitor</b></li> <li>b. <b>blood glucose monitoring system</b></li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p><b>c. digital scale</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. Record the time and measurement readings as notes.</li> <li>14. Log in to the Accuhealth platform with the <b>doctor-level user account</b>.</li> <li>15. Click <b>Patient Details</b>.</li> <li>16. Under <b>Select Patient</b>, select <b>Regina Houston</b>.</li> <li>17. Under <b>Choose a view</b>, select <b>Vitals</b>.</li> <li>18. Check if the <b>blood pressure</b> and <b>weight measurements</b> are present.</li> <li>19. Under <b>Select Patient</b>, select <b>Janelle Kouma</b>.</li> <li>20. Under <b>Choose a view</b>, select <b>Vitals</b>.</li> <li>21. Check if the <b>glucose measurement</b> is present.</li> </ol>
<b>Expected Results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accuhealth can provision the RPM devices and associate them to the intended patient enrolled in an RPM.</li> <li>• Accuhealth can capture the biometric measurements for the correct patient with the assigned RPM devices.</li> </ul>
<b>Actual Results</b>	<p>Accuhealth provisioned an instance of its telehealth platform along with doctor-level accounts and sample patients associated with these accounts. We also received three RPM devices from Accuhealth: blood pressure monitor, blood glucose monitor, and digital scale. Accuhealth associated these RPM devices with the sample patients, which we verified by checking the Device ID information for each patient. Once the devices were received, we configured them and recorded sample measurements from each one. With the measurements taken, we logged in to the Accuhealth platform with the doctor-level account and viewed the Vitals information for each patient. As expected, the blood pressure and weight measurements were associated with Regina Houston’s patient record, and the blood glucose measurement was associated with Janelle Kouma’s patient record.</p>

988 **6.1.3 Test Case: RPM-2**

<b>Cybersecurity Framework Category</b>	<b>Risk Assessment</b>
<b>Testable Requirement(s)</b>	<b>(CR-2)</b> end-point vulnerability scanning
<b>Associated Test Case(s)</b>	
<b>Description</b>	Demonstrate the ability to perform vulnerability scans on assets and view results in a dashboard format with risk-scoring evaluations.
<b>Preconditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tenable.sc has been configured with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ organization</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ repository</li> <li>○ security manager user account</li> <li>○ scan zones for each VLAN</li> <li>○ host discovery scan policy</li> <li>○ basic network scan policy</li> <li>○ active scans associated with each scan policy</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A Nessus scanner has been deployed to the Security Services VLAN and is being managed by Tenable.sc.</li> <li>● The Nessus scanner has access to each scan zone.</li> </ul>
Procedure	<p><u>Perform scans and view the results.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Log in to Tenable.sc with the security manager user account.</li> <li>2. Navigate to <b>Scans &gt; Active Scans</b>.</li> <li>3. Under <b>HDO Asset Scan</b>, click the <b>run button (▶)</b>.</li> <li>4. Wait for the HDO Asset Scan to finish.</li> <li>5. Under <b>HDO Network Scan</b>, click the <b>run button (▶)</b>.</li> <li>6. Wait for the HDO Network Scan to finish.</li> <li>7. Click <b>Dashboard</b> in the menu ribbon.</li> <li>8. Check if the risk assessment results are displayed.</li> </ol>
Expected Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tenable.sc and Nessus scan the HDO VLANs, identify vulnerabilities, and assign risk scores to discovered threats.</li> <li>● Tenable.sc displays risk assessment scan results in the dashboard.</li> </ul>
Actual Results	<p>Using Tenable.sc, we ran a host discovery scan followed by a basic network scan. Once both scans were finished, we returned to the Tenable.sc dashboard and were able to view the results. The Nessus scanner was able to identify end points in the scan zones (VLANs) as well as potential vulnerabilities with associated risk scores.</p>

989 **6.1.4 Test Case: RPM-3**

Cybersecurity Framework Category	<b>Identity Management, Authentication, and Access Control</b>
Testable Requirement(s)	<b>(CR-3)</b> role-based access
Associated Test Case(s)	
Description	Demonstrate the ability to limit and disable access to data by implementing role-based access control on the Vivify platform.
Preconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vivify has provisioned a telehealth platform environment.</li> <li>● Vivify has provisioned an administrative user account.</li> <li>● Three test patients have been created in the Vivify platform: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Test Patient 1</li> <li>○ Test Patient 2</li> <li>○ Test Patient 3</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Procedure	<u>Create a Clinical Level 1 user account, and test account privileges.</u>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Log in to the Vivify platform by using the provisioned admin account.</li> <li>2. Click <b>Care Team</b> in the menu bar.</li> <li>3. Create a <b>New User</b> assigned to the <b>Clinical Level 1</b> user group.</li> <li>4. Access the <b>Test Patient</b> and add the new user into the Care Team for this patient.</li> <li>5. Log out of the environment.</li> <li>6. Log in to the environment with the user created in <b>step 3</b>.</li> <li>7. Check if the account has read-only access to patient records associated with that clinician level.</li> </ol> <p><u>Create a Clinical Level 2 user account, and test account privileges.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Log in to the Vivify platform by using the provisioned admin account.</li> <li>9. Click <b>Care Team</b> in the menu bar.</li> <li>10. Create a <b>New User</b> assigned to the <b>Clinical Level 2</b> and <b>Clinical Level 1</b> user groups.</li> <li>11. Access the <b>Test Patient 2</b> and add the new user into the Care Team for this patient.</li> <li>12. Log out of the environment.</li> <li>13. Log in to the environment with the user created in <b>step 10</b>.</li> <li>14. Check if the account has read and write access to patient records associated with that clinician level.</li> </ol> <p><u>Create a Clinical Level 3 user account, and test account privileges.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15. Log in to the Vivify platform by using the provisioned admin account.</li> <li>16. Click <b>Care Team</b> in the menu bar.</li> <li>17. Create a <b>New User</b> assigned to the <b>Clinical Level 3, Clinical Level 2, and Clinical Level 1</b> user groups.</li> <li>18. Log out of the environment.</li> <li>19. Log in to the environment with the user created in <b>step 17</b>.</li> <li>20. Check if the account has read and write privileges for all patient records.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Expected Results</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A user account in the Clinical Level 1 group should be able to read only patient records assigned to that clinician.</li> <li>• A user account in the Clinical Level 2 should be able to read and write only to patient records assigned to that clinician.</li> <li>• A user account in the Clinical Level 3 should be able to read and write to all patient records.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Actual Results</b></p>	<p>We started by logging in to the provisioned Vivify portal with our admin credentials and creating three new Care Team users, each with</p>

	<p>their own access levels. The first user was granted Clinical Level 1 and was added as Care Team of the test patient; the second was granted Clinical Levels 1 and 2 and was added as Care Team of the test patient; and the third was granted Clinical Levels 1 through 3. Then we logged in as each new user and tested their privileges. The first user was able to only view patient records that assigned to her. The second user was able to view and modify patient records that only associated with those assigned to her. The third user was able to view and modify all patient records.</p>
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## 990 6.1.5 Test Case: RPM-4

Cybersecurity Framework Category	<b>Identity Management, Authentication, and Access Control</b>
Testable Requirement(s)	<p><b>(CR-4)</b> domain user authentication  <b>(CR-5)</b> domain user authorization</p>
Associated Test Case(s)	
Description	Demonstrate the ability to create new domain users and enforce restrictions on non-admin users.
Preconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Windows Server is deployed to the <b>Enterprise Services</b> VLAN.</li> <li>• The Windows Server has been configured as an Active Directory Domain Controller for the <b>hdo.trpm</b> domain.</li> <li>• A Windows workstation is deployed to the <b>Enterprise Services</b> VLAN and has been added to the <b>hdo.trpm</b> domain.</li> <li>• A Windows workstation is deployed to the <b>Clinical Workstations</b> VLAN and has been added to the <b>hdo.trpm</b> domain.</li> <li>• A Cisco Firepower access control policy rule has been created, allowing network traffic from the <b>Clinical Workstations</b> VLAN to the <b>Enterprise Services</b> VLAN.</li> <li>• The Cisco Firepower Threat Defense (FTD) appliance has been configured to provide Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) services for the <b>Enterprise Services</b> and <b>Clinical Workstations</b> VLANs.</li> </ul>
Procedure	<p><u>Create a non-admin domain user.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Power on the Windows Server and log in.</li> <li>2. Open the <b>Server Manager</b> application.</li> <li>3. Navigate to <b>Tools &gt; Active Directory Users and Computers</b>.</li> <li>4. Navigate to <b>hdo.trpm &gt; Users</b>.</li> <li>5. Click <b>Create a new user in the current container</b>.</li> <li>6. Fill out the user's information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>First Name:</b> User</li> <li>b. <b>Last Name:</b> Test</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p>c. <b>User logon name:</b> usertest</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>7. Click <b>Next &gt;</b>.</li><li>8. Create a password for the user.</li><li>9. Uncheck <b>User must change the password at next logon</b>.</li><li>10. Click <b>Next &gt;</b>.</li><li>11. Click <b>Finish</b>.</li><li>12. Right-click the user's profile and select <b>Properties</b>.</li><li>13. Click <b>Member Of</b>.</li><li>14. Ensure that the user is a member of only <b>Domain Users</b>.</li></ol> <p><u>Create an admin domain user.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>15. Navigate to <b>hdo.trpm &gt; Users</b>.</li><li>16. Click <b>Create a new user in the current container</b>.</li><li>17. Fill out the user's information:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <b>First Name:</b> Admin</li><li>b. <b>Last Name:</b> Test</li><li>c. <b>User logon name:</b> admintest</li></ol></li><li>18. Click <b>Next &gt;</b>.</li><li>19. Create a password for the user.</li><li>20. Uncheck <b>User must change the password at next logon</b>.</li><li>21. Click <b>Next &gt;</b>.</li><li>22. Click <b>Finish</b>.</li><li>23. Right-click the user's profile, and select <b>Properties</b>.</li><li>24. Click <b>Member Of</b>.</li><li>25. Click <b>Add....</b></li><li>26. Type <b>Domain</b>, and click <b>Check Names</b>.</li><li>27. Select <b>Domain Admins</b>.</li><li>28. Click <b>OK</b>.</li><li>29. Click <b>OK</b>.</li></ol> <p><u>Create network share folder.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>30. Power on the Windows workstation in the <b>Enterprise Services</b> VLAN and log in with an administrator account.</li><li>31. Right-click the <b>Windows Start Button</b>.</li><li>32. Click <b>Windows PowerShell (Admin)</b>.</li><li>33. Run the command <b>ipconfig</b>.</li><li>34. Note the <b>IP address</b> (192.168.40.107).</li><li>35. Open the <b>File Explorer</b> application.</li><li>36. Navigate to <b>This PC &gt; Local Disc (C:)</b>.</li><li>37. Under <b>Home</b>, click <b>New Folder</b>.</li><li>38. Name the folder <b>Share</b>.</li><li>39. Right-click the new folder and select <b>Properties</b>.</li></ol>
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	<p>40. Under <b>Sharing</b>, click <b>Share....</b></p> <p>41. Click the drop-down and select <b>Find people....</b></p> <p>42. Type <b>Domain</b> and click <b>Check Names.</b></p> <p>43. Select <b>Domain Admins.</b></p> <p>44. Click <b>OK.</b></p> <p>45. Click <b>OK.</b></p> <p>46. Click <b>Share.</b></p> <p>47. Click <b>Done.</b></p> <p>48. Create a new text document inside the <b>Share</b> folder, and name it <b>AccessTest.</b></p> <p><u>Test ability to access network share folder with non-admin user.</u></p> <p>49. Power on the Windows workstation in the <b>Enterprise Services</b> VLAN.</p> <p>50. Log in with the non-admin account, <b>usertest</b>, that was created in the previous steps.</p> <p>51. Right-click the <b>Windows Start Button.</b></p> <p>52. Click <b>Run.</b></p> <p>53. Under <b>Open</b>, type <b>\\192.168.40.107\Share.</b></p> <p>54. Click <b>OK.</b></p> <p>55. Check if a network error is displayed, stating that the user does not have permission to access the network share folder</p> <p><u>Test ability to access network share folder with admin user.</u></p> <p>56. Log out of the non-admin account.</p> <p>57. Log in with the admin account, <b>admintest</b>, that was created in the previous steps.</p> <p>58. Right-click the <b>Windows Start Button.</b></p> <p>59. Click <b>Run.</b></p> <p>60. Under <b>Open</b>, type <b>\\192.168.40.107\Share.</b></p> <p>61. Click <b>OK.</b></p> <p>62. Check if the network share folder is opened and the <b>AccessTest</b> text document is visible.</p>
<p><b>Expected Results</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After the non-admin and admin domain users have been created, they will be able to use their credentials to log in to computers within the domain.</li> <li>• Only the admin domain user will be able to access the network share folder.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Actual Results</b></p>	<p>Once the user accounts were created and the network share folder was created and configured, we began by logging in to a domain computer with the non-admin domain user. The user was able to successfully log in. Next, we tested the user’s ability to access the</p>

	network share folder. The non-admin domain user was not able to access the network share folder, receiving a network error stating that the user did not have the proper permissions. Finally, we were able to successfully log in to a domain computer with the admin domain user’s account. With this user, we were also able to successfully access the network share folder and view the files within.
<b>Expected Results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After the non-admin and admin domain users have been created, they will be able to use their credentials to log in to computers within the domain.</li> <li>• Only the admin domain user will be able to access the network share folder.</li> </ul>
<b>Actual Results</b>	Once the user accounts were created and the network share folder was created and configured, we began by logging in to a domain computer with the non-admin domain user. The user was able to successfully log in. Next, we tested the user’s ability to access the network share folder. The non-admin domain user was not able to access the network share folder, receiving a network error stating that the user did not have the proper permissions. Finally, we were able to successfully log in to a domain computer with the admin domain user’s account. With this user, we were also able to successfully access the network share folder and view the files within.

991 6.1.6 Test Case: RPM-5

<b>Cybersecurity Framework Category</b>	<b>Identity Management, Authentication, and Access Control</b>
<b>Testable Requirement(s)</b>	<b>(CR-6)</b> network segmentation <b>(CR-7)</b> access control policy
<b>Associated Test Case(s)</b>	
<b>Description</b>	Demonstrate the use of network segmentation and an access control policy to allow permitted traffic to selected network devices.
<b>Preconditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Cisco FTD appliance’s interfaces are configured.</li> <li>• A Windows Server is deployed to the <b>Clinical Workstations</b> VLAN.</li> <li>• The Windows Server has been configured with a basic Internet Information Services (IIS) web service.</li> <li>• A Windows workstation is deployed to the <b>Clinical Workstations</b> VLAN.</li> <li>• A Windows workstation is deployed to the <b>Enterprise Services</b> VLAN.</li> <li>• A Cisco Firepower access control policy has been configured, with a default action of <b>Block All Traffic</b>, and applied to the Cisco FTD appliance.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Cisco FTD appliance has been configured to provide DHCP services for the <b>HIS Services</b> and <b>Clinical Workstations</b> VLANs.</li> </ul>
Procedure	<p><u>Test connectivity between devices in the same subnet.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Power on the Windows workstation, and log in.</li> <li>Power on the Windows Server, and log in.</li> <li>On the Windows workstation, right-click the <b>Windows Start Button</b>.</li> <li>Click <b>Windows PowerShell (Admin)</b>.</li> <li>Run the command <b>ipconfig</b>.</li> <li>Note the <b>IP address</b> (192.168.44.101).</li> <li>On the Windows server, right-click the <b>Windows Start Button</b>.</li> <li>Click <b>Windows PowerShell (Admin)</b>.</li> <li>Run the command <b>ipconfig</b>.</li> <li>Ensure that the <b>IP address</b> (192.168.44.102) is in the same subnet as the Windows workstation.</li> <li>On the Windows workstation, open an internet browser.</li> <li>In the address bar, type in the address of the Windows server, <b>http://192.168.44.102</b>.</li> <li>Check if the default IIS landing page is displayed.</li> </ol> <p><u>Test connectivity between devices in separate subnets with no access control policy rules set.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Power off the Windows Server.</li> <li>Move it to the <b>HIS Services</b> VLAN.</li> <li>Power on the Windows Server, and log in.</li> <li>On the Windows workstation, right-click the <b>Windows Start Button</b>.</li> <li>Click <b>Windows PowerShell (Admin)</b>.</li> <li>Run the command <b>ipconfig</b>.</li> <li>Note the <b>IP address</b> (192.168.41.100).</li> <li>On the Windows workstation, open an internet browser.</li> <li>In the address bar, type in the address of the Windows Server, <b>http://192.168.41.100</b>.</li> <li>Check if the connection times out and the IIS web service cannot be reached.</li> </ol> <p><u>Test connectivity between devices in separate subnets with an access control policy rule set to allow.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Power on the Windows workstation in the <b>Enterprise Services</b> VLAN, and log in.</li> <li>Open an internet browser.</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26. In the address bar, type in the address of the Cisco FMC, <b>https://192.168.40.100</b>.</li> <li>27. Log in to the Cisco FMC with your admin credentials.</li> <li>28. Navigate to <b>Policies &gt; Access Control &gt; Access Control</b>.</li> <li>29. Select the default access control policy.</li> <li>30. Click <b>Add Rule</b>.</li> <li>31. Give the rule a name.</li> <li>32. Set the rule's action to <b>Allow</b>.</li> <li>33. Under <b>Networks &gt; Source Networks</b>, type the IP address of the Windows workstation in the <b>Clinical Workstations VLAN</b> (192.168.44.101).</li> <li>34. Click <b>Add</b>.</li> <li>35. Under <b>Networks &gt; Destination Networks</b>, type the IP address of the Windows Server in the <b>HIS Services VLAN</b> (192.168.41.100).</li> <li>36. Click <b>Add</b>.</li> <li>37. Under <b>Ports &gt; Available Ports</b>, select <b>HTTP</b>, and click <b>Add to Destination</b>.</li> <li>38. Click <b>Add</b> to create the rule.</li> <li>39. Click <b>Save</b> and <b>Deploy</b> the configuration to the Cisco FTD.</li> <li>40. On the Windows workstation in the <b>Clinical Workstations VLAN</b>, open an internet browser.</li> <li>41. In the address bar, type in the address of the Windows Server in the <b>HIS Services VLAN</b>, <b>http://192.168.41.100</b>.</li> <li>42. Check if the default IIS landing page is displayed.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Expected Results</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devices in separate subnets are not able to communicate with each other until an access control policy rule has been created to allow that communication.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Actual Results</b></p>	<p>When the workstation and server were both placed inside the Clinical Workstations VLAN, the workstation was able to access the server's web service, successfully displaying the server's default IIS web page. After the server was moved to the HIS Services VLAN, the workstation was no longer able to reach the server's web service. Instead of displaying the default IIS web page, the workstation's internet browser returned an error code and stated that the web service could not be reached. A new access control policy rule was created and applied to the Cisco FTD, allowing hypertext transfer protocol (http) traffic from the workstation to the server. Once the rule was created, the workstation was able to access the server's web service and display the default IIS web page.</p>

## 992 6.1.7 Test Case: RPM-6

Cybersecurity Framework Category	<b>Security Continuous Monitoring</b>
Testable Requirement(s)	<b>(CR-8)</b> malware protection
Associated Test Case(s)	
Description	Demonstrate the ability to protect the network and end points from malicious services by blocking the service before a connection is made.
Preconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two Cisco Umbrella Forwarder appliances have been deployed to the <b>Enterprise Services</b> VLAN.</li> <li>• The domain's DHCP service has been configured to provide the Cisco Umbrella Forwarder appliances as the primary and secondary DNS providers.</li> <li>• A Cisco Umbrella policy has been created, with no malware blocking and has been applied to the Cisco Umbrella Forwarder appliances.</li> <li>• A Windows workstation is deployed to the <b>Clinical Workstations</b> VLAN.</li> </ul>
Procedure	<p><u>Test connectivity to outside malicious service with no Umbrella policy.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Power on the Windows workstation, and log in.</li> <li>2. Right-click the <b>Windows Start Button</b>.</li> <li>3. Click <b>Windows PowerShell (Admin)</b>.</li> <li>4. Run the command <b>ipconfig/all</b>.</li> <li>5. Under <b>DNS Servers</b>, ensure that the IP addresses listed correspond to the deployed Cisco Umbrella Forwarder appliances, <b>192.168.40.30</b> and <b>192.168.40.31</b>.</li> <li>6. Open an internet browser.</li> <li>7. In the address bar, type in the address of Cisco's malware test page, <b>examplemalwaredomain.com</b>.</li> <li>8. Check if the site loads and no block message is displayed.</li> </ol> <p><u>Test connectivity to outside malicious service with Umbrella policy.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Open an internet browser.</li> <li>10. In the address bar, type in the address of the Cisco Umbrella dashboard, <b>dashboard.umbrella.com</b>.</li> <li>11. Log in to the Cisco Umbrella dashboard with your admin credentials.</li> <li>12. Navigate to <b>Policies &gt; Management &gt; All Policies</b>.</li> <li>13. Open the policy applied to the Cisco Umbrella Forwarder appliances.</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14. Under <b>Security Setting Applied</b>, click <b>Edit</b>.</li> <li>15. Under <b>Categories to Block</b>, click <b>Edit</b>.</li> <li>16. Click the checkbox next to <b>Malware</b>.</li> <li>17. Click <b>Save</b>.</li> <li>18. Click <b>Proceed</b> to confirm the changes.</li> <li>19. Click <b>Set &amp; Return</b> to save the default settings.</li> <li>20. Click <b>Save</b> to update the policy applied to the Cisco Umbrella Forwarder appliances.</li> <li>21. On the Windows workstation in the <b>Clinical Workstations</b> VLAN, open an internet browser.</li> <li>22. In the address bar, type in the address of Cisco’s malware test page, <b>examplemalwaredomain.com</b>.</li> <li>23. Check if the site does not load and a Cisco Umbrella block message is displayed.</li> </ol>
<b>Expected Results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When the Cisco Umbrella policy is active, devices within the HDO environment will not be able to access potentially malicious web services outside the HDO.</li> </ul>
<b>Actual Results</b>	<p>To start, the Cisco Umbrella policy applied to the Forwarder appliances was not configured to block external sites that have been flagged for potential malware. Using a workstation in the Clinical Workstations VLAN, we navigated to a test malware site hosted by Cisco (examplemalwaredomain.com) to verify Cisco Umbrella’s effectiveness. Without the malware policy in place, the workstation was able to successfully reach the test malware site. After this, the Cisco Umbrella policy was configured to block external sites that have been flagged for potential malware. With the policy in place, the workstation was used again to connect to the test malware site, this time receiving a Cisco Umbrella block page notifying us that access to the site was not permitted.</p>

993 **6.1.8 Test Case: RPM-7**

<b>Cybersecurity Framework Category</b>	<b>Security Continuous Monitoring</b>
<b>Testable Requirement(s)</b>	<b>(CR-9)</b> malicious activity detection
<b>Associated Test Case(s)</b>	
<b>Description</b>	Demonstrate the ability to detect anomalous network traffic and create an alert for further investigation.
<b>Preconditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cisco Stealthwatch has been configured and licensed.</li> <li>• A Cisco Stealthwatch Flow Collector has been deployed to the Security Services VLAN and is being managed by the Cisco SMC.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Cisco FTD has been configured to send NetFlow traffic to the Cisco Stealthwatch Flow Collector for analysis.</li> <li>• A Windows workstation is deployed to the <b>Security Services</b> VLAN.</li> <li>• An Ubuntu workstation, with the Nmap tool installed, has been deployed to the <b>HIS Services</b> VLAN.</li> </ul>
Procedure	<p><u>Configure Cisco Stealthwatch policy rule.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Power on the Ubuntu workstation, and log in.</li> <li>2. Run the command <b>ifconfig</b>.</li> <li>3. Note the <b>IP address</b> (192.168.41.10).</li> <li>4. Power on the Windows workstation, and log in.</li> <li>5. Open an internet browser.</li> <li>6. In the address bar, type in the address of the Cisco SMC, <b>https://192.168.45.30</b>.</li> <li>7. Log in to the Cisco SMC with your admin credentials.</li> <li>8. Navigate to <b>Configure &gt; Policy Management</b>.</li> <li>9. Click <b>Create New Policy</b> and select <b>Single Host Policy</b>.</li> <li>10. Under <b>IP Address</b>, type the IP address of the Ubuntu workstation, <b>192.168.41.10</b>.</li> <li>11. Click <b>Select Events</b>.</li> <li>12. Select <b>Recon</b>.</li> <li>13. Click <b>Apply</b>.</li> <li>14. Under <b>When Host is Source</b>, select <b>On + Alarm</b>.</li> <li>15. Click <b>Save</b>.</li> </ol> <p><u>Test ability for Cisco Stealthwatch to detect a network discovery scan and create an alert.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16. On the Ubuntu workstation, run the command <b>nmap 192.168.40.0/24</b> to perform a host scan of the <b>Enterprise Services</b> VLAN.</li> <li>17. On the Windows workstation, bring up the Cisco Stealthwatch session, and navigate to <b>Dashboards &gt; Network Security</b>.</li> <li>18. Check if the scan from the Ubuntu workstation has triggered one or more alarms.</li> </ol>
Expected Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The network scans from the Ubuntu workstation will trigger some form of alert from Cisco Stealthwatch.</li> </ul>
Actual Results	<p>Once the Cisco Stealthwatch policy rule had been created, it took roughly a minute after the Nmap scan had run to begin displaying alerts on the Cisco Stealthwatch dashboard. The Ubuntu workstation from which the scans originated, <b>192.168.41.10</b>, was listed on the dashboard under <b>Top Alarming Hosts</b> and was also listed in the <b>Recon</b> category under <b>Today's Alarms</b>. On top of triggering the <b>Recon</b></p>

	rule that we had created, the scans also triggered a <b>New Flows Initiated</b> alarm for exceeding a threshold number of new flows within a set period of time.
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## 994 6.1.9 Test Case: RPM-8

Cybersecurity Framework Category	<b>Security Continuous Monitoring</b>
Testable Requirement(s)	<b>(CR-10)</b> end-point monitoring and protection
Associated Test Case(s)	
Description	Demonstrate the ability to detect unusual authentication behaviors and file integrity changes on protected end points.
Preconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LogRhythmXDR has been configured and licensed.</li> <li>• A Windows Server is deployed to the <b>Clinical Workstations</b> VLAN.</li> <li>• The Windows Server has a <b>LogRhythm System Monitor Agent</b> installed.</li> </ul>
Procedure	<p><u>Enable user activity monitor services on the Clinical Workstation.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Power on the LogRhythmXDR host, and log in.</li> <li>2. Start the <b>Management Console</b> application.</li> <li>3. Click <b>Deployment Manager</b>.</li> <li>4. Click <b>System Monitors</b>.</li> <li>5. Double-click the <b>Windows Server</b>.</li> <li>6. Click <b>Endpoint Monitoring</b>.</li> <li>7. Click <b>User Activity Monitor</b>.</li> <li>8. Click the checkbox next to <b>Monitor Logon Activity</b>.</li> <li>9. Click the checkbox next to <b>Monitor Network Session Activity</b>.</li> <li>10. Click the checkbox next to <b>Monitor Process Activity</b>.</li> <li>11. Click <b>OK</b>.</li> </ol> <p><u>Create a file integrity monitor policy for the Clinical Workstation.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. Power on the Windows Server and log in with an administrator account.</li> <li>13. Open the <b>File Explorer</b> application.</li> <li>14. Navigate to <b>This PC &gt; Local Disc (C:)</b>.</li> <li>15. Create a new folder, and name it <b>testdirectory</b>.</li> <li>16. Create a new text document inside the <b>testdirectory</b>, folder and name it <b>testfile</b>.</li> <li>17. On the LogRhythmXDR workstation, open the <b>Management Console</b> application.</li> <li>18. Click <b>Deployment Manager</b>.</li> <li>19. Under <b>Tools</b>, select <b>Administration</b>.</li> <li>20. Click <b>File Integrity Monitor Policy Manager</b>.</li> </ol>

21. In the **dialog box**, right-click and select **New**.
  22. Name the policy **NCCoE Testdirectory**.
  23. Provide a **Description**.
  24. Under **Monitoring Configuration**, right-click and select **New**.
  25. Name the policy **testdirectory configuration**.
  26. Under **Monitoring Flags**, select **Modify** and **Permission**.
  27. Under **Monitored Items**, right-click and select **New**.
  28. Under **Type**, select **Directory**.
  29. Under **Path**, type **C:\testdirectory**.
  30. Click **Apply**.
  31. Click **OK**.
  32. Click **System Monitors**.
  33. Double-click the **Windows Server**.
  34. Click **Endpoint Monitoring**.
  35. Click **File Integrity Monitor**.
  36. Click the checkbox next to **Enable File Integrity Monitor**.
  37. Select **Realtime** mode.
  38. Click the checkbox next to **Enable Realtime Mode Anomaly Detection**.
  39. Under **Policy**, select **NCCoE Testdirectory**.
  40. Click **Apply**.
  41. Click **OK**.
- Create an artificial intelligence (AI) engine rule.
42. Click **Deployment Manager**.
  43. Click **AI Engine**.
  44. Click **Create a New Rule**.
  45. Under **Rule Block Types**, select and drag a **rule block** to the **Rule Block Designer**.
  46. Under each tab, fill out the necessary information.
  47. Click **Next**.
  48. Click **OK**.
  49. Create a rule for **Authentication Failure Monitoring**.
    - a. **AI Engine Rule Name:** NCCoE Authentication failure threshold
    - b. **Data Source:** Data Processor Logs
    - c. **Primary Criteria-> Classification:** Authentication Failure
    - d. **Log Sources:** All Log Sources
    - e. **Group By:** Host (Impacted), User (Origin)
  50. Create a rule for **File Integrity Monitoring**.
    - a. **AI Engine Rule Name:** NCCoE Use Case File Activity
    - b. **Data Source:** Data Processor Logs

	<p>c. <b>Primary Criteria -&gt; Common Event:</b> File Monitoring Event–Add, File Monitoring Event–Modify</p> <p>d. <b>Log Sources:</b> All Log Sources</p> <p>e. <b>Group By:</b> User (Origin), Object</p> <p>51. For both new rules, click the checkbox for <b>Action</b>.</p> <p>52. Under <b>Actions</b>, select <b>Enable</b>.</p> <p><u>Test user activity monitoring.</u></p> <p>53. Power on the Windows Server.</p> <p>54. Attempt to log in with a username and invalid password at least five times.</p> <p><u>View user authentication failure alerts.</u></p> <p>55. On the LogRhythmXDR host, open an internet browser.</p> <p>56. In the address bar, type in the address of the LogRhythm Web Console, <b>https://logrhythm-host:8443</b>, and log in.</p> <p>57. Click the <b>Alarms</b> tab.</p> <p>58. Check for alerts coinciding with the user authentication failures.</p> <p><u>Test file integrity monitoring.</u></p> <p>59. On the Windows Server, log in with an administrator account.</p> <p>60. Open the <b>File Explorer</b> application.</p> <p>61. Navigate to <b>This PC &gt; Local Disc (C:) &gt; testdirectory</b>.</p> <p>62. Open the <b>testfile</b> text document.</p> <p>63. Modify the content of the <b>testfile</b> text document.</p> <p>64. Under <b>File</b>, select <b>Save</b>.</p> <p><u>View file integrity monitoring alerts.</u></p> <p>65. On the LogRhythmXDR workstation, open an internet browser.</p> <p>66. In the address bar, type in the address of the LogRhythm Web Console, <b>https://logrhythm-host:8443</b>, and log in.</p> <p>67. Click the <b>Alarms</b> tab.</p> <p>68. Check for alerts coinciding with the file modification.</p>
<p><b>Expected Results</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The unusual authentication behavior will trigger an alarm event that is viewable in the LogRhythm Web Console.</li> <li>• The unauthorized file modification will trigger an alarm event that is viewable in the LogRhythm Web Console, and log files will identify the user who has performed the file modification.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Actual Results</b></p>	<p>Once LogRhythmXDR was configured to provide user activity monitoring and file integrity monitoring, we began by testing the user activity monitoring. For this test, we powered on the Windows Server in the Clinical Workstations VLAN that had been configured with a</p>

	<p>LogRhythm System Monitor Agent. We made five consecutive login attempts using an invalid password, which was then detected by LogRhythm, and an alert was created that was visible on the LogRhythm Web Console.</p> <p>Next, we tested the file integrity monitoring. For this test, we logged in to the Windows Server in the Clinical Workstations VLAN and made some modifications to the <b>testfile</b> text document in the C:\testdirectory folder. Once the changes had been saved, an alarm was triggered and visible in the LogRhythm Web Console. From the alert, we could also drill down to the event and determine what user had made the modification.</p>
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995 **6.1.10 Test Case: RPM-9**

<b>Cybersecurity Framework Category</b>	<b>Security Continuous Monitoring</b>
<b>Testable Requirement(s)</b>	<b>(CR-11)</b> end-point network access monitoring
<b>Associated Test Case(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RPM-8</li> </ul>
<b>Description</b>	This test case demonstrates the ability to create alarms for unauthorized network traffic.
<b>Preconditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LogRhythm NetworkXDR has been configured and licensed.</li> <li>A Windows Server is deployed to the <b>Clinical Workstations</b> VLAN.</li> <li>The Windows Server has a <b>LogRhythm System Monitor Agent</b> installed.</li> </ul>
<b>Procedure</b>	<p>Enable user network connection monitor on the Clinical Workstation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Power on the LogRhythmXDR host, and log in.</li> <li>Start the <b>Management Console</b> application.</li> <li>Click <b>Deployment Manager</b>.</li> <li>Click <b>System Monitors</b>.</li> <li>Double-click the <b>Windows Server</b>.</li> <li>Click <b>Endpoint Monitoring</b>.</li> <li>Click <b>User Activity Monitor</b>.</li> <li>Click the checkbox next to <b>Monitor Logon Activity</b>.</li> <li>Click the checkbox next to <b>Monitor Network Session Activity</b>.</li> <li>Click the checkbox next to <b>Monitor Process Activity</b>.</li> <li>Click <b>OK</b>.</li> <li>Click <b>Network Connection Monitor</b>.</li> <li>Click the checkbox next to <b>Enable Network Connection Monitor</b>.</li> <li>Click the checkbox next to <b>Monitor Inbound TCP Connections</b>.</li> <li>Click the checkbox next to <b>Monitor Outbound TCP Connections</b>.</li> <li>Click the checkbox next to <b>Monitor Listening TCP/UDP Sockets</b>.</li> </ol>

	<p>17. Click the checkbox next to <b>Include User Activity Monitor Data (Required UAM)</b>.</p> <p>18. Click <b>OK</b>.</p> <p><u>Create an AI engine rule.</u></p> <p>19. Click <b>Deployment Manager</b>.</p> <p>20. Click <b>AI Engine</b>.</p> <p>21. Click <b>Create a New Rule</b>.</p> <p>22. Under <b>Rule Block Types</b>, select and drag a <b>rule block</b> to the <b>Rule Block Designer</b>.</p> <p>23. Under each tab, fill out the necessary information.</p> <p>24. Click <b>Next</b>.</p> <p>25. Click <b>OK</b>.</p> <p>26. Create a rule for <b>Monitoring HTTP Traffic</b>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>AI Engine Rule Name:</b> NCCoE HTTP traffic from clinical workstation</li> <li><b>Data Source:</b> Data Processor Logs</li> <li><b>Primary Criteria -&gt; Application:</b> HTTP, Know Host (origin)–Windows Server</li> <li><b>Log Sources:</b> All Log Sources</li> <li><b>Group By:</b> Host (Origin), Application</li> </ol> <p>27. For the new rule, click the checkbox for <b>Action</b>.</p> <p>28. Under <b>Actions</b>, select <b>Enable</b>.</p> <p><u>Test user network connectivity monitoring.</u></p> <p>29. Power on the Windows Server, and log in.</p> <p>30. Open an internet browser.</p> <p>31. In the address bar, type the address of a web service by using the http protocol, as in <b>http://www.msn.com/</b>.</p> <p><u>View user network connectivity monitoring alerts.</u></p> <p>32. On the LogRhythmXDR host, open an internet browser.</p> <p>33. In the address bar, type in the address of the LogRhythm Web Console, <b>https://logrhythm-host:8443</b>, and log in.</p> <p>34. Click the <b>Alarms</b> tab.</p> <p>35. Check for alerts coinciding with use of the http protocol.</p>
<p><b>Expected Results</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connecting to a web service using the http protocol will trigger an alarm event that is viewable in the LogRhythm Web Console.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Actual Results</b></p>	<p>Once LogRhythmXDR and NetworkXDR were configured to provide user network connection monitoring, we powered on the Windows Server in the Clinical Workstations VLAN that had been configured with a LogRhythm System Monitor Agent. After logging in, we opened</p>

	a web browser and connected to <a href="http://www.msn.com/">http://www.msn.com/</a> . LogRhythm detected use of the http protocol and created an alert that was visible on the LogRhythm Web Console.
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## 997 **7 Future Build Considerations**

998 This practice guide implemented biometric devices that used cellular data communications. For a future  
999 build, the NCCoE Healthcare Team would consider updating the reference architecture to include  
1000 broadband-based communications. The practice guide implemented Onclave Networks as a proof-of-  
1001 concept solution that would provide Layer 2 over Layer 3 protections but did not deploy biometric  
1002 devices that would leverage the benefits from this micro-segmentation solution.

1003 A future build may also implement an EHR system that would receive automated data from the  
1004 telehealth platform provider. Patient-initiated messages from RPM components deployed to the patient  
1005 home were contained within the RPM systems hosted within an application to which HDOs connected  
1006 for review and analysis. The future build may include direct messaging from the RPM systems to the  
1007 EHR.

## 1008 **Appendix A** List of Acronyms

<b>AES</b>	Advanced Encryption Standard
<b>AD</b>	Active Directory
<b>AI</b>	Artificial Intelligence
<b>AMP</b>	Advanced Malware Protection
<b>CIA</b>	Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability
<b>COI</b>	Community of Interest
<b>CTI</b>	Cyber Threat Intelligence
<b>DHCP</b>	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
<b>DNS</b>	Domain Name System
<b>EHR</b>	Electronic Health Record
<b>FTD</b>	Firepower Threat Defense
<b>HDO</b>	Healthcare Delivery Organization
<b>HIPAA</b>	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
<b>HIS</b>	Health Information System
<b>http</b>	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
<b>https</b>	Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure
<b>IEC</b>	International Electrotechnical Commission
<b>IIS</b>	Internet Information Services
<b>IT</b>	Information Technology
<b>LTE</b>	Long-Term Evolution
<b>NCCoE</b>	National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence
<b>NFC</b>	Near Field Communication
<b>NICE</b>	National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education
<b>NIST</b>	National Institute of Standards and Technology

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<b>PACS</b>	Picture Archiving and Communication System
<b>PAN</b>	Personal Area Network
<b>PRAM</b>	Privacy Risk Assessment Methodology
<b>RMF</b>	Risk Management Framework
<b>RPM</b>	Remote Patient Monitoring
<b>SaaS</b>	Software as Service
<b>SIEM</b>	Security Incident and Event Management
<b>SOHO</b>	Small Office/Home Office Network
<b>SP</b>	Special Publication
<b>URL</b>	Uniform Resource Locator
<b>VLAN</b>	Virtual Local Area Network
<b>WAN</b>	Wide Area Network

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## 1117 **Appendix C Threats and Risks**

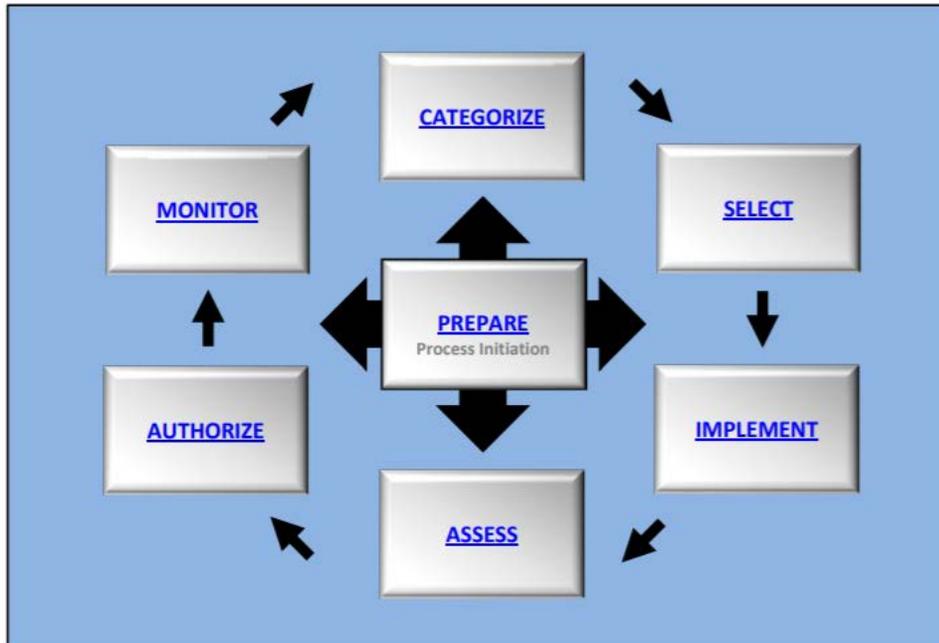
1118 Organizations need to understand risks associated with systems they deploy. The National Institute of  
 1119 Standards and Technology (NIST) provides two bodies of work that enable organizations to examine risk  
 1120 and determine how risks may be mitigated. The National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE)  
 1121 uses the NIST Cybersecurity Framework as guidance for managing risks in healthcare technology.  
 1122 Dovetailing with the Cybersecurity Framework is the NIST Risk Management Framework (RMF). This  
 1123 appendix discusses how the Cybersecurity Framework and the RMF may be applied when managing  
 1124 risks for the remote patient monitoring (RPM) environment.

### 1125 **C-1 Discussion on the Risk Management Framework**

1126 This practice guide implements concepts in the NIST RMF [\[4\]](#). The NIST RMF consists of a series of  
 1127 documents that may be applied in categorizing systems, selecting controls, assessing controls, and  
 1128 monitoring the security state of the overall architecture. The RMF captures this concept by describing a  
 1129 six-step process.

1130 The RMF security life cycle can be described as follows:

Step	Description	Guidance Document(s)
1	categorize	Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 199 <a href="#">[24]</a> ; NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-60 <a href="#">[25]</a> , <a href="#">[26]</a>
2	select	FIPS 200 <a href="#">[27]</a> ; NIST SP 800-53 <a href="#">[10]</a>
3	implement	NIST SP 800-70 <a href="#">[28]</a>
4	assess	NIST SP 800-53A <a href="#">[29]</a>
5	authorize	NIST SP 800-37 <a href="#">[30]</a>
6	monitor	NIST SP 800-37 <a href="#">[30]</a> ; NIST SP 800-53A <a href="#">[29]</a>



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1132 Note that this practice guide does not apply the RMF sequentially as described. The NIST RMF, in this  
 1133 stepped approach, applies to new systems as they are evaluated for their suitability to transition from  
 1134 development to production environments. For this RPM practice guide, components are already  
 1135 developed. The approach that this practice guide uses in applying the RMF is first categorizing the  
 1136 system, then assessing risk and understanding threats that may result in risk. The practice guide then  
 1137 selects controls to disrupt threats.

## 1138 C-2 Information and Information System Categorization

1139 An initial step in performing a system risk assessment and then selecting and applying appropriate  
 1140 controls is to perform an information and information system categorization exercise. A method to  
 1141 categorize is described in NIST SP 800-60 volumes 1 and 2 [24], [25], as well as in FIPS 199. These  
 1142 documents are a foundational step in the NIST Risk Management Framework. The NIST SP 800-60  
 1143 volumes provide guidance on identifying information categories and provides recommended  
 1144 categorization, based on confidentiality (C), integrity (I), and availability (A) security objectives.

1145 In reviewing information types described in NIST SP 800-60 volume 2 [25], this practice guide selected  
 1146 two information types as relevant for the representative build: C.2.8.9, personal identity and  
 1147 authentication; and D.14.1, access to care. The two information types were recorded in Table C-1,  
 1148 Information Types and Categorizations, and provisional impact levels were captured, with the category  
 1149 levels corresponding to the recommended value found in NIST SP 800-60 volume 2 [25].

1150 Table C-1 Information Types and Categorizations

Information Type	NIST SP 800-60 Volume II Reference (e.g., C.2.8.9)	Confidentiality	Integrity	Availability	Justification (to change an impact level)
personal identity and authentication	C.2.8.9	moderate	moderate	moderate	N/A
access to care	D.14.1	low	moderate	low	N/A
<b>Overall Rating</b>		moderate	moderate	moderate	N/A

1151 After identifying the information categories, one may determine the security objectives. Security  
 1152 objectives use a scale of low, medium, and high. FIPS 199 provides guidance in applying security  
 1153 categorization (SC). This practice guide identifies two information types: "personal identity and  
 1154 authentication", as well as "access to care". RPM's SC may be expressed as {(**confidentiality**,  
 1155 MODERATE), (**integrity**, MODERATE),(**availability**, MODERATE)} [24]. The SC provides a base guide for  
 1156 security controls selection.

### 1157 C-3 Risk Context

1158 This practice guide describes risk from a systemic perspective while contextualizing risk. The RPM  
 1159 system for this practice guide consists of three domains. For this practice guide, a domain is a group of  
 1160 assets whose maintenance and underlying infrastructure are the responsibility of discrete entities. In  
 1161 RPM, this practice guide implements a reference architecture that uses the patient home, the telehealth  
 1162 platform provider, and the HDO as domains.

1163 Because each domain is managed and used by different entities, risks and threats may manifest  
 1164 differently in each domain. While HDOs and telehealth platform providers are corporate entities that  
 1165 are subject to regulatory obligations, the patient home tends to be managed by individuals. For RPM,  
 1166 HDOs and telehealth platform providers should provide guidance to patients in safeguarding their  
 1167 systems and information. Controls may be implemented on provisioned devices managed by HDOs or  
 1168 telehealth platform providers; however, other controls may need to be addressed through education  
 1169 and awareness.

1170 Despite how controls may be implemented, this practice guide examines the contextualized risks and  
 1171 threats and describes how the NCCoE implemented mitigating controls. Organizations that implement  
 1172 RPM practices should ensure that they apply due diligence by examining their own risk scenarios,  
 1173 including legal and regulatory obligations that may apply to their locale. Risks and threats should be

1174 analyzed based on their context. This practice guide applies contextualized controls to disrupt threats as  
1175 its strategy to mitigate risk.

## 1176 C-4 Threats

1177 In this practice guide, the NCCoE identified a threat taxonomy for the entire system. Threats may  
1178 manifest differently to the system depending on the domain in which they appear. Environments that  
1179 may have resources to maintain security tools and procedures may have mitigating circumstances that  
1180 reduce the likelihood of attack and minimize impact based on pervasive controls. This practice guide  
1181 considers scenarios where patient homes may have less resource and capability to minimize threats  
1182 when compared with telehealth platform providers and HDOs. Also, for the purposes of this practice  
1183 guide, some threats may target HDOs to a greater extent than patient homes or telehealth platform  
1184 providers given a more target-rich data set that may attract threat actors.

1185 The following tables describe events and consider the likelihood of variation based on this context. Note  
1186 that the assigned values are notional. Practitioners who perform similar exercises may determine  
1187 different assignments. For purposes of this exercise, likelihood is categorized using a range that extends  
1188 from very low to very high, consistent with a model described in Appendix G of NIST 800-30 [\[9\]](#). An  
1189 abstract of the table appears below. The qualitative values from the describe threat likelihood.

1190 Table C-2 Assessment Scale: Likelihood of Threat Event Initiation

Qualitative Values	Frequency (derived from nonadversarial table)	Description (derived from adversarial table)
very high	Error, accident, or act of nature is <b>almost certain</b> to occur or occurs <b>more than 100 times per year</b> .	Adversary is <b>almost certain</b> to initiate the threat event.
high	Error, accident, or act of nature is <b>highly likely</b> to occur or occurs <b>10-100 times per year</b> .	Adversary is <b>highly likely</b> to initiate the threat event.
moderate	Error, accident, or act of nature is <b>somewhat likely</b> to occur or occurs <b>1-10 times per year</b> .	Adversary is <b>somewhat likely</b> to initiate the threat event.
low	Error, accident, or act of nature is <b>unlikely</b> to occur or occurs <b>less than once a year but more than every ten years</b> .	Adversary is <b>unlikely</b> to initiate the threat event.
very low	Error, accident, or act of nature is <b>highly unlikely</b> to occur or occurs <b>less than once every ten years</b> .	Adversary is <b>highly unlikely</b> to initiate the threat event.

1191 The patient home may include technology and network infrastructure that offers malicious actors the  
 1192 opportunity to introduce disruption. Patients and individuals in the patient home come from different  
 1193 walks of life and may have varying degrees of experience in ensuring that privacy and cybersecurity are  
 1194 appropriately implemented for the devices that they may use. Malicious actors may opportunistically  
 1195 leverage a lack of robust controls in the patient home. While the patient home environment may have  
 1196 limited data to exfiltrate and that pertains to a few individuals, the ability to compromise a patient  
 1197 home environment may pose fewer challenges than better resourced companies and hospital systems.

1198 Table C-3 Threats Applied to the Patient Home

C, I, A	Threat Event	Description	Likelihood
C	phishing	Patients and individuals in the patient home may be susceptible to phishing attempts.	high
I, A	malicious software	Patients and individuals in the patient home may be susceptible to permitting or introducing malicious	moderate

C, I, A	Threat Event	Description	Likelihood
		software into the patient home environment.	
I, A	command and control	Patients and individuals in the patient home may be susceptible to enabling malware that gives threat actors the ability to exercise command and control on devices.	moderate
A	ransomware	Ransomware may be introduced into the patient home environment either as links or attachments found in phishing emails or may be introduced through local media.	moderate
C	credential escalation	Malware may be introduced to the patient home environment that allows threat actors to execute arbitrary code and perform privileged functions.	low
I, A	operating system (OS) or application disruption	Malware may be introduced into the patient home environment that disrupts the operating system or applications. Libraries or subsystems may be affected.	moderate
C	data exfiltration	Sensitive data may be exposed to unauthorized individuals, e.g., via social engineering disclosure or malware that allows threat actors to retrieve data arbitrarily. Malware may be used for this purpose.	moderate

1199 Using the same threat matrix, an examination is made of the telehealth platform provider. In general,  
1200 the threat table considers when threat actors target workforce members who may have privileged  
1201 access. The assumption is that telehealth platform providers may implement pervasive controls and  
1202 have privacy and cybersecurity resources deployed that mitigate likelihood. The caveat in these  
1203 assumptions is that HDOs that engage with telehealth platform providers should be provided assurance  
1204 that third parties that they engage deploy mature privacy and cybersecurity programs.

1205 Table C-4 Threats Applied to the Telehealth Platform Provider

C, I, A	Threat Event	Description	Likelihood
C	phishing	Telehealth platform provider workforce with privileged access may be susceptible to spear phishing attacks.	high
I, A	malicious software	Telehealth platform provider workforce with privileged access to permitting allows malicious software to be introduced into the telehealth platform environment.	moderate
I, A	command and control	Telehealth platform provider workforce with privileged access to permitting allows threat actors to execute arbitrary code and perform privileged functions.	low
A	ransomware	Ransomware may be introduced into the telehealth platform provider environment either as links or attachments found in phishing emails or may be introduced through local media.	moderate
C	credential escalation	Malware may be introduced to the telehealth platform provider environment that allows threat actors to execute arbitrary code and perform privileged functions.	moderate
I, A	OS or application disruption	Malware may be introduced into the telehealth platform provider environment that disrupts the operating system or applications. Libraries or subsystems may be affected.	low
C	data exfiltration	Sensitive data may be exposed to unauthorized individuals, e.g., via social engineering disclosure or malware that allows threat actors to retrieve data arbitrarily.	moderate

1206 The table below represents a notional healthcare delivery organization (HDO) model. As with the  
 1207 telehealth platform provider above, many assumptions have been made about implementing pervasive  
 1208 controls.

1209 **Table C-5 Threats Applied to the HDO**

C, I, A	Threat Event	Description	Likelihood
C	phishing	HDO workforce with privileged access may be susceptible to spear phishing attacks.	high
I, A	malicious software	HDO workforce with privileged access to permitting allows malicious software to be introduced into the HDO environment.	moderate
I, A	command and control	HDO workforce with privileged access to permitting allows threat actors to execute arbitrary code and perform privileged functions.	moderate
A	ransomware	Ransomware may be introduced into the HDO environment either as links or attachments found in phishing emails or may be introduced through local media.	moderate
C	credential escalation	Malware may be introduced to the HDO environment that allows threat actors to execute arbitrary code and perform privileged functions.	moderate
I, A	OS or application disruption	Malware may be introduced into the HDO environment that disrupts the operating system or applications. Libraries or subsystems may be affected.	moderate
C	data exfiltration	Sensitive data may be exposed to unauthorized individuals, e.g., via social engineering disclosure or malware that allows threat actors to retrieve data arbitrarily.	high
A	denial of service attack	Flooding network connection with high-volume traffic to disrupt	high

C, I, A	Threat Event	Description	Likelihood
		communication in patient home, between home and telehealth platform, or between telehealth platform provider and HDO. Such type of attack could also be used to damage a device, e.g., through accelerated battery depletion.	

1210 **C-5 Threat Sources**

1211 Threat sources describe those groups or individuals that may expose weaknesses to the RPM  
 1212 infrastructure. Threat sources may take actions that expose or leverage vulnerabilities either through  
 1213 unintentional actions or by actively attacking components within the RPM infrastructure. The following  
 1214 table lists the threat sources identified for this risk assessment. The table is derived from one referenced  
 1215 in NIST Special Publication 800-30 revision 1 (page D-2) [9].

1216 **Table C-6 Taxonomy of Threat Sources**

Type of Threat Source	Description	Characteristics
unintentional–patient	The patient has physical access to biometric devices, workstations, and mobile devices that may be used as part of the RPM patient home environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ able to access components in patient home domain</li> <li>▪ intend to access components</li> <li>▪ Patient may be targeted by malicious actors.</li> </ul>
unintentional–care provider (e.g., family member, friend, or others with relationship to the patient)	care providers or other trusted individuals that may have physical access to biometric devices, workstations, and mobile devices that may be used as part of the RPM patient home environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ able to access components in patient home domain</li> <li>▪ intend to access components</li> <li>▪ Individuals may be targeted by malicious actors.</li> </ul>
unintentional–other actors	Other actors may include clinical or technical staff who may be involved in deploying the RPM infrastructure in the patient’s home and may have local or remote access to data or systems used as part of the overall RPM system. Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ able to access components or data as part of the RPM system</li> <li>▪ intend to access the system (e.g., through maintenance or data review)</li> <li>▪ Individuals may be targeted by malicious actors or may</li> </ul>

Type of Threat Source	Description	Characteristics
	<p>actors may interact with components at the Software as Service (SaaS) provider or at the HDO location.</p>	<p>represent “insider threats” where actors have legitimate access; however, component use or data access is not aligned with providing patient care.</p>
<p>intentional—domestic—criminal</p>	<p>Criminal actors may be domestic and are motivated primarily by financial interest. Criminal actors may disrupt RPM deployments either directly or by affecting other devices. Threat actions may be direct or through a chain of attacks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ability to access components is not initially provisioned. Criminal actors may perform discovery to identify vulnerable components and may seek means to deploy malicious software that would allow them access and control of the components.</li> <li>▪ Intent often is driven by financial motivation. Criminal elements may seek to obtain information that allows them to obtain funds directly (e.g., credit or bank account numbers) or indirectly (e.g., personal information that would allow criminals to fraudulently obtain financial accounts, to commit insurance fraud, or to sell sensitive information).</li> </ul>
<p>intentional—nation-state</p>	<p>Some foreign nation-states may want to disrupt another nation’s critical infrastructure. A malicious nation-state’s intent may be difficult to discern as it pertains to an individual. Attacks may be sophisticated and challenging to attribute definitively to a specific attacker.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ability to access components is not initially provisioned. Nation-state actors may perform discovery to identify vulnerable components, may try to obtain user or administrator credentials, or may seek to deploy malicious software that would allow them access to</li> </ul>

Type of Threat Source	Description	Characteristics
		<p>and control of the components.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nation-states may obfuscate their identity, posing as legit users, other nation-states, criminals, or activists.</li> <li>▪ Nation-states have significant resources to implement complex or advanced attack types.</li> <li>▪ Nation-states may act to disrupt critical infrastructure to either do physical damage or cause sociopolitical discord.</li> <li>▪ Nation-state actors may seek to obtain intellectual property (designs, formularies, clinical research).</li> </ul>
<p>Domestic or International–non-nation-state actors (e.g., hackers or terrorists)</p>	<p>Non-nation-state actors include those parties that operate as large, disparate organizations that are not necessarily tethered to a government entity. Non-nation-state actors implement attacks based on political or social motivations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ability to access components is not initially provisioned. Non-nation-state actors may perform discovery to identify vulnerable components and may seek to deploy malicious software that would allow them access to and control of the components.</li> <li>▪ Non-nation-state actors primarily seek to further a social or political agenda.</li> <li>▪ Attacks may seek to disrupt critical infrastructure to either do physical damage or cause sociopolitical discord.</li> </ul>

1217 **C-5.1 Business Processes**

1218 Several functions are performed with the RPM system, with those functions performed in the respective  
 1219 scopes. Patient data are gathered and stored, and patients interact from the patient home;  
 1220 communications between patients and care teams are routed through the telehealth platform provider,  
 1221 which is cloud hosted; and clinicians receive and interact with patient data from the HDO. Table C-7  
 1222 identifies these and other business processes that support the RPM functions.

1223 **Table C-7 RPM Functions and Processes**

Function	Description	Components Used	Domain
interface with biometric devices	Patients may connect biometric devices to their bodies. Physical contact occurs between the device and the patient to allow the device to capture health data. Physical interface is a continuous process in that patients may make physical contact with the biometric device on a daily or more frequent basis.	biometric device	patient home
store biometric data	Biometric data are stored to physical media. Physical media are nonvolatile media types, meaning that data are recorded to the media and available for retrieval after a device has been power cycled. Physical media may consist of flash memory, secure digital (SD) cards, or hard drives associated with the biometric device or a device hosting a healthcare app or application (e.g., a	biometric device mobile device laptop desktop dedicated device gateway	patient home

Function	Description	Components Used	Domain
	mobile device, laptop, desktop, or other workstation-type device).		
connect to cloud environment	Biometric devices may connect to a local device that uses a telehealth app or application, or the devices may connect to a cloud-hosted telehealth platform provider directly. Connections originate from the patient home connected to the cloud-hosted telehealth platform.	biometric device mobile device laptop desktop dedicated device gateway cloud-hosted components	patient home telehealth platform
connect to HDO environment	The telehealth platform provider serves as a routing mechanism that connects communications between the patient home and the HDO. The telehealth platform provider handles in-transit data as well as manages the underlying technology to enable RPM.	telehealth platform provider gateway or end-point devices at the HDO	telehealth platform provider HDO
conduct video- or audioconferencing	Patients may initiate video or audio communication with the clinical care team through the telehealth app or application. Communications will route through the telehealth platform	mobile device laptop desktop cloud-hosted components HDO mobile devices HDO workstations	patient home telehealth platform provider HDO

Function	Description	Components Used	Domain
	provider and be routed to the HDO.		
remote configuration or settings updates	HDOs may periodically push configuration or other settings updates to biometric devices. The connection initiates from the HDO and connects to the biometric device located in the patient home.	HDO-hosted servers biometric devices	HDO  patient home
review patient biometric data	Physicians access patient biometric data and review and analyze it.	HDO workstation HDO mobile device	HDO
add biometric data to clinical notes	Biometric data may not ingest directly to an electronic health record system. A physician may need to manually enter information based on the biometric data to the electronic health record (EHR).	HDO workstation EHR	HDO

## 1224 C-6 Vulnerabilities

1225 Below is a customized application on identifying vulnerabilities that aggregates vulnerabilities identified  
1226 in NIST SP 800-30 Revision 1 [\[9\]](#). As noted in the document, a vulnerability is a deficiency or weakness  
1227 that a threat source may exploit, resulting in a threat event. The document further describes that  
1228 vulnerabilities may exist in a broader context, i.e., that they may be found in organizational governance  
1229 structures, external relationships, and mission/business processes. The following table enumerates  
1230 those vulnerabilities, using a holistic approach, and represents those vulnerabilities that this project  
1231 identified and for which it offers guidance. For further description, readers should reference NIST SP  
1232 800-30 Revision 1 [\[9\]](#).

1233 Table C-8 Vulnerability Taxonomy

Vulnerability Description	Vulnerability Severity	Predisposing Condition	Pervasiveness of Predisposing Condition
out-of-date software	high	Systems may not have patches deployed in a timely fashion, or software may not be validated to assure that applications may operate appropriately should the underlying operation system receive new updates.	high
permissive configuration settings	high	Underlying operating systems or security components (e.g., firewall) may have configuration settings that allow actions that exceed the minimum necessary to operate the application.	high
unmanaged or improperly managed credentials	high	Applications may use service or other privileged accounts to operate, or operating systems may have privileged accounts that have expansive access to the host system(s). These access privileges may exceed the minimum necessary to operate applications.	high
unprotected data	high	Data on systems may lack restrictions that limit accessibility.	high
failing or missing integrity or	high	Data path may lack end-to-end data	high

Vulnerability Description	Vulnerability Severity	Predisposing Condition	Pervasiveness of Predisposing Condition
authenticity verification		integrity or authenticity verification.	

## 1234 C-7 Threat Modeling

1235 Thus far, this practice guide has discussed several elements that make up an attack. Threats involve  
 1236 threat actors that may leverage vulnerabilities found in components. Components represent end-point  
 1237 devices found in the overall system. Components are made up of several subcomponents. The threat-  
 1238 modeling exercise described below identifies adverse actions that may expose vulnerabilities at the  
 1239 subcomponent level.

1240 This practice guide considers that threats may include multiple actions taken that ultimately result in  
 1241 risk. These multiple actions are described herein as “adverse actions.” A threat may involve one or more  
 1242 adverse actions leveraging vulnerabilities at the subcomponent level that then result in risk.

1243 The patient home environment is used a representative domain by which the threat-modeling exercise  
 1244 is applied. Practitioners may wish to perform a similar, granular level of analysis for other domains in  
 1245 their deployment.

1246 For the RPM solution, components are identified in three distinct domains: the patient home, the  
 1247 telehealth platform provider, and the HDO. This section describes a means by which threats may occur  
 1248 contextually. Adverse actions that align with threats may target specific subcomponents, with different  
 1249 risk outcomes based on the domain within which the threat actor executes the attack. Practitioners  
 1250 should note that while this practice guide does not apply any particular threat-modeling methodology;  
 1251 several are available that provide guidance for performing similar exercises for an organization’s  
 1252 environment.

### 1253 C-7.1 Modeling Threats to the Patient Home

1254 The patient home domain poses several challenges when considering threats. For example, patients or  
 1255 care providers may not have the resources or technology background to address these threats  
 1256 independently. Telehealth platform providers and HDOs may not have the ability to manage the patient  
 1257 home environment entirely. Patients may have devices that are unrelated to RPM operating in their  
 1258 home environment. Other individuals within the patient home may have physical access to RPM devices.

1259 Components that may be present in the RPM system’s environment are outlined in Table C-9.

1260 Table C-9 Components in the Patient Home Environment

Component	Description	Communicates with	Provisioned by
biometric device	a sensor device that interfaces with the patient and captures biometric data that is conveyed to the clinician	<p>patient (direct, tactile interface)</p> <p>interface device wireless Personal Area Network (PAN) (Bluetooth, Wi-Fi)</p> <p>telehealth platform provider (Wi-Fi)</p>	<p>telehealth platform</p> <p>HDO</p>
interface device	A device that potentially retrieves data from biometric devices and is used as a communications device by which patient-clinician communications may occur. The device may be a mobile device such as a tablet or a connected phone running a dedicated application, may be a full-feature device such as a laptop or desktop workstation, or may be a purpose-designed device.	<p>biometric device (Near Field Communication [NFC], Bluetooth, Wi-Fi)</p> <p>telehealth platform provider</p>	<p>telehealth platform provider</p> <p>HDO</p>
Wi-Fi access point	a device that provides the RPM environment a wireless means to communicate with devices using internet protocols	<p>biometric device</p> <p>interface device</p> <p>unrelated equipment</p>	<p>telehealth platform provider</p> <p>HDO</p> <p>patient</p>

Component	Description	Communicates with	Provisioned by
internet router	a device that allows computing devices in the home to communicate via the internet over broadband infrastructure (e.g., cable, fiber-optic, telephone)	biometric device interface device unrelated equipment	patient
personally owned device	A device that is not part of the RPM solution; however, it may have communications capabilities to components. These devices may include patient-owned devices such as personal computers, mobile devices, or connected home devices	biometric device interface device internet router Wi-Fi access point	patient
unknown device	A device belonging to individuals other than the patient. This may include guests or unknown individuals.	unknown biometric device interface device internet router Wi-Fi access point	unknown individuals

1261 The RPM solution deployed in the patient home is not a closed system. Elements that may be  
1262 provisioned by the patient include Wi-Fi or cellular access points and the internet router. Further, the  
1263 patient may have other devices on the home network. These may include connected home devices,  
1264 personal computers, mobile devices, and gaming and entertainment systems.

1265 The biometric device may consist of several subcomponents. Biometric devices may have PAN interfaces  
1266 that support short-distance communication (e.g., Bluetooth). Biometric devices may also support Wi-Fi  
1267 connectivity. A biometric device has a tactile interface that makes physical contact with an individual.

1268 There may be a display that acts as a user interface, and there may be storage media embedded in the  
 1269 device. There may be onboard storage. Physical external interfaces are ports for data communication  
 1270 (e.g., Universal Serial Bus [USB]), acceptance of removeable media (e.g., SD card), and power.

1271 **Table C-10 Biometric Device Subcomponent Breakdown**

Subcomponent	Adverse Action	Proximity	C, I, A	Adverse Outcome	Unmitigated Likelihood
tactile interface	An individual other than the patient attaches the biometric device and introduces nonpatient data.	local	I	Biometric data would be false; does not pertain to the patient.	high
display	An individual other than the patient may be able to navigate the user interface and view patient biometric data.	local	C	Unauthorized individuals may have access to biometric data.	high
display	The display may be damaged so that navigation is not possible.	local	A	biometric device usage degraded	high
onboard storage	Storage media that maintains biometric device system files may be damaged or made unavailable.	local	A	biometric device rendered inoperative	low
data communication port	An individual may access the biometric device and expose a subsystem (e.g., operating system).	local	I, A	Exposing a subsystem such as an OS may enable a malicious actor to escalate privileges and modify, install,	low

Subcomponent	Adverse Action	Proximity	C, I, A	Adverse Outcome	Unmitigated Likelihood
				or execute arbitrary code.	
personal area network	An individual may retrieve communications between the biometric device and the interface device.	near remote	C	Unauthorized individuals may have access to biometric data.	low
removable media	An individual may be able to leverage removable media and extract data from the biometric device.	local	C	Unauthorized individuals may have access to biometric data.	moderate
removable media	An individual may be able to introduce removable media to convey malicious software.	local	I, A	Unauthorized individuals may introduce unauthorized or malicious software to the biometric device and alter functionality or render the device inoperative.	moderate
cellular communications	Cellular communications may be damaged.	local; remote	A	Cellular communications may be inoperative.	low
cellular communications	Cellular communications may become compromised.	local; remote	A	Cellular data may be exposed to unauthorized individuals.	low

Subcomponent	Adverse Action	Proximity	C, I, A	Adverse Outcome	Unmitigated Likelihood
Wi-Fi communications	Wi-Fi communications may be damaged.	local	A	Wi-Fi communications may be inoperative.	low
Wi-Fi communications	Wi-Fi communications may be compromised.	local; remote	C	Data carried over Wi-Fi may be exposed to unauthorized individuals.	moderate

The interface device may be a connected phone, tablet, laptop, or desktop device. Depending on the device type and manufacturer, subcomponents may vary. The first threat model profile offered below assumes that the interface device is a connected phone or tablet. Connected phones and tablets are assumed to have similar characteristics for the purposes of developing the threat model considered in this practice guide.

1272 **Table C-11 Interface Device Subcomponent Breakdown**

Subcomponent	Adverse Action	Proximity	C, I, A	Adverse Outcome	Unmitigated Likelihood
display	Display may become damaged.	local	A	Device may be inoperable or unusable.	high
display	An unauthorized individual who has access to the display may be able to obtain biometric data (e.g., fingerprint).	local	A	biometric data lost	low
data access port	An individual may access the mobile device and expose a subsystem (e.g., operating system).	local	I, A	Unauthorized code may be introduced that compromises the device integrity or renders the device	low

Subcomponent	Adverse Action	Proximity	C, I, A	Adverse Outcome	Unmitigated Likelihood
				inoperable for intended purposes.	
operating system	The operating system may be susceptible to known vulnerability exposure.	local; remote	C, I, A	Vulnerability exposure may allow unauthorized removal of data, allow introduction of unauthorized code that could compromise the device operational integrity, or render the device inoperable.	moderate
RPM app	The RPM app may not be patched to current versions and may allow known vulnerability exposure.	local; remote	C, I, A	Apps on the device may include flaws or vulnerabilities that result in unauthorized data exposure, compromise to an app or device operational integrity, or render the app or device inoperable.	moderate
other apps	Apps may be installed on the device that include unauthorized code.	local; remote	C	Unauthorized actors may exfiltrate data from the device.	moderate

Subcomponent	Adverse Action	Proximity	C, I, A	Adverse Outcome	Unmitigated Likelihood
other apps	Apps may be installed on the device that include unauthorized code.	local; remote	I, A	Unauthorized actors may disrupt the device's functionality.	moderate
onboard storage media	Onboard storage media may become damaged.	local	A	Device may become inoperative or unable to obtain or transmit biometric data.	low
removable media	A device that allows removable media may enable a means by which files may be moved or copied.	local	C	Data may be exfiltrated.	low
removable media	A device that allows removable media may allow code installation.	local	C, I, A	Unauthorized software is introduced on the device.	low
camera	The camera may become damaged, rendering videoconferencing inoperative.	local		Images and videos may not be obtained.	moderate
camera	Malicious actors may be able to compromise subsystems and allow unauthorized control of camera functions.	remote	C	Sensitive video data may be exposed.	moderate
audio microphone	Audio microphone may become damaged.	local	C	Audio communication may not function appropriately.	low

Subcomponent	Adverse Action	Proximity	C, I, A	Adverse Outcome	Unmitigated Likelihood
cellular communications	cellular communications may be damaged.	local	A	Cellular communications may be inoperative.	low
cellular communications	Cellular communications may become compromised.	local; remote	C	Cellular data may be exposed to unauthorized individuals.	low
Wi-Fi communications	Wi-Fi communications may be damaged.	local	A	Wi-Fi communications may be inoperative.	low
Wi-Fi communications	Wi-Fi communications may be compromised.	local; remote	C	Data carried over Wi-Fi may be exposed to unauthorized individuals.	moderate

1273 Table C-12 Laptop Subcomponent Breakdown

Subcomponent	Adverse Action	Proximity	C, I, A	Adverse Outcome	Unmitigated Likelihood
data access port	An individual may access the mobile device and expose a subsystem (e.g., operating system).	local	I, A	Unauthorized code may be introduced that compromises the device integrity or renders the device inoperable for intended purposes.	low
display	An unauthorized individual who has access to the display may be	local	A	biometric data lost	low

Subcomponent	Adverse Action	Proximity	C, I, A	Adverse Outcome	Unmitigated Likelihood
	able to obtain biometric data (e.g., fingerprint).				
operating system	The operating system may not be patched to current versions and may allow known vulnerability exposure.	local; remote	C, I, A	Vulnerability exposure may allow unauthorized removal of data, allow introduction of unauthorized code that could compromise the device operational integrity, or render the device inoperable.	moderate
RPM application	The RPM application may not be patched to current versions and may allow known vulnerability exposure.	local; remote	C, I, A	Applications on the device may include flaws or vulnerabilities that result in unauthorized data exposure, compromise the app or device operational integrity, or render the application or device inoperable.	moderate
other applications	Applications may be installed on the device that include	local; remote	C	Unauthorized actors may exfiltrate data from the device.	moderate

Subcomponent	Adverse Action	Proximity	C, I, A	Adverse Outcome	Unmitigated Likelihood
	unauthorized code.				
other applications	Applications may be installed on the device that include unauthorized code.	local; remote	C	Unauthorized actors may exfiltrate data from the device.	moderate
onboard storage media	Onboard storage media may become damaged.	local	A	Device may become inoperative or unable to obtain or transmit biometric data.	low
removable media	A device that allows removable media may allow code installation.	local		Unauthorized software is introduced on the device.	low
camera	The camera may become damaged, rendering videoconferencing inoperative.	local		Images and videos may not be obtained.	moderate
camera	Unauthorized actors may be able to compromise subsystems and allow unauthorized control of camera functions.	remote	C	Sensitive video data may be exposed.	moderate
audio microphone	Audio microphone may become damaged.	local	A	Audio communication may not function appropriately.	low

Subcomponent	Adverse Action	Proximity	C, I, A	Adverse Outcome	Unmitigated Likelihood
Wi-Fi communications	Wi-Fi communications may be damaged.	local	A	Wi-Fi communications may be inoperative.	low
Wi-Fi communications	Wi-Fi communications may be compromised.	local; remote	C	Data carried over Wi-Fi may be exposed to unauthorized individuals.	moderate

1274 Table C-13 Desktop Subcomponent Breakdown

Subcomponent	Adverse Action	Proximity	C, I, A	Adverse Outcome	Unmitigated Likelihood
data access port	An unintended device may obtain communications channels by using data access ports (e.g., USB).	local	I, A	Unauthorized code may be conveyed via the data access port and expose or corrupt subsystem libraries (e.g., operating system).	low
display port	The display port may become physically damaged.	local	A	Information may not be displayed; interaction with the system may be prevented.	low
operating system	The operating system may not be patched to current versions.	local; remote	C, I, A	Vulnerabilities may persist.	moderate
RPM application	The RPM application may not be patched.	local; remote	C, I, A	Vulnerabilities may persist.	moderate

Subcomponent	Adverse Action	Proximity	C, I, A	Adverse Outcome	Unmitigated Likelihood
other applications	Applications may be installed on the device that include malicious code.	local; remote	C	Unauthorized actors may exfiltrate data from the device.	moderate
other applications	Applications may be installed on the device that include malicious code.	local; remote	C	Unauthorized actors may exfiltrate data from the device.	moderate
onboard storage media	Onboard storage media may become damaged.	local	A	Device may become inoperative or unable to obtain or transmit biometric data.	low
removable media	A device that allows removable media may allow code installation.	local	C	Unauthorized software is introduced on the device.	low
camera	The camera may become damaged, rendering videoconferencing inoperative.	local	A	Images and videos may not be obtained.	moderate
camera	Unauthorized actors may be able to compromise subsystems and allow unauthorized control of camera functions.	remote	C	Sensitive video data may be exposed.	moderate
audio microphone	Audio microphone may become damaged.	local		Audio communication may not	low

Subcomponent	Adverse Action	Proximity	C, I, A	Adverse Outcome	Unmitigated Likelihood
				function appropriately.	
Ethernet network port	Ethernet port may be damaged.	local	A	Wi-Fi communications may be inoperative.	low
Ethernet network port	Ethernet communications may be compromised.	local; remote	C	Data carried over Wi-Fi may be exposed to unauthorized individuals.	moderate
Wi-Fi communications	Wi-Fi communications may be damaged.	local	A	Wi-Fi communications may be inoperative.	low
Wi-Fi communications	Wi-Fi communications may be compromised.	local; remote	C	Data carried over Wi-Fi may be exposed to unauthorized individuals.	moderate

## 1275 C-7.2 Linking Threats to Adverse Actions

1276 For the threat-modeling exercise, this practice guide examines concepts at a granular level. The exercise  
 1277 examined the concept that threats may be evaluated at the subcomponent level through introduction of  
 1278 adverse actions. The adverse actions that the threat-modeling exercise included in themselves do not  
 1279 represent the enterprise threat environment but rather events that may occur that, in combination, may  
 1280 be how threats are found in the three domains that the practice guide describes as composing the RPM  
 1281 architecture.

### 1282 Table C-14 Threat Event to Adverse Action Mapping

C, I, A	Threat Event	Attack Description	Target Component	Adverse Action
C	phishing	A social engineering attack that solicits an authorized user to perform an action	interface device mobile device laptop	escalation of privilege

C, I, A	Threat Event	Attack Description	Target Component	Adverse Action
		that is beyond intended function. Phishing typically is delivered via an email that falsely claims authenticity. A phishing email may contain payloads such as attachments or links that then run arbitrary code.	desktop	
I, A	unauthorized software	Unauthorized software may include arbitrary code that compromises system integrity or system stability.	biometric device interface device laptop desktop	system integrity compromise: system availability degraded
I, A	command and control	Unauthorized software is introduced that allows unintended actors to initiate connections to the target device.	biometric device interface device laptop desktop	system integrity compromise: system availability degraded
A	ransomware	a form of unauthorized software that prevents legitimate access to the system and resources	interface device laptop desktop	system availability degraded
C	credential escalation	Unauthorized individuals can leverage credentials and view sensitive data.	interface device laptop desktop	information exposure
I, A	OS or application disruption	Resource requests or application of unauthorized software may compromise the integrity or stability of the RPM application.	interface device laptop desktop	system integrity compromise: system availability degraded
C	data exfiltration	Unauthorized users may be able to remove sensitive data from the device.	biometric device interface device laptop desktop	information exposure

## 1283 **Appendix D Problematic Data Actions and Risks**

1284 While the project team was writing this practice guide, the National Institute of Standards and  
1285 Technology (NIST) published the *NIST Privacy Framework*, Version 1.0 [5]. Privacy concerns should be  
1286 addressed particularly in healthcare environments. This practice guide examined the *NIST Privacy*  
1287 *Framework* and included approaches that lead toward better understanding and managing the privacy  
1288 risks that may be present in remote patient monitoring (RPM) deployments.

1289 Structurally, the *NIST Privacy Framework* is like the NIST Cybersecurity Framework. Both frameworks  
1290 should be applied when evaluating enterprise programs and developing mitigation strategies. Applying  
1291 the Privacy Framework does not supersede the NIST Cybersecurity Framework. Rather, the Privacy  
1292 Framework provides organizations with information to understand privacy-specific risks. For more  
1293 information about the *NIST Privacy Framework*, health delivery organizations (HDOs) should review *NIST*  
1294 *Privacy Framework: A Tool for Improving Privacy through Enterprise Risk Management*, Version 1.0 [5].

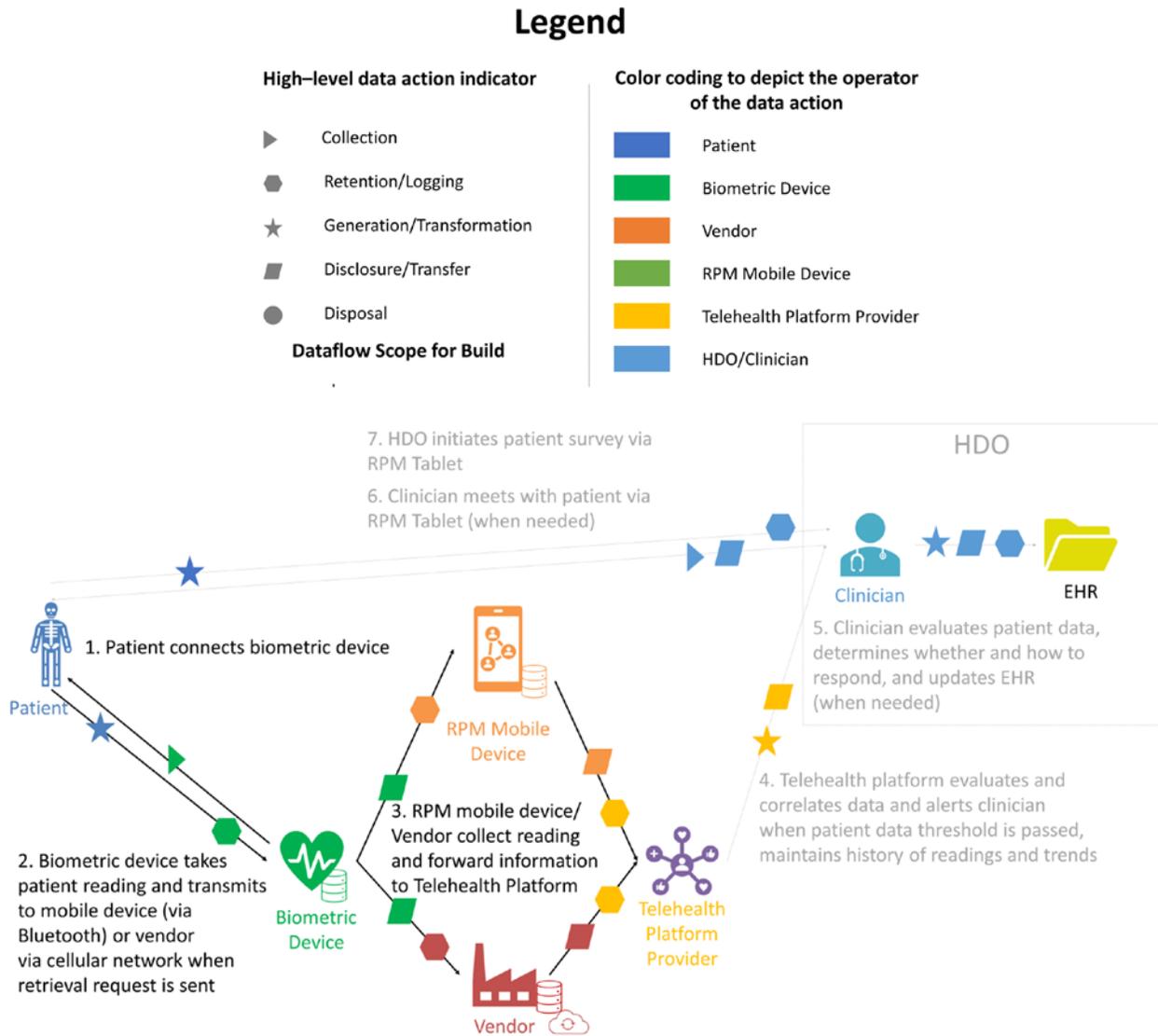
### 1295 **D-1 Privacy Risk Assessment Methodology (PRAM)**

1296 The practice guide applied the NIST Privacy Risk Assessment Methodology (PRAM) to conduct a privacy  
1297 risk assessment for the RPM architecture. The PRAM helps an organization analyze and communicate  
1298 about how it conducted its data processing to achieve business/mission objectives. The PRAM also uses  
1299 the privacy risk model and privacy engineering objectives described in NIST Internal Report 8062 [32] to  
1300 analyze potential problematic data actions. A problematic data action is an action that could cause an  
1301 adverse effect, or problem, for individuals. Processing can include collection, retention, logging, analysis,  
1302 generation, transformation or merging, disclosure, transfer, and disposal of data.

1303 The occurrence or potential occurrence of problematic data actions is a privacy event. For this RPM  
1304 solution, the PRAM helped elucidate how RPM solutions can present privacy concerns for individuals.  
1305 The PRAM, being a risk assessment, also supports the risk assessment task in the Prepare step of the  
1306 NIST Risk Management Framework as discussed in [Section C-1](#) of this guide. The privacy events  
1307 identified are discussed in [Section D-2](#). A blank version of the PRAM is available for download on NIST's  
1308 website [5]. When conducting the PRAM for this RPM solution, metadata was not assessed as it is out of  
1309 scope for this project; therefore, the PRAM will not help an organization with securing any possible  
1310 metadata in the event that it may be leaked on devices within the telehealth ecosystem. An organization  
1311 should consider the risk as a result of this incident occurring in their telehealth ecosystem. A blank  
1312 version of the PRAM is available for download on NIST's website [32].

1313 Figure D-1 depicts the privacy view of the RPM solution dataflow and was used to conduct the privacy  
1314 risk assessment.

1315 Figure D-1 Privacy View of RPM Solution Dataflow



1316 **D-2 Problematic Data Actions and Mitigations**

The NIST Privacy Framework refers to the concept of "problematic data actions", which derives from the NIST Privacy Risk Assessment Methodology (PRAM). A problematic data action arises when any data processed from systems may be compromised or lead to unintended consequences that could result to problems for individuals. Problematic data actions have parallels to the concept of "threats" and "vulnerabilities" in that they represent adverse consequences for individuals. The NIST Privacy

Framework is intended to help organizations identify and mitigate problematic data actions. The following sections discuss representative problematic data actions identified in the RPM architecture.

The discussion of problematic data actions is structured as follows:

- Privacy Risk: descriptive name for the issue that can arise in the RPM solution
- Data action: the activity in the RPM solution's data flow that may lead to a potential problem that leads to the problematic data action described
- Problematic Data Action: The type of problematic data action associated with the data action patients (based on the NIST Catalog of Problematic Data Actions and Problems)
- Potential Problems for Individuals: Discussion regarding the nature of the problematic data action and the specific privacy problems that can arise for patients (based on the NIST Catalog of Problematic Data Actions and Problems)
- Mitigations: Examples of mitigations for the problematic data action, including those this RPM solution addresses as well as other mitigations organizations may wish to consider beyond the direct capabilities built into their RPM solution.

## 1317 D-2.1 Privacy Risk 1: Unauthorized individuals may access data on devices

1318 **Data Action:** Patients' readings are taken from the biometric device and collected by the RPM mobile  
1319 device and forwarded to the telehealth platform.

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1321 **Problematic Data Action: Insecurity**

1322 **Potential Problems for Individuals:**

1323 Data between all these devices may not be protected at rest or in transit. Data may include sensitive  
1324 information. Disclosure of this sensitive information could cause harm to the patient. Patient harm may  
1325 be realized as loss of reputation, embarrassment, or distrust of the RPM system.

1326 Patients' data not protected at rest or in transit may allow unauthorized individuals to view sensitive  
1327 information. In this event, someone other than the patient-approved individual can access data that is  
1328 unencrypted on the tablet or biometric device. The patient may experience dignity loss due to their  
1329 health information being exposed and may also experience loss of trust for the HDO and tablet.

1330 **Mitigation(s):**

1331 **RPM Solution Mitigation:**

1332 Physical device security is out of scope for this lab solution.

1333 **Protect data at rest and in transit between devices and telehealth platforms.**

1334 Protecting data on the biometric device, e.g., by using encryption, prior to moving it to the  
1335 telehealth platform and using encrypted connections to protect the contents of data in transit  
1336 reduces the risk of exposure. Robust network security controls should be in place to help protect

1337 data in transit. For example, firewalls and network access control will help secure the data against  
1338 ransomware, malware and other attacks. If data are not encrypted, unauthorized individuals may be  
1339 able to retrieve the data which can lead to inappropriate use of information. Encryption methods  
1340 should be used in preventing health information disclosure.

1341 **Additional Privacy Mitigations for Organizations to Consider:**

1342 **Develop and adopt enterprise encryption policies.**

1343 **Policies should be created, developed and adopted for systematically categorizing and classifying**  
1344 **all healthcare data, no matter where the data are held.**

1345 **D-2.2 Privacy Risk 2: Biometric device types can indicate patient health problems**  
1346 **that individuals would prefer not to disclose beyond their healthcare**  
1347 **provider**

1348 **Data Action:** Patients are provided one or more biometric devices that monitor biometric data, which  
1349 helps healthcare providers assess the physical health condition of the patient between visits with the  
1350 provider.

1351 **Problematic Data Action: Unanticipated Revelation**

1352 **Potential Problems for Individuals:** Patients with given medical conditions may use certain biometric  
1353 devices. Knowledge of the biometric devices that a patient is using, alone or in combination, can indicate  
1354 a particular health problem. For example, a glucometer can indicate that a patient is being monitored  
1355 for diabetes. This assumption could be more obvious if that same patient is also known to be using a  
1356 blood pressure monitor, weight scale, and activity tracker.

1357 Patient sensitivities regarding their health status can vary widely. Unauthorized individuals who become  
1358 aware of the biometric device types and the values of the patient data may be able to determine the  
1359 patient's medical condition. Revealing a health condition that patients would prefer not to disclose or  
1360 disclosure of a patient's medical treatment and their course of treatment outside their healthcare  
1361 provider or can lead to dignity loss, such as embarrassment or emotional distress, and lead to loss of  
1362 trust in the HDO or provider and RPM system. This could damage the relationship with a patient,  
1363 including losing the opportunity to continue providing care. The likelihood of intercepting this kind of  
1364 data may be low from the cellular communications and is more likely to be realized through access to  
1365 data are information in the telehealth platform.

1366 **Mitigation(s):**

1367 **RPM Solution Mitigation(s):**

1368 **Protect data transmitted between parties and in storage.**

1369 Data-in-transit protection, e.g., by encrypting communications channels, reduces the risk of  
 1370 compromise of information transmitted between parties. Reducing the risk of compromise and any  
 1371 resulting exposures reduces the risk of unintentional exposure of the information. Biometric devices  
 1372 communicate through a mobile device that uses a Bluetooth connection, and the RPM solution  
 1373 assumes that these devices are deployed using an appropriate encryption mode [31]. The RPM  
 1374 solution uses devices that are equipped to communicate over 4G long-term evolution (LTE), which  
 1375 uses asymmetric encryption between the device and the cellular tower. Additionally, all data at rest  
 1376 is protected with AES256 encryption.

1377 **Limit or disable access to data.**

1378 Conduct a system-specific privacy risk assessment to determine how access to data in the telehealth  
 1379 platform provider can be limited. Using access controls to limit staff access to biometric and patient  
 1380 data can be important in preventing associating health conditions with specific individuals.

1381 **D-2.3 Privacy Risk 3: Incorrect data capture of readings by devices may impact**  
 1382 **quality of patient care**

1383 **Data Action:** The RPM solution relies on the patient to take readings by using the patient's assigned  
 1384 biometric device(s) when required according to their care plan.

1385 **Problematic Data Action Distortion**

1386 **Potential Problems for Individuals:** Devices may be inaccurately applied by the patient (e.g., not  
 1387 properly using or inadvertently changing settings) which can impact the ability of a biometric device to  
 1388 take proper readings. Anomalies may also be introduced by other individuals who may have physical  
 1389 access to the device (e.g., allowing someone other than the patient to use the device), which may  
 1390 introduce biometric readings other than the patient's into the system. Data integrity may be  
 1391 compromised, causing confusion regarding the patient's actual health and possibly leading to physical  
 1392 harm.

1393 **Mitigation(s):**

1394 **RPM Solution Mitigation(s):**

1395 Physical device security is out of scope for this lab solution. Ultimately, responsibility for monitoring  
 1396 patient data, including identifying anomalies, falls on the clinician.

1397 **Additional Privacy Mitigations for Organizations to Consider:**

1398 **Educate patients regarding practices for handling biometric device(s) and the importance of**  
 1399 **following their monitoring plan.**

1400 Educating patients regarding how their interactions with the biometric devices assigned to them  
1401 affect the quality of the data provided to the telehealth platform provider, HDO, healthcare  
1402 provider, and ultimately the quality of care they receive and their health safety will encourage them  
1403 to use the biometric devices as designed and intended.

#### 1404 D-2.4 Privacy Risk 4: Aggregated data may expose patient information

1405 **Data Action:** Patients use one or more biometric devices to monitor the condition of their health. The  
1406 biometric data generated is transmitted through multiple entities, including cellular or broadband  
1407 internet providers, biometric device vendors, telehealth platform providers, cloud service providers, and  
1408 HDOs before reaching the healthcare provider.

#### 1409 **Problematic Data Action: Re-identification**

1410 **Potential Problems for Individuals:** The RPM architecture integrates data from multiple organizations  
1411 each of which may have different data that pertains to the patient. The biometric data generated by the  
1412 solution indicates an individual's health status. Aggregation of biometric data with patient identifiers  
1413 associates information about patients that, if revealed to an entity other than their healthcare provider  
1414 and care team, may result in dignity losses, such as embarrassment or emotional distress, as well as loss  
1415 of trust in the HDO and provider.

#### 1416 **Mitigation(s):**

##### 1417 **RPM Solution Mitigation(s):**

##### 1418 **Combine biometric data with patient identifiers only when operationally required.**

1419 The RPM solution is configured so that only biometric data and device information are transmitted  
1420 between the patient and either the biometric device vendor or, and onward from the biometric  
1421 device vendor or RPM interface to the telehealth platform providers without patient identifiers. It is  
1422 not associated with patient identifiers in the RPM solution until it is operationally necessary, in this  
1423 case when the data reaches the telehealth platform providers. The telehealth platform providers  
1424 use a biometric device identification (ID) to correlate the biometric data that a device transmits with  
1425 a patient to perform analytics that enable providers to manage the patient's care.

##### 1426 **Protect data transmitted between parties and in storage.**

1427 Data protection, e.g., by using encryption, reduces the risk that compromised data can be easily  
1428 used and combined with other data to re-identify patients. Biometric devices communicate through  
1429 a mobile device that uses Bluetooth connections and the RPM solution assumes that these devices  
1430 are deployed using an appropriate encryption mode. The RPM solution uses devices that are  
1431 equipped to communicate over 4G LTE, which uses asymmetric encryption between the device and  
1432 the cellular tower. Additionally, all data at rest is protected with AES256 encryption.

1433 **D-2.5 Privacy Risk 5: Exposure of patient information through multiple providers of**  
1434 **system components**

1435 **Data Action:** Data about individuals and their devices flows between various applications and analytical  
1436 tools, some of which are managed by third parties.

1437 **Problematic Data Action: Unanticipated Revelation**

1438 **Potential Problems for Individuals:** Multiple organizations work together to provide individual  
1439 components of the RPM solution and each organization that plays a role in data processing represents  
1440 an exposure point for patient information. Patient biometric data from devices travels to the HDO  
1441 through device vendors and telehealth platform providers over cellular and broadband networks. Some  
1442 of the data also flows through cloud solutions. These third parties beyond the HDO and patient's  
1443 provider may conduct system monitoring, analytics, and other operational activities as part of the  
1444 solution. System administrators have access to otherwise private healthcare information through  
1445 knowledge of biometric device types and the data they generate which may reveal information about  
1446 patients that results in dignity losses, such as embarrassment or emotional distress.

1447 Data transmission about patients and their biometric devices among a variety of different parties could  
1448 be confusing for patients who might not know who has access to information about them. This  
1449 transmission could reveal personal information about the patient to parties they would not expect to  
1450 have such information. This lack of patient visibility and awareness of data-sharing practices may also  
1451 cause patient loss of trust in the provider.

1452 **Mitigation(s):**

1453 **RPM Solution Mitigation(s):**

1454 **Combine biometric data with patient identifiers only when operationally required.**

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1466 encryption mode. The RPM solution uses devices that are equipped to communicate over 4G LTE,  
1467 which uses asymmetric encryption between the device and the cellular tower. Additionally, all data  
1468 at rest is protected with AES256 encryption.

1469 **Limit or disable collection of specific data elements.**

1470 Conduct a system-specific privacy risk assessment to determine what elements can be limited. The  
1471 RPM solution sends only biometric and device data from the device to RPM interface and vendors  
1472 and excludes identifying information about the patient. This would limit insight into patient health  
1473 status by outsiders or telehealth platform provider administrators if the security of the information  
1474 is compromised.

1475 **Additional Privacy Mitigations for Organizations to Consider:**

1476 **Limit or disable access to data.**

1477 Conduct a system-specific privacy risk assessment to determine how access to data can be limited.  
1478 Using access controls to limit staff access to compliance information, especially when associated  
1479 with patients, can be important in preventing association of specific biometric data with particular  
1480 individuals.

1481 **Use contracts to limit third-party data processing.**

1482 Establish contractual policies to limit data processing by third parties to only the processing that  
1483 facilitates delivery of security services and to no data processing beyond those explicit purposes.

1484 **D-3 Mitigations Applicable Across Various Data Actions**

1485 Several mitigations benefit patients in multiple data actions were identified in the privacy risk  
1486 assessment. As part of their own risk assessment process, organizations that deploy RPM solutions will  
1487 determine what mitigations are most appropriate for their environment. This section includes several  
1488 examples of mitigations that may be common and is not intended to be all-encompassing.

1489 **Mitigations:**

1490 **Ensure that privacy notices address end-to-end dataflows in the RPM solution between patient and**  
1491 **provider.**

1492 RPM solutions empower patients as active participants in their healthcare. Privacy notices— information  
1493 such as the data collected about the patient, the reason it is collected, how it is processed by an  
1494 organization, how it is protected, and how long an organization plans to use it—are one way that HDOs  
1495 can help patients understand their relationship and expectations with an organization. Privacy notices  
1496 are also a precursor to requesting consent so that patients understand what agreements they are

1497 making. Effective notices that cover the RPM solution should be specific enough to help patients  
1498 understand the PRM solution and should be written in clear terms that are easily understood by any  
1499 individuals (i.e., individuals do not need healthcare, RPM, or privacy expertise to interpret the privacy  
1500 notice). Patients may not be aware of or easily able to discern what is happening with the information  
1501 generated by their biometric device(s), such as analytics and trend analyses that telehealth platform  
1502 providers can conduct and how a provider may use this information for their care. Information regarding  
1503 the RPM solution that includes a discussion of privacy helps patients better understand how the system  
1504 processes their data, which enhances predictability. One example of providing an effective RPM privacy  
1505 notice would be to create an RPM website or pamphlet, separate from the overall operational privacy  
1506 notice that an HDO may have, that explains the RPM program.

1507 **Provide a support point of contact.**

1508 Providing patients with a point of contact in the organization who can respond to privacy inquiries and  
1509 concerns regarding the RPM solution helps patients better understand how the system processes their  
1510 data, which enhances predictability.

1511 **Define and communicate clear retention policies.**

1512 To minimize security and privacy risk to patients (e.g., making a decision based on aged data that could  
1513 impact the quality of care provided through an RPM solution), HDOs should use the results of their risk  
1514 assessment to determine how each solution component impacts their retention policies for each step in  
1515 the dataflow process and clearly communicate its needs to all entities responsible for supporting the  
1516 HDO in managing privacy risks associated with data retention.

## 1517 **Appendix E Appendix E Future Consideration: Applying** 1518 **Micro-Segmentation Solutions for RPM Solutions**

1519 This practice guide deployed biometric devices to the patient home that used cellular data  
1520 communications to transmit data. This practice guide did not implement devices that used broadband  
1521 internet connectivity. As a future build consideration, this practice guide examined the use of Layer 2-  
1522 over-Layer-3 solutions to secure biometric devices that communicate over broadband communications.

1523 Networking professionals often refer to the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) model when  
1524 implementing network protocols. The International Organization for Standardization and International  
1525 Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC) describes the OSI model as consisting of seven layers called  
1526 Application, Presentation, Session, Transport, Network, Data Link, and Physical, where layers are  
1527 numerically ordered in reverse. That is, the Application Layer is regarded as Layer 7, whereas the  
1528 Physical Layer is regarded as Layer 1, a proof of concept to secure network sessions between the patient  
1529 home and the telehealth platform provider [\[34\]](#).

1530 Layer 2 aligns with the OSI model's Data link layer. Devices operating at Layer 2 have Media Access  
1531 Control (MAC) addresses by which devices, such as biometric devices, may communicate across a local  
1532 area network (LAN) segment. Layer 3 aligns with the OSI model's Network layer. Devices implement the  
1533 Network layer with Internet Protocol (IP) addresses. Layer 2 over Layer 3 solutions enable devices that  
1534 do not implement the Network layer to have broader interconnectivity. Layer 2 over Layer 3 solutions  
1535 provide security by limiting access to devices and securing the data-in-transit communications, e.g., with  
1536 encryption. Layer 2 over Layer 3 solutions may be used to create secure enclaves, grouping small  
1537 numbers of devices that may require enhanced network security. Creating secure enclaves aligns with  
1538 the concept of micro-segmentation.

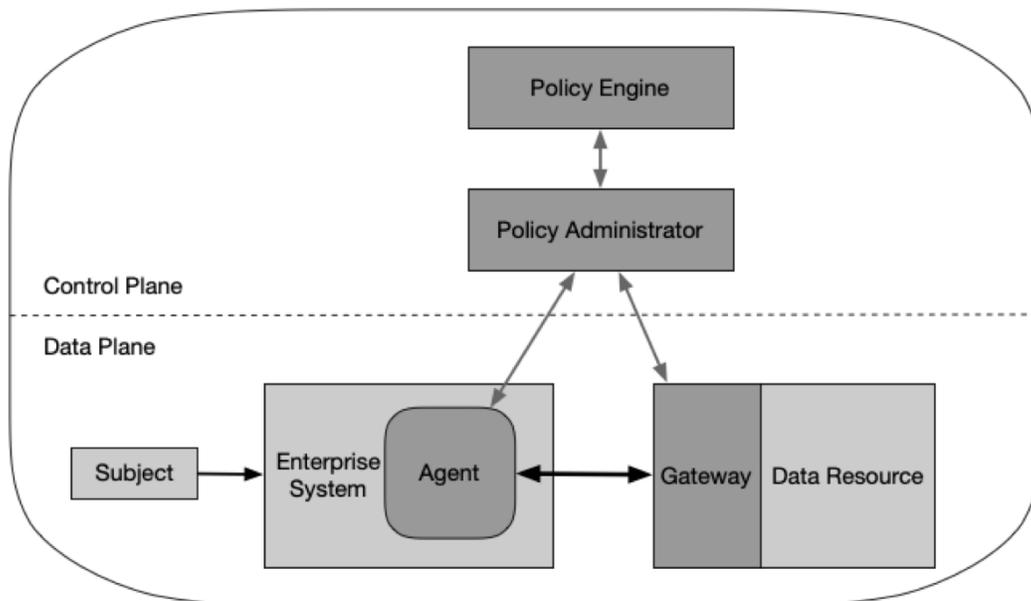
1539 Organizations may consider Layer 2 over Layer 3 solutions for devices that may be prone to internet  
1540 threats. Biometric devices may implement Layer 2 and Layer 3 interconnectivity; however, they do not  
1541 have robust controls that prevent unauthorized remote access. Secure enclaves may be created that  
1542 encapsulate biometric devices with other devices when secure cross communication is required.

1543 This practice guide deployed a micro-segmentation solution as part of a proof of concept within the  
1544 healthcare lab. In collaboration with Onclave Networks, NCCoE implemented a Layer 2 over Layer 3  
1545 solution. The practice guide anticipated a scenario whereby biometric devices hosted in the patient  
1546 home could securely communicate with systems at the telehealth platform provider or HDO by using  
1547 secure enclaves.

1548 Practitioners should refer to NIST SP 800-207, Zero Trust Architecture for guidance [\[35\]](#). NIST SP 800-  
1549 207 describes an enclave gateway model that may be applied to a telehealth RPM architecture. In the  
1550 enclave gateway model, a zero trust solution operates in two conceptual planes: a Control and a Data  
1551 plane. Micro-segmentation management devices operate in a control plane. These management devices

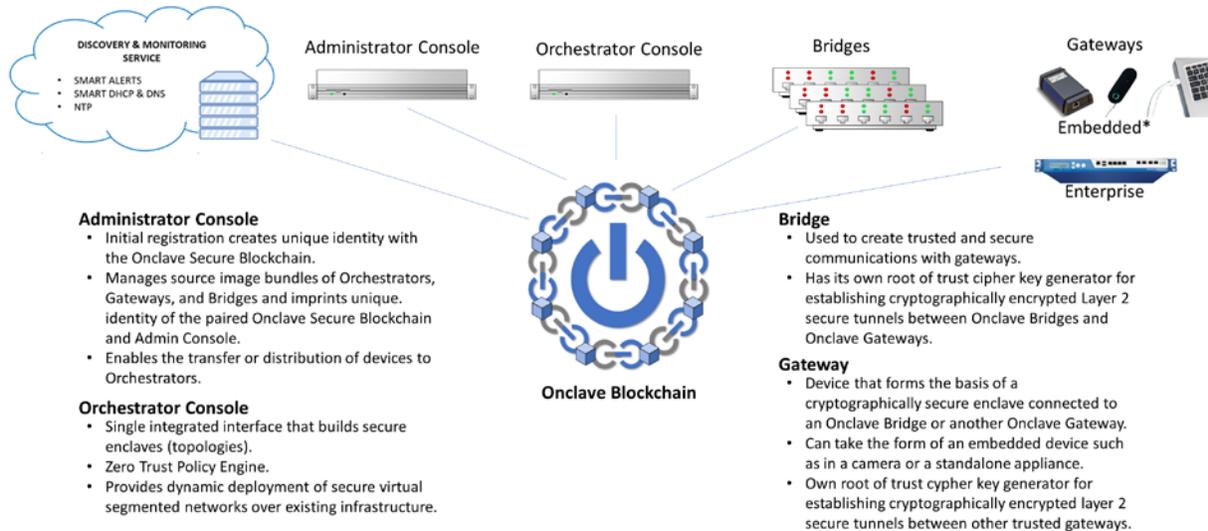
1552 provide administrative and policy capabilities to support secure enclaves. Operational components, such  
 1553 as biometric devices, telehealth platform provider services, and HDO-hosted devices, may operate in the  
 1554 data plane. Figure E-1 depicts the enclave gateway model.

1555 **Figure E-1 Enclave Gateway Model** [35]



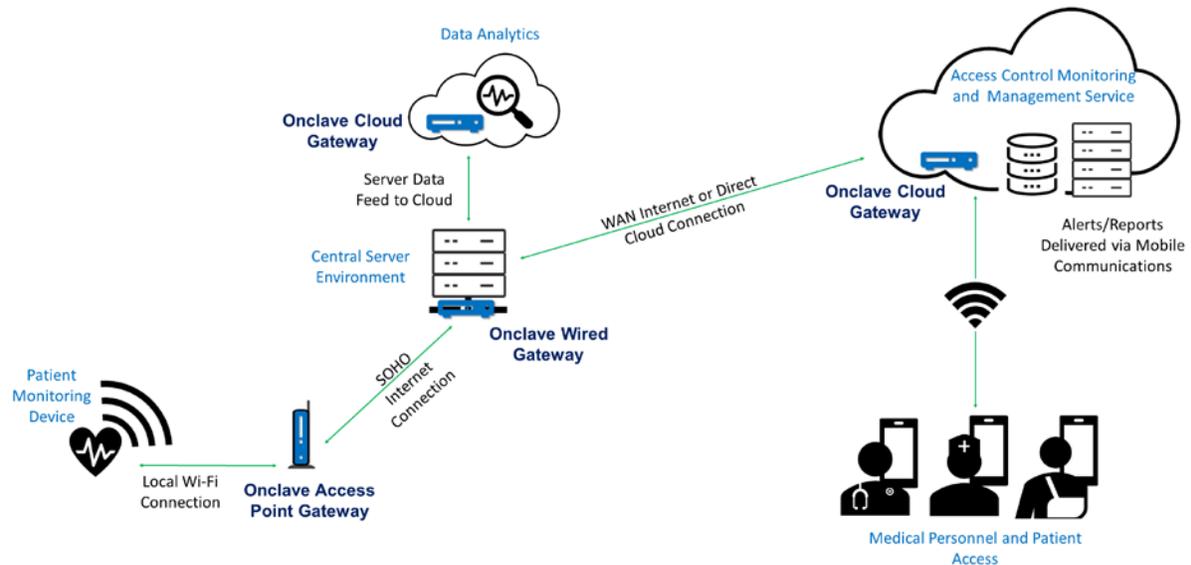
1556 The Onclave Networks solution, depicted in Figure E-2, adheres to NIST SP 800-207's Enclave Gateway  
 1557 Model and includes several components in the control plane: an Onclave Administrative Console, an  
 1558 Onclave Orchestrator Console, and an Onclave Secure Blockchain (OSB). Referring to Figure E-1, the  
 1559 Onclave Networks solution implements the Policy Administrator concept by using an Onclave  
 1560 Administrative Console and an OSB. The Onclave Administrative Console provides identity management  
 1561 capabilities, including management of biometric devices, gateways, and bridges. OSB then stores  
 1562 identity data as cipher keys. The Onclave Orchestrator Console aligns with the Policy Engine concept  
 1563 depicted in Figure E-1 while the Onclave Bridge aligns with the enterprise system agent concept,  
 1564 establishing trust between itself and the gateway devices. Finally, Onclave Gateway aligns with the  
 1565 gateway concept and represents endpoints that participate in the secure enclave environment.

1566 Figure E-2 Onclave Networks Solution



1567 Figure E-3 shows a notional method by which the Onclave Networks solution may be applied to  
 1568 pathways that were described in [Section 4.2](#), High-Level Architecture Communications Pathways. The  
 1569 solution encapsulates biometric data that may be sourced from the patient and then sent to the  
 1570 telehealth platform provider by using a broadband internet connection at the patient’s home.

1571 Figure E-3 Onclave Zero Trust Platform for Remote Patient Monitoring



1572 This practice guide deployed the Onclave Networks solution as a future build consideration to include  
 1573 biometric devices that may use a broadband internet connection. The solution takes advantage of the  
 1574 NIST zero trust architecture and separates biometric data from the patient home network to then  
 1575 securely transmit the data to the telehealth platform provider. Healthcare practitioners who provide  
 1576 services to remote patients who may use broadband internet connectivity should refer to NIST SP 800-  
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## 52 **ABSTRACT**

53 Increasingly, healthcare delivery organizations (HDOs) are relying on telehealth and remote patient  
54 monitoring (RPM) capabilities to treat patients at home. RPM is convenient and cost-effective, and its  
55 adoption rate has increased. However, without adequate privacy and cybersecurity measures,  
56 unauthorized individuals may expose sensitive data or disrupt patient monitoring services.

57 RPM solutions engage multiple actors as participants in a patient's clinical care. These actors include  
58 HDOs, telehealth platform providers, and the patients themselves. Each participant uses, manages, and  
59 maintains different technology components within an interconnected ecosystem, and each is

60 responsible for safeguarding their piece against unique threats and risks associated with RPM  
61 technologies.

62 This practice guide assumes that the HDO engages with a telehealth platform provider that is a separate  
63 entity from the HDO and patient. The telehealth platform provider manages a distinct infrastructure,  
64 applications, and set of services. The telehealth platform provider coordinates with the HDO to  
65 provision, configure, and deploy the RPM components to the patient home and assures secure  
66 communication between the patient and clinician.

67 The NCCoE analyzed risk factors regarding an RPM ecosystem by using risk assessment based on the  
68 NIST Risk Management Framework. The NCCoE also leveraged the NIST Cybersecurity Framework, *NIST*  
69 *Privacy Framework*, and other relevant standards to identify measures to safeguard the ecosystem. In  
70 collaboration with healthcare, technology, and telehealth partners, the NCCoE built an RPM ecosystem  
71 in a laboratory environment to explore methods to improve the cybersecurity of an RPM.

72 Technology solutions alone may not be sufficient to maintain privacy and security controls on external  
73 environments. This practice guide notes the application of people, process, and technology as necessary  
74 to implement a holistic risk mitigation strategy.

75 This practice guide’s capabilities include helping organizations assure the confidentiality, integrity, and  
76 availability of an RPM solution, enhancing patient privacy, and limiting HDO risk when implementing an  
77 RPM solution.

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## 106 1 Introduction

107 The following volumes of this guide show information technology (IT) professionals and security  
108 engineers how we implemented this example solution. We cover all of the products employed in this  
109 reference design. We do not re-create the product manufacturers' documentation, which is presumed  
110 to be widely available. Rather, these volumes show how we incorporated the products together in our  
111 environment.

112 *Note: These are not comprehensive tutorials. There are many possible service and security configurations*  
113 *for these products that are out of scope for this reference design.*

### 114 1.1 How to Use this Guide

115 This National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Practice Guide demonstrates a  
116 standards-based reference design and provides users with the information they need to replicate the  
117 telehealth remote patient monitoring (RPM) environment. This reference design is modular and can be  
118 deployed in whole or in part.

119 This guide contains three volumes:

- 120     ▪ NIST SP 1800-30A: *Executive Summary*
- 121     ▪ NIST SP 1800-30B: *Approach, Architecture, and Security Characteristics* – what we built and why
- 122     ▪ NIST SP 1800-30C: *How-To Guides* – instructions for building the example solution (**you are**  
123         **here**)

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

125 **Business decision makers, including chief security and technology officers**, will be interested in the  
126 *Executive Summary*, NIST SP 1800-30A, which describes the following topics:

- 127     ▪ challenges that enterprises face in securing the remote patient monitoring ecosystem
- 128     ▪ example solution built at the NCCoE
- 129     ▪ benefits of adopting the example solution

130 **Technology or security program managers** who are concerned with how to identify, understand, assess,  
131 and mitigate risk will be interested in NIST SP 1800-30B, which describes what we did and why. The  
132 following sections will be of particular interest:

- 133     ▪ Section 3.4, Risk Assessment, describes the risk analysis we performed.
- 134     ▪ Section 3.5, Security Control Map, maps the security characteristics of this example solution to  
135         cybersecurity standards and best practices.

136 You might share the *Executive Summary*, NIST SP 1800-30A, with your leadership team members to help  
137 them understand the importance of adopting standards-based commercially available technologies that  
138 can help secure the RPM ecosystem.

139 **IT professionals** who want to implement an approach like this will find this whole practice guide useful.  
140 You can use this How-To portion of the guide, NIST SP 1800-30C, to replicate all or parts of the build  
141 created in our lab. This How-To portion of the guide provides specific product installation, configuration,  
142 and integration instructions for implementing the example solution. We do not recreate the product  
143 manufacturers' documentation, which is generally widely available. Rather, we show how we  
144 incorporated the products together in our environment to create an example solution.

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

155 A NIST Cybersecurity Practice Guide does not describe "the" solution, but a possible solution. This is a  
156 draft guide. We seek feedback on its contents and welcome your input. Comments, suggestions, and  
157 success stories will improve subsequent versions of this guide. Please contribute your thoughts to  
158 [hit\\_nccoe@nist.gov](mailto:hit_nccoe@nist.gov).

159 Acronyms used in figures are in the List of Acronyms appendix.

## 160 **1.2 Build Overview**

161 The NCCoE constructed a virtual lab environment to evaluate ways to implement security capabilities  
162 across an RPM ecosystem, which consists of three separate domains: patient home, telehealth platform  
163 provider, and healthcare delivery organization (HDO). The project implements virtual environments for  
164 the HDO and patient home while collaborating with a telehealth platform provider to implement a  
165 cloud-based telehealth RPM environment. The telehealth environments contain simulated patient data  
166 that portray relevant cases that clinicians could encounter in real-world scenarios. The project then  
167 applies security controls to the virtual environments. Refer to NIST Special Publication (SP) 1800-30B,  
168 Section 5, Security Characteristic Analysis, for an explanation of why we used each technology.

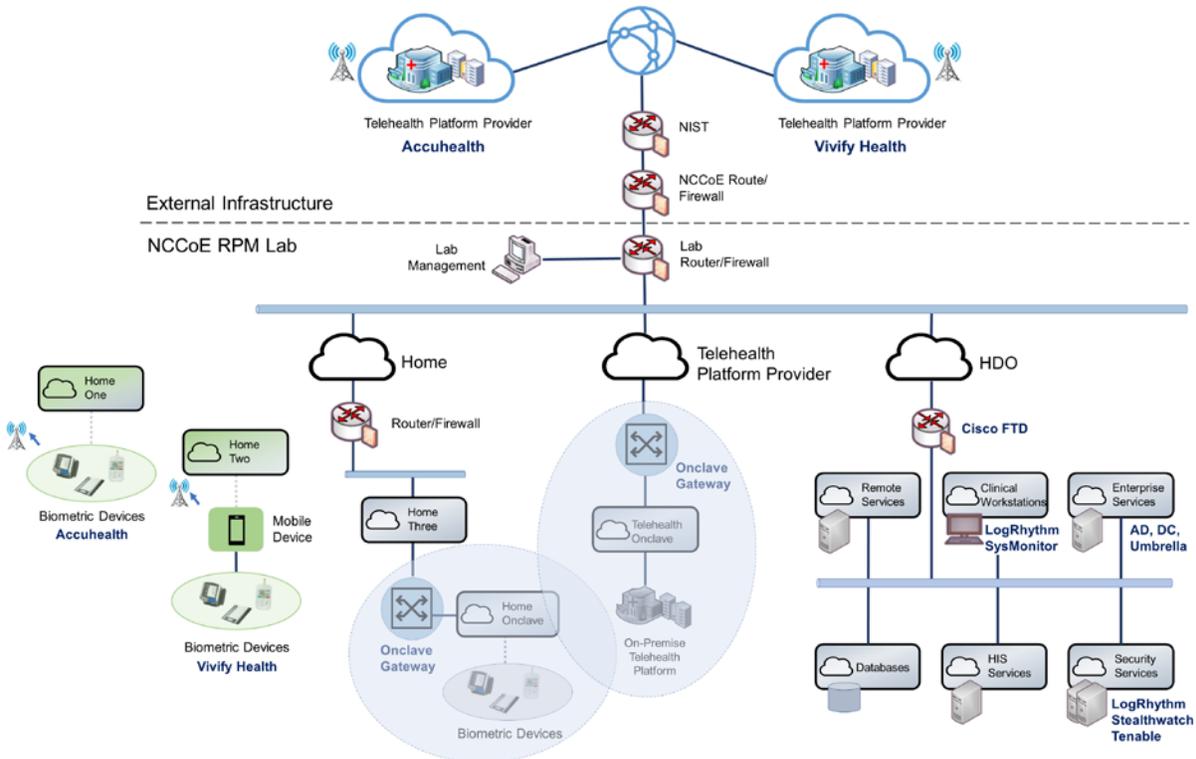
### 169 1.3 Typographic Conventions

170 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> .
<b>Bold</b>	names of menus, options, command buttons, and fields	Choose <b>File &gt; Edit</b> .
Monospace	command-line input, onscreen computer output, sample code examples, and status codes	<code>mkdir</code>
<b>Monospace Bold</b>	command-line user input contrasted with computer output	<code>service sshd start</code>
<a href="#">blue text</a>	link to other parts of the document, a web URL, or an email address	All publications from NIST's NCCoE are available at <a href="https://www.nccoe.nist.gov">https://www.nccoe.nist.gov</a> .

### 171 1.4 Logical Architecture Summary

172 Figure 1-1 illustrates the reference network architecture implemented in the NCCoE virtual  
 173 environment, initially presented in NIST SP 1800-30B, Section 4.5, Final Architecture. The HDO  
 174 environment utilizes network segmenting similar to the architecture segmentation used in NIST SP 1800-  
 175 24, *Securing Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS)* [1]. The telehealth platform provider is  
 176 a vendor-managed cloud environment that facilitates data transmissions and communications between  
 177 the patient home and the HDO. Patient home environments have a minimalistic structure, which  
 178 incorporates the devices provided by the telehealth platform provider.

179 **Figure 1-1 Final Architecture**

## 180 **2 Product Installation Guides**

181 This section of the practice guide contains detailed instructions for installing and configuring all the  
 182 products used to build an instance of the example solution. This practice guide implemented several  
 183 capabilities that included deploying components received from telehealth platform providers and  
 184 components that represent the HDO. The telehealth platform providers provisioned biometric devices  
 185 that were deployed to a patient home environment. Within the HDO, this practice guide deployed  
 186 network infrastructure devices to implement network zoning and configure perimeter devices. This  
 187 practice guide also deployed security capabilities that supported vulnerability management and a  
 188 security incident event management (SIEM) tool. The following sections detail deployment and  
 189 configuration of these components.

### 190 **2.1 Telehealth Platform Provider**

191 This practice guide implemented a model where an HDO partners with telehealth platform providers to  
 192 enable RPM programs. Telehealth platform providers are third parties that, for this practice guide,

193 configured, deployed, and managed biometric devices and mobile devices (e.g., tablets) that were sent  
194 to the patient home. The telehealth platform provider managed data communications over cellular data  
195 where patients send biometric data to the telehealth platform provider. The telehealth platform  
196 provider implemented an application that allowed clinicians to access the biometric data.

197 This practice guide collaborated with two independent telehealth platform providers. Collaborating with  
198 two unique platforms enabled the team to apply NIST's Cybersecurity Framework [2] to multiple  
199 telehealth platform implementations. One platform provides biomedical devices enabled with cellular  
200 data. These devices transmitted biometric data to the cloud-based telehealth platform. The second  
201 platform provider deployed biometric devices enabled with Bluetooth wireless technology. Biometric  
202 devices communicated with an interface device (i.e., a tablet). The telehealth platform provider  
203 configured the interface device by using a mobile device management solution, limiting the interface  
204 device's capabilities to those services required for RPM participation. The patient transmitted biometric  
205 data to the telehealth platform provider by using the interface device. The interface device transmitted  
206 data over cellular data communications. Both telehealth platform providers allowed HDOs to access  
207 patient data by using a web-based application. Both platforms implemented unique access control  
208 policies for access control, authentication, and authorization.

### 209 2.1.1 Accuhealth

210 Accuhealth provided biometric devices that included cellular data communication. Accuhealth also  
211 included a cloud-hosted application for HDOs to access patient-sent biometric data. Accuhealth  
212 provisioned biomedical devices with subscriber identity module (SIM) cards that enabled biomedical  
213 devices to transmit data via cellular data communications to the Accuhealth telehealth platform.  
214 Accuhealth stored patient-transmitted data in an application. Individuals assigned with clinician roles  
215 accessed transmitted data hosted in the Accuhealth application. The biomedical data displayed in the  
216 following screen captures are notional in nature and do not relate to an actual patient.

#### 217 2.1.1.1 Patient

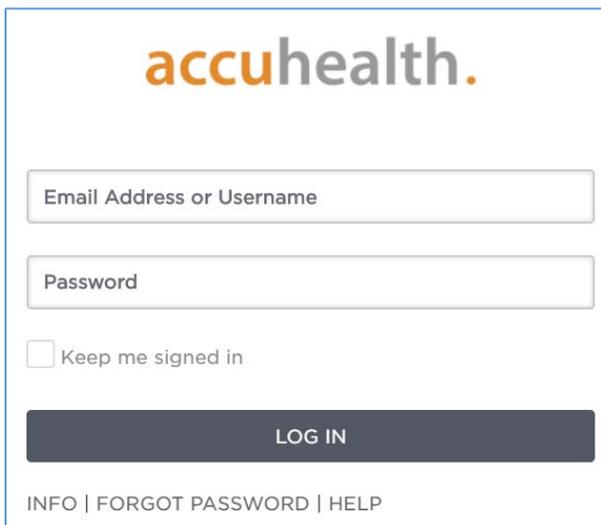
218 This practice guide assumed that the HDO enrolls the patient in an RPM program. Clinicians would  
219 determine when a patient may be enrolled in the program appropriately, and conversations would occur  
220 about understanding the roles and responsibilities associated with participating in the RPM program.  
221 When clinicians enrolled patients in the RPM program, the HDO would collaborate with Accuhealth.  
222 Accuhealth received patient contact information and configured biometric devices appropriate for the  
223 RPM program in which the patient was enrolled. Accuhealth configured biometric devices to  
224 communicate via cellular data. Biometric devices, thus, were isolated from the patient home network  
225 environment. Accuhealth assured device configuration and asset management.

226 [2.1.1.2 HDO](#)

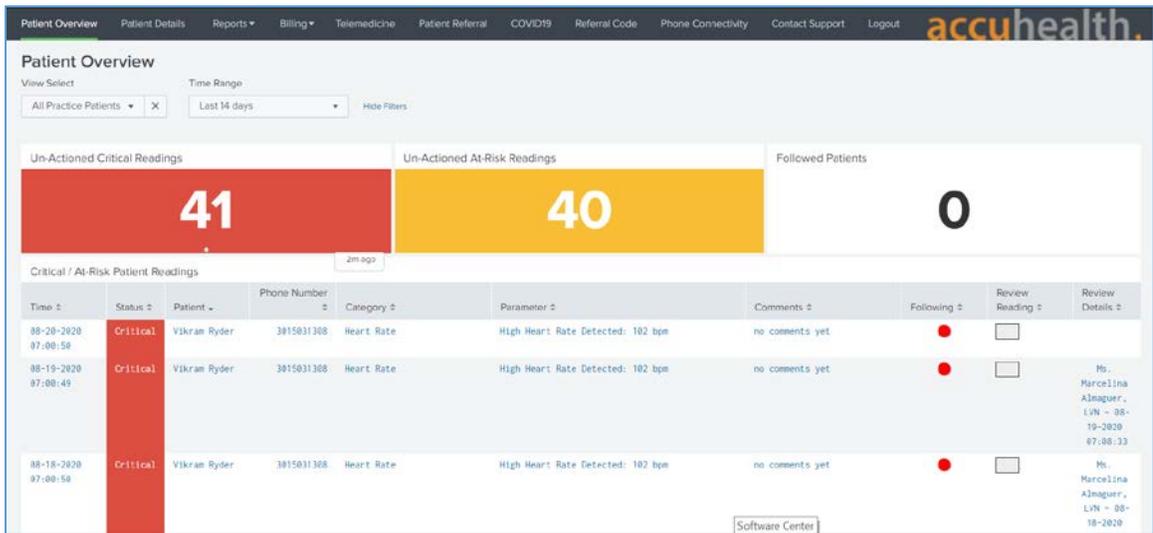
227 The Accuhealth solution includes installing an application within the HDO environment. Clinicians access  
228 a portal hosted by Accuhealth that allows a clinician to view patient biometric data. The application  
229 requires unique user accounts and role-based access control. System administrators create accounts and  
230 assign roles through an administrative console. Sessions from the clinician to the hosted application use  
231 encryption to ensure data-in-transit protection.

232 This section discusses the HDO application installation and configuration procedures.

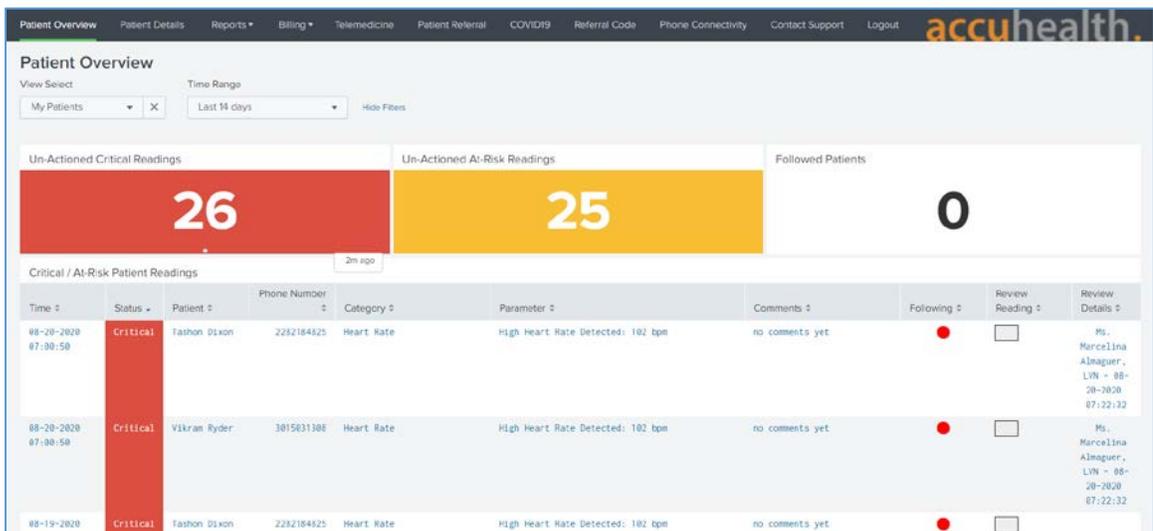
- 233 1. Access a device that has a web browser.
- 234 2. Navigate to accuhealth login page and provide a **Username** and **Password**. The following  
235 screenshots show a doctor’s point of view in the platform.
- 236 3. Click **LOG IN**.



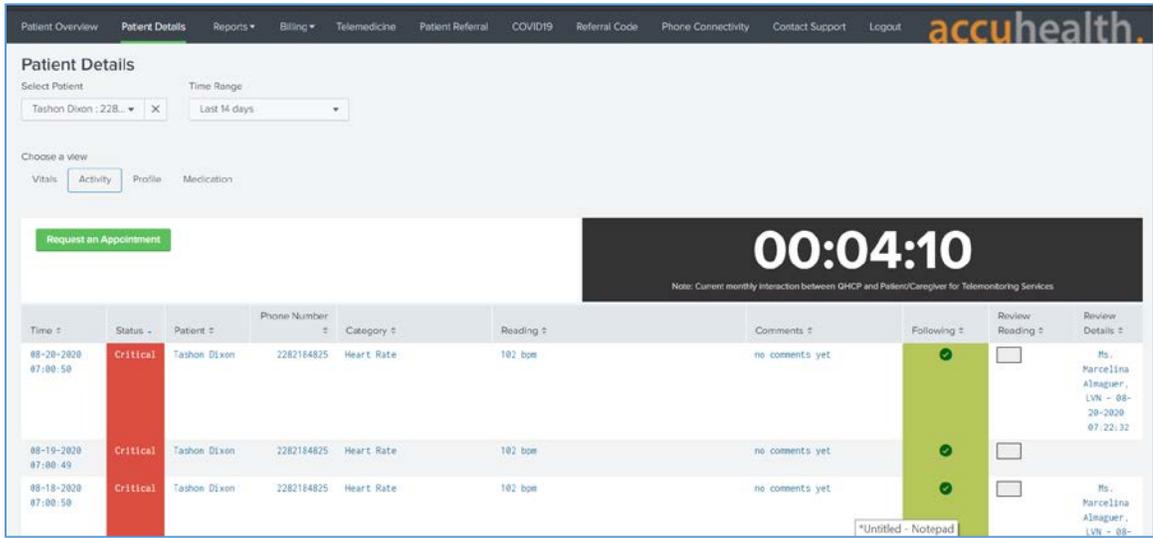
237 After logging in, the **Patient Overview** screen displays.



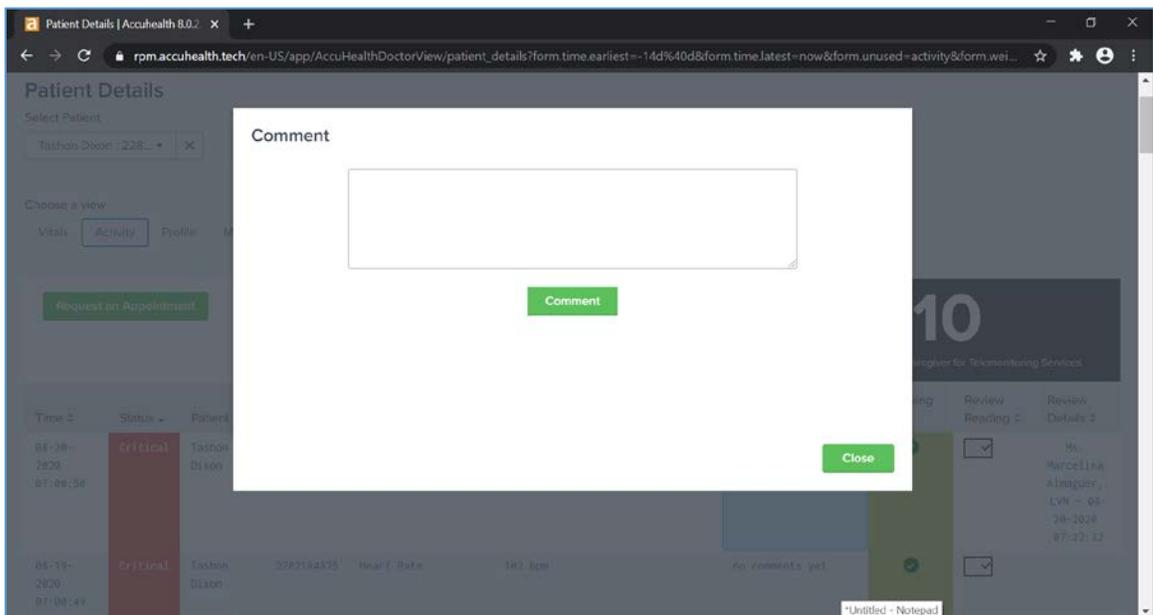
- 238 4. To view patients associated with the account used to log in, navigate to the **View Select**  
 239 dropdown list in the top left corner of the screen, and select **My Patients**.



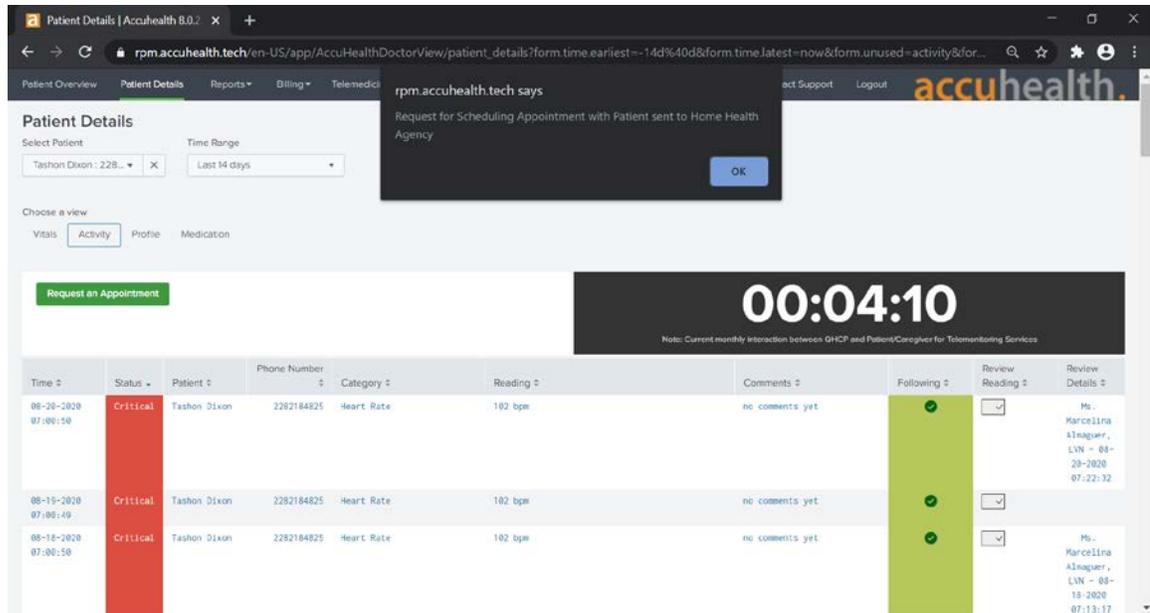
- 240 5. Click a **Patient** to display the **Patient Details** page, which displays all patient biomedical  
 241 readings.



- 242 6. To leave a comment on a reading, click **no comments yet** under the **Comments** column on the
- 243 row of the reading to which the comment refers.
- 244 7. A **Comment** screen displays that allows free text input.
- 245 8. Click **Comment**.
- 246 9. Click **Close**.



- 247 10. To have a call with a patient, click **Request an Appointment** in the top left of the **Patient Details**  
 248 page.
- 249 11. A notification box displays, asking if the Home Health Agency needs to schedule an appointment  
 250 with the patient.
- 251 12. Click **OK**.



## 252 2.1.2 Vivify Health

253 Vivify provided biometric and interface devices (i.e., Vivify provisioned a tablet device) and a cloud-  
 254 hosted platform. Vivify enabled biometric devices with Bluetooth communication and provisioned  
 255 interface devices with SIM cards. Individuals provisioned with patient roles used the interface device to  
 256 retrieve data from the biometric devices via Bluetooth. Individuals acting as patients then used the  
 257 interface device to transmit data to Vivify using cellular data. Vivify’s application presented the received  
 258 data. Individuals provisioned with clinician roles accessed the patient-sent data stored in the Vivify  
 259 application via a web interface.

### 260 2.1.2.1 Patient

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 262 determine when a patient may be enrolled in the program appropriately, and conversations then occur  
 263 about understanding the roles and responsibilities associated with participating in the RPM program.  
 264 When clinicians enroll patients in the RPM program, the HDO would collaborate with Vivify. Vivify  
 265 received patient contact information and configured biometric devices and an interface device (i.e.,

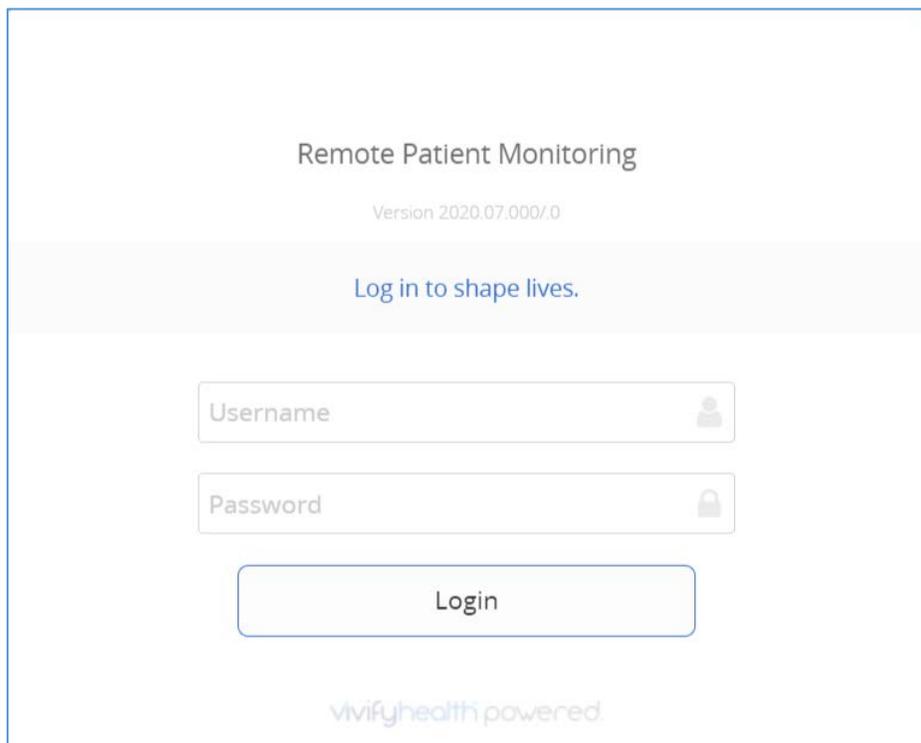
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### 268 *2.1.2.2 HDO*

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270 portal hosted by Vivify that allows a clinician to view patient biometric data. The application requires  
271 unique user accounts and role-based access control. System administrators create accounts and assign  
272 roles through an administrative console. Sessions from the clinician to the hosted application use  
273 encryption to ensure data-in-transit protection.

274 This section discusses the HDO application installation and configuration procedures.

- 275 1. Access a device that has a web browser.
- 276 2. Navigate to <https://demonccoerpm.vivifyhealth.com/CaregiverPortal/index.html#/Login> and  
277 provide the **Username** and **Password** of the administrative account provided by Vivify.
- 278 3. Click **Login**.



- 279
- 280 4. Navigate to the **Care Team** menu item on the left-hand side of the screen.
- 281 Click **+ New User**.

- 282 5. In the **New User** screen provide the following information:
- 283 a. **First Name:** Test
- 284 b. **Last Name:** Clinician
- 285 c. **User Name:** TClinician1
- 286 d. **Password:** \*\*\*\*\*
- 287 e. **Confirm Password:** \*\*\*\*\*
- 288 f. **Facilities:** Vivify General
- 289 g. **Sites:** Default
- 290 h. **Roles:** Clinical Level 1, Clinical Level 2
- 291 i. **Email Address:** \*\*\*\*\*
- 292 j. **Mobile Phone:** \*\*\*\*\*
- 293 6. Click **Save Changes**.
- 294 7. Navigate to **Patients** in the left-hand menu bar.
- 295 8. Select the **NCCoE, Patient** record.
- 296 9. Under **Care Team**, click the **notepad and pencil** in the top right of the box.
- 297 10. In the **Care Team** window, select **Clinician, Test** and click **Ok**.
- 298 11. Logout of the platform.
- 299 12. Login to the platform using the **Test Clinician** credentials and click **Login**.
- 300 13. Click the **NCCoE, Patient** record.
- 301 14. Navigate to the **Monitoring** tab to review patient readings.
- 302 15. Based on the patient's data, the clinician needs to consult the patient.
- 303 16. Click the ellipsis in the **NCCoE, Patient** menu above the green counter.
- 304 17. Select **Call Patient**.
- 305 18. In the **Respond to Call Request** screen, select **Phone Call Now**.
- 306 19. After the consultation, record the action items performed during the call.
- 307 20. In the **Monitoring** window, click **Accept All** under the **Alerts** tab to record intervention steps.

- 308        21. In the **Select Intervention** window, select the steps performed to address any patient alerts.
- 309        22. Click **Accept**.
- 310        23. Navigate to **Notes** to review recorded interventions or add other clinical notes.

## 311    2.2 Security Capabilities

312    The following instruction and configuration steps depict how the NCCoE engineers along with project  
313    collaborators implemented provided cybersecurity tools to achieve the desired security capabilities  
314    identified in NIST SP 1800-30B, Section 4.4, Security Capabilities.

### 315    2.2.1 Risk Assessment Controls

316    Risk assessment controls align with the NIST Cybersecurity Framework’s ID.RA category. For this practice  
317    guide, the Tenable.sc solution was implemented as a component in an HDO’s risk assessment program.  
318    While Tenable.sc includes a broad functionality set, this practice guide leveraged Tenable.sc’s  
319    vulnerability scanning and management capabilities.

#### 320    2.2.1.1 Tenable.sc

321    Tenable.sc is a vulnerability management solution. Tenable.sc includes vulnerability scanning and  
322    configuration checking, which displays information through a dashboard graphical user interface.  
323    Tenable.sc’s dashboard includes vulnerability scoring, enabling engineers to prioritize patching and  
324    remediation. This practice guide used Tenable.sc to manage a Nessus scanner, which performed  
325    vulnerability scanning against HDO domain-hosted devices. While the Tenable.sc solution includes  
326    configuration-checking functionality, this practice guide used the solution for vulnerability management.

#### 327    System Requirements

328    **Central Processing Unit (CPU):** 4

329    **Memory:** 8 gigabytes (GB)

330    **Storage:** 250 GB

331    **Operating System:** CentOS 7

332    **Network Adapter:** VLAN 1348

#### 333    Tenable.sc Installation

334    This section discusses installation of the Tenable.sc vulnerability management solution.

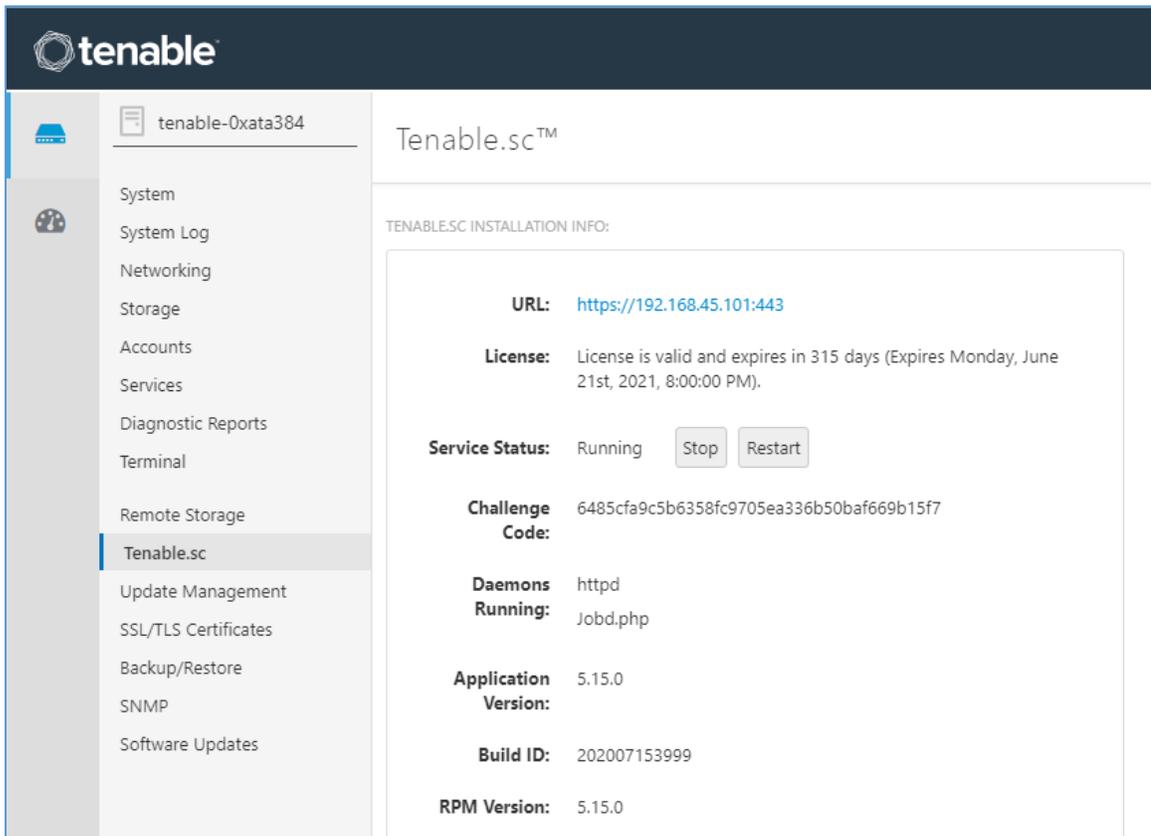
- 335        1. Import the Tenable.sc **open virtual appliance or appliance (OVA) file** to the virtual environment.
- 336        2. Assign the virtual machine (VM) to **VLAN 1348**.

- 337 3. Start the VM and document the associated **internet protocol (IP) address**.
- 338 4. Open a web browser that can talk to virtual local area network (VLAN) 1348 and navigate to the  
339 VM's **IP address**.
- 340 5. For the first login, use **wizard** as the **Username** and **admin** for the **Password**.
- 341 6. Tenable.sc prompts a popup window for creating a new **admin username** and **password**.
- 342 7. Repeat step 5 using the new username and password.
  - 343 a. **Username:** admin
  - 344 b. **Password:** \*\*\*\*\*
  - 345 c. Check the box beside **Reuse my password for privileged tasks**.



The image shows a login form for Tenable. At the top left is the Tenable logo, which consists of a teal-colored geometric shape made of overlapping lines. To the right of the logo is the word "tenable" in a dark blue, sans-serif font. Below the logo and name are two input fields. The first is labeled "User name" and contains the text "admin". The second is labeled "Password" and contains a series of asterisks. Below the password field is a checkbox that is checked, with the text "Reuse my password for privileged tasks" next to it. Below the checkbox is a red warning triangle icon followed by the text "Required for admin usage". At the bottom right of the form is a blue button with the text "Log In" in white.

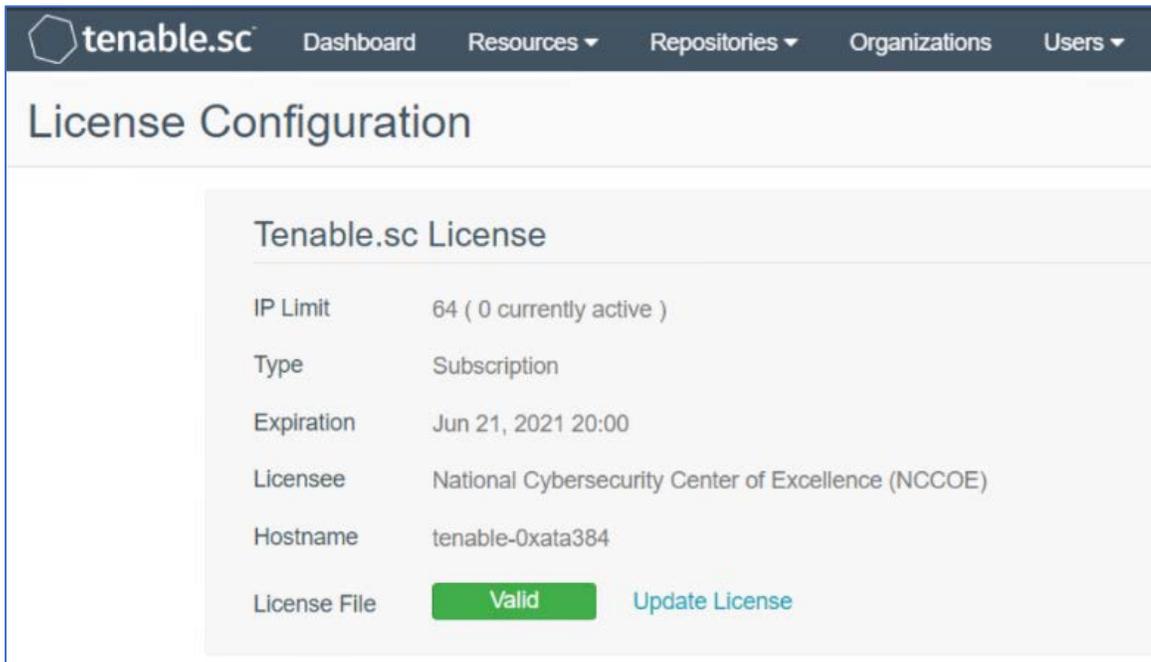
- 346 8. After logging in, the Tenable Management Console page displays.
- 347 9. Click the **Tenable.sc** menu option on the left side of the screen.
- 348 10. To access Tenable.sc, click the **IP address** next to the uniform resource locator (URL) field.



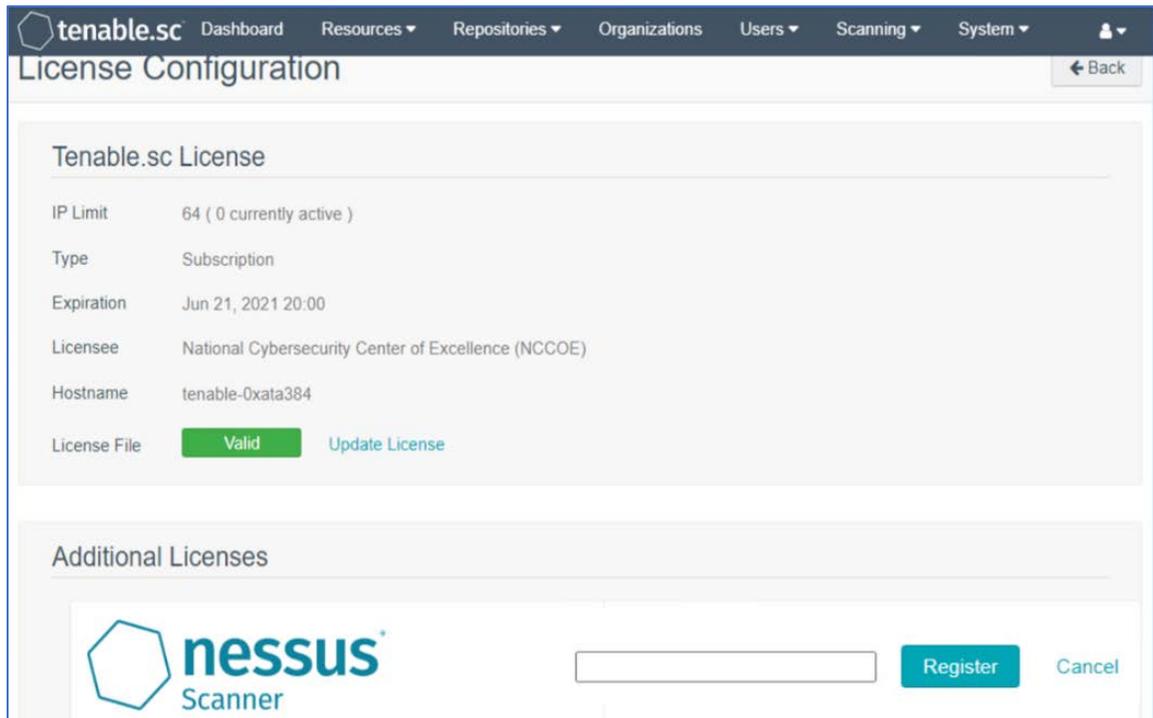
- 349 11. Log in to Tenable.sc using the credentials created in previous steps, and click **Sign In**.
- 350 a. **Username:** admin
- 351 b. **Password:** \*\*\*\*\*



- 352 12. After signing in, Tenable.sc's web page displays.
- 353 13. Navigate to the **System** drop-down list in the menu ribbon.
- 354 14. Click **Configuration**.
- 355 15. Under Tenable.sc License, click **Upload** next to License File.
- 356 16. Navigate to the storage location of the Tenable.sc license key obtained from a Tenable
- 357 representative and select the **key file**.
- 358 17. Click **OK**.
- 359 18. Click **Validate**.
- 360 19. When Tenable.sc accepts the key, a green Valid label will display next to License File.



- 361 20. Under Additional Licenses, input the Nessus **license key** provided by a Tenable representative  
362 next to Nessus Scanner.
- 363 21. Click **Register**.

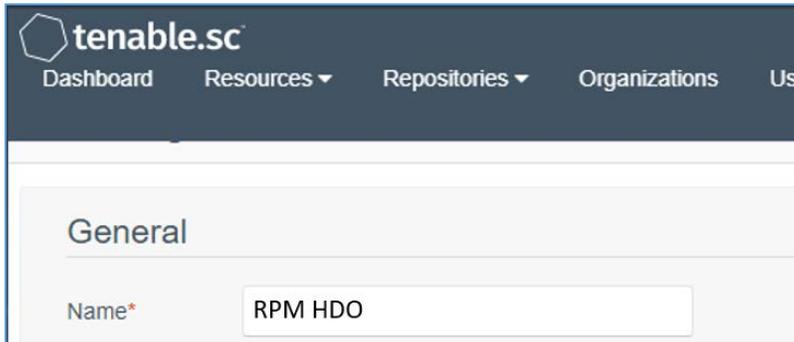


#### 364 **Tenable.sc Configuration**

365 This practice guide leveraged support from Tenable engineers. Collectively, engineers installed  
 366 Tenable.sc and validated license keys for Tenable.sc and Nessus. Engineers created Organization,  
 367 Repository, User, Scanner, and Scan Zones instances for the HDO lab environment. The configuration  
 368 steps are below.

#### 369 **Add an Organization**

- 370 1. Navigate to **Organizations** in the menu ribbon.
- 371 2. Click **+Add** in the top right corner of the screen. An **Add Organization** page will appear.
- 372 3. Name the Organization **RPM HDO** and leave the remaining fields as their default values.
- 373 4. Click **Submit**.



374 Add a Repository

- 375 1. Navigate to the **Repositories** drop-down list in the menu ribbon.
- 376 2. Click **+Add** in the top right corner of the screen. An **Add Repository** screen displays.
- 377 3. Under Local, click **IPv4**. An **Add IPv4 Repository** page displays. Provide the following
- 378 information:
- 379 a. **Name:** HDO Repository
- 380 b. **IP Ranges:** 0.0.0.0/24
- 381 c. **Organizations:** RPM HDO
- 382 4. Click **Submit**.

The screenshot shows the 'Add IPv4 Repository' page in the Tenable.sc interface. The page has a dark blue header with the Tenable.sc logo and navigation links for 'Dashboard', 'Resources', 'Repositories', and 'Organizations'. The main content area is titled 'Add IPv4 Repository' and is divided into three sections: 'General', 'Data', and 'Access'.  
- In the 'General' section, the 'Name\*' field is filled with 'HDO Repository' and the 'Description' field is empty.  
- In the 'Data' section, the 'IP Ranges\*' field is filled with '0.0.0.0/24'.  
- In the 'Access' section, the 'Organizations' field has a search box with 'RPM HDO' selected and checked.

383 Add a User

- 384 1. Navigate to the **Users** drop-down list in the menu ribbon.
- 385 2. Select **Users**.
- 386 3. Click **+Add** in the top right corner. An **Add User** page displays. Provide the following information:
- 387 a. **Role:** Security Manager
- 388 b. **Organization:** RPM HDO

- 389 c. **First Name:** Test
- 390 d. **Last Name:** User
- 391 e. **Username:** TestSecManager
- 392 f. **Password:** \*\*\*\*\*
- 393 g. **Confirm Password:** \*\*\*\*\*
- 394 h. Enable **User Must Change Password.**
- 395 i. **Time Zone:** America/New York
- 396 4. Click **Submit.**

The screenshot shows the 'Add User' form in the Tenable.sc interface. The form is divided into two main sections: 'Membership' and user details. In the 'Membership' section, the 'Role' is set to 'Security Manager' and the 'Organization' is 'RPM HDO'. The user details section includes fields for 'First Name' (Test), 'Last Name' (User), 'Username\*' (TestSecManager), 'Password\*' (masked with dots), and 'Confirm Password\*' (masked with dots). There is a toggle switch for 'User Must Change Password' which is turned on, and a dropdown menu for 'Time Zone\*' (America/New\_York). The top navigation bar shows the 'tenable.sc' logo and links for 'Dashboard', 'Resources', 'Repositories', 'Organizations', and 'Users'.

397 For the lab deployment of Tenable.sc, the engineers instantiated one Nessus scanner in the Security  
398 Services subnet that has access to every subnet in the HDO environment.

399 Add a Scanner

- 400 1. Navigate to the **Resources** drop-down list in the menu ribbon.
- 401 2. Select **Nessus Scanners**.
- 402 3. Click **+Add** in the top right corner. An **Add Nessus Scanner** page displays. Fill in the following  
403 information:
  - 404 a. **Name:** HDO Scanner
  - 405 b. **Description:** Scans the Workstation, Enterprise, HIS, Remote, and Database VLANs
  - 406 c. **Host:** 192.168.45.100
  - 407 d. **Port:** 8834
  - 408 e. **Enabled:** on
  - 409 f. **Type:** Password
  - 410 g. **Username:** TestSecManager
  - 411 h. **Password:** \*\*\*\*\*
- 412 4. Click **Submit**.

The screenshot shows the 'Add Nessus Scanner' configuration page in the Tenable.sc interface. The page is divided into two main sections: 'General' and 'Authentication'.

**General Section:**

- Name\***: HDO Scanner
- Description**: Scans the Workstation, Enterprise, HIS, Remote, and Database VLANS
- Host\***: 192.168.45.100
- Port\***: 8834
- Enabled**:
- Verify Hostname**:
- Use Proxy**:

**Authentication Section:**

- Type**: Password
- Username\***: TestSecManager
- Password\***: .....

413 The engineers created a scan zone for each subnet established on the HDO network. The process to  
 414 create a scan zone is the same for each subnet aside from the IP address range.

415 As an example, the steps for creating the Workstation scan zone are as follows:

416 Add a Scan Zone

- 417 1. Navigate to the **Resources** drop-down list in the menu ribbon.
- 418 2. Select **Scan Zones**.

- 419 3. Click **+Add**. An **Add Scan Zone** page will appear. Provide the following information:
- 420 a. **Name:** Workstations
- 421 b. **Ranges:** 192.168.44.0/24
- 422 c. **Scanners:** HDO Scanner
- 423 4. Click **Submit**.

The screenshot shows the 'Add Scan Zone' page in the Tenable.sc interface. The page has a dark blue header with the Tenable.sc logo and navigation links for 'Dashboard', 'Resources', 'Repositories', and 'Organizations'. The main content area is titled 'Add Scan Zone' and contains a 'General' section. This section has four input fields: 'Name\*' with the value 'Workstations', 'Description' (empty), 'Ranges\*' with the value '192.168.44.0/24', and 'Scanners' which includes a search bar and a dropdown menu with 'HDO Scanner' selected. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Submit' (in a teal box) and 'Cancel'.

- 424 Repeat steps in Add a Scan Zone section for each VLAN.
- 425 To fulfil the identified NIST Cybersecurity Framework Subcategory requirements, the engineers utilized
- 426 Tenable’s host discovery and vulnerability scanning capabilities. The first goal was to identify the hosts

427 on each of the HDO VLANs. Once Tenable identifies the assets, Tenable.sc executes a basic network scan  
428 to identify any vulnerabilities on these assets.

429 Create Scan Policies

- 430 1. Engineers created a **Security Manager** account in a previous step when adding users. Log in to  
431 Tenable.sc using the **Security Manager** account.
- 432 2. Navigate to the **Scans** drop-down list in the menu ribbon.
- 433 3. Select **Policies**.
- 434 4. Click **+Add** in the top right corner.
- 435 5. Click **Host Discovery** in the **Add Policy** page. An **Add Policy > Host Discovery** page will appear.  
436 Provide the following information:
- 437 a. **Name:** HDO Assets
- 438 b. **Discovery:** Host enumeration
- 439 c. Leave the remaining options as their default values.
- 440 6. Click **Submit**.

The screenshot shows the Tenable.sc interface for creating a Host Discovery policy. The navigation bar at the top includes 'tenable.sc' and various menu items like 'Dashboard', 'Solutions', 'Analysis', 'Scans', 'Reporting', 'Assets', 'Workflow', and 'Users'. The main heading is 'Add Policy > Host Discovery'. On the left, there are two tabs: 'Setup' (active) and 'Report'. The 'General' section contains a 'Name\*' field with the value 'HDO Assets', a 'Description' text area, and a 'Tag' dropdown menu. The 'Configuration' section has a 'Discovery' dropdown set to 'Host enumeration'. To the right of this section, there are two lists of settings: 'General Settings' (Always test the local Nessus host, Use fast network discovery) and 'Ping hosts using' (TCP, ARP, ICMP (2 retries)). At the bottom left, there are 'Submit' and 'Cancel' buttons.

- 441 7. Click **+Add** in the top right corner.
- 442 8. Click **Basic Network Scan** in the **Add Policy** page. An **Add Policy > Basic Network Scan** page displays.
- 443
- 444 9. Name the scan **HDO Network Scan** and leave the remaining options to their default settings.
- 445 10. Click **Submit**.

The screenshot shows the Tenable.sc interface for configuring a 'Basic Network Scan'. The breadcrumb is 'Add Policy > Basic Network Scan'. On the left, there are tabs for 'Setup', 'Report', and 'Authentication'. The 'General' section contains:
 

- Name\*: HDO Network Scan
- Description: (empty text area)
- Tag: (empty dropdown menu)

 The 'Configuration' section includes:
 

- Advanced: Default
- Discovery: Port scan (common ports)
- Performance options:
  - 30 simultaneous hosts (max)
  - 4 simultaneous checks per host (max)
  - 5 second network read timeout
- General Settings:
  - Always test the local Nessus host

#### 446 Create Active Scans

- 447 1. Navigate to the **Scans** drop-down list in the menu ribbon.
- 448 2. Select **Active Scans**.
- 449 3. Click **+Add** in the top right corner. An **Add Active Scan** page will appear. Provide the following
- 450 information for General and Target Type sections.

#### 451 **General**

- 452 a. **Name:** Asset Scan
- 453 b. **Description:** Identify hosts on the VLANs
- 454 c. **Policy:** Host Discovery

#### 455 **Targets**

- 456 a. **Target Type:** IP/DNS Name



The screenshot shows the 'Add Active Scan' interface in Tenable.sc. The navigation menu on the left includes 'General', 'Settings', 'Targets' (which is highlighted), 'Credentials', and 'Post Scan'. The main content area is titled 'Add Active Scan' and contains a 'Target Type' dropdown menu set to 'IP / DNS Name'. Below this is a text input field labeled 'IPs / DNS Names\*' containing the following IP ranges: '192.168.44.0/24, 192.168.40.0/24, 192.168.41.0/24, 192.168.42.0/24, 192.168.43.0/24'. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Submit' and 'Cancel'.

460 Repeat steps in Create Active Scans section for the Basic Network Scan policy. Keep the same value as  
 461 defined for Active Scan with the exception of the following:

- 462 a. Name the scan **HDO Network Scan**.
- 463 b. Set Policy to **HDO Network Scan**.

464 After the engineers created and correlated the Policies and Active Scans to each other, they executed  
 465 the scans.

#### 466 Execute Active Scans

- 467 1. Navigate to the **Scans** drop-down list in the menu ribbon.
- 468 2. Select **Active Scans**.
- 469 3. Next to **HDO Asset Scan** click ►.
- 470 4. Navigate to the **Scan Results** menu option shown at the top of the screen under the menu  
 471 ribbon to see the status of the scan.
- 472 5. Click **HDO Asset Scan** to see the scan results.
- 473 6. Repeat the above steps for **HDO Network Scan**.

#### 474 View Active Scan Results in the Dashboard

- 475 1. Navigate to the **Dashboard** drop-down list in the menu ribbon.
- 476 2. Select **Dashboard**.

- 477           3. In the top right, click **Switch Dashboard**.
- 478           4. Click **Vulnerability Overview**. A screen will appear that displays a graphical representation of the
- 479                 vulnerability results gathered during the HDO Host Scan and HDO Network Scan.

#### 480    2.2.1.2 *Nessus*

481    Nessus is a vulnerability scanning engine that evaluates a host’s operating system and configuration to

482    determine the presence of exploitable vulnerabilities. This project uses one Nessus scanner to scan each

483    VLAN created in the HDO environment to identify hosts on each VLAN and the vulnerabilities associated

484    with those hosts. Nessus sends the results back to Tenable.sc, which graphically represents the results in

485    dashboards.

#### 486    System Requirements

487    **CPU:** 4

488    **Memory:** 8 GB

489    **Storage:** 82 GB

490    **Operating System:** CentOS 7

491    **Network Adapter:** VLAN 1348

#### 492    Nessus Installation

- 493           1. Import the **OVA file** to the virtual lab environment.
- 494           2. Assign the VM to **VLAN 1348**.
- 495           3. Start the VM and document the associated **IP address**.
- 496           4. Open a web browser that can talk to VLAN 1348 and navigate to the VM’s **IP address**.
- 497           5. Log in using **wizard** as the **Username** and **admin** for the **Password**.
- 498           6. Create a new **admin username** and **password**.
- 499           7. Log in using the new username and password.
- 500                 a. **Username:** admin
- 501                 b. **Password:** \*\*\*\*\*
- 502                 c. Enable Reuse my password for privileged tasks.

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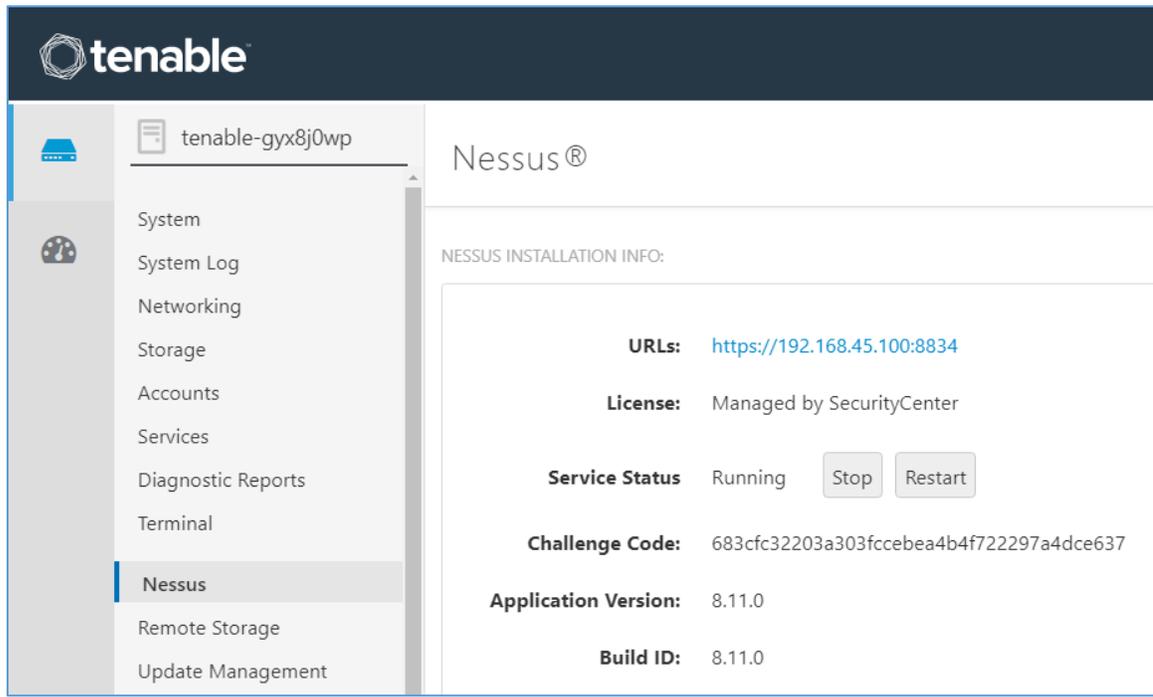
User name  
admin

Password  
.....

Reuse my password for privileged tasks  
▲ Required for admin usage

Log In

- 503 8. Click **Tenable.sc** on the left side of the screen.
- 504 9. To access Tenable.sc, click the **IP address** next to the URL field.



## 505 **Nessus Configuration**

506 The engineers utilized Tenable.sc to manage Nessus. To configure Nessus as managed by Tenable.sc,  
 507 follow Tenable’s Managed by Tenable.sc guide [\[3\]](#).

## 508 **2.2.2 Identity Management, Authentication, and Access Control**

509 Identity management, authentication, and access control align with the NIST Cybersecurity Framework  
 510 PR.AC control. This practice guide implemented capabilities in the HDO to address this control category.  
 511 First, the practice guide implemented Microsoft Active Directory (AD), then installed a domain controller  
 512 to establish an HDO domain. Next, the practice guide implemented Cisco Firepower as part of its  
 513 network core infrastructure. The practice guide used Cisco Firepower to build VLANs that aligned to  
 514 network zones. Cisco Firepower also was configured to provide other network services. Details on  
 515 installation are included in the following sections.

### 516 **2.2.2.1 Domain Controller**

517 The engineers installed a Windows Server domain controller within the HDO to manage AD and local  
 518 domain name service (DNS) for the enterprise. The following section details how the engineers installed  
 519 the services.

## 520 **Domain Controller Appliance Information**

521 **CPU:** 4

522 **Random Access Memory (RAM):** 8 GB

523 **Storage:** 120 GB (Thin Provision)

524 **Network Adapter 1:** VLAN 1327

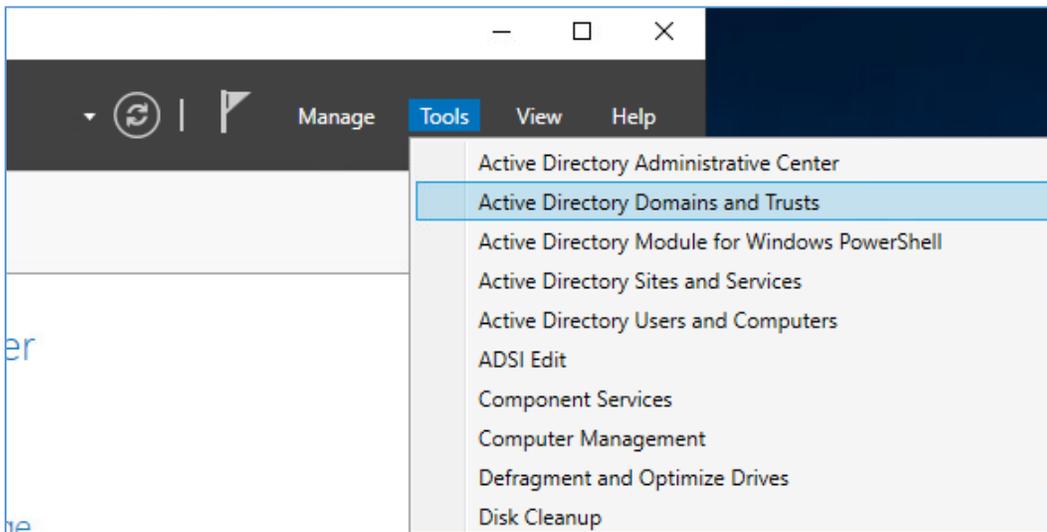
525 **Operating System:** Microsoft Windows Server 2019 Datacenter

526 **Domain Controller Appliance Installation Guide**

527 Install the appliance according to the instructions detailed in Microsoft’s Install Active Directory Domain  
528 Services (Level 100) documentation [\[4\]](#).

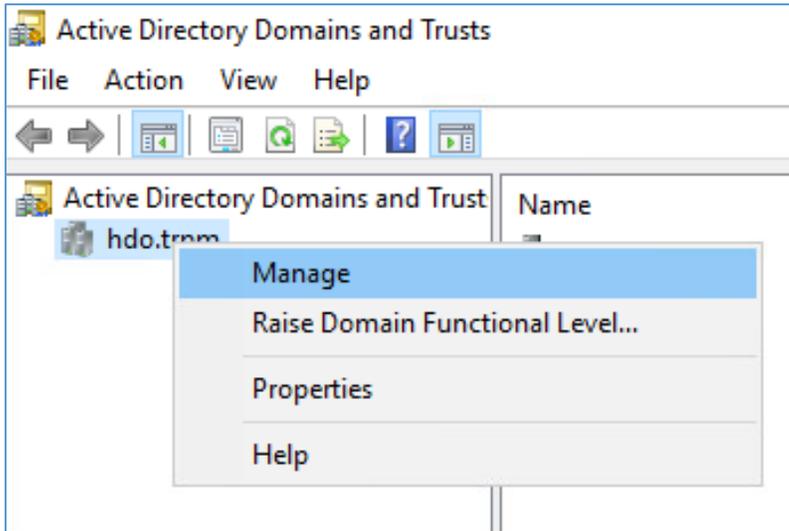
529 **Verify Domain Controller Installation**

- 530 1. Launch Server Manager.
- 531 2. Click **Tools > Active Directory Domains and Trusts**.



532 3. Right-click **hdo.trpm**.

533 4. Click **Manage**.



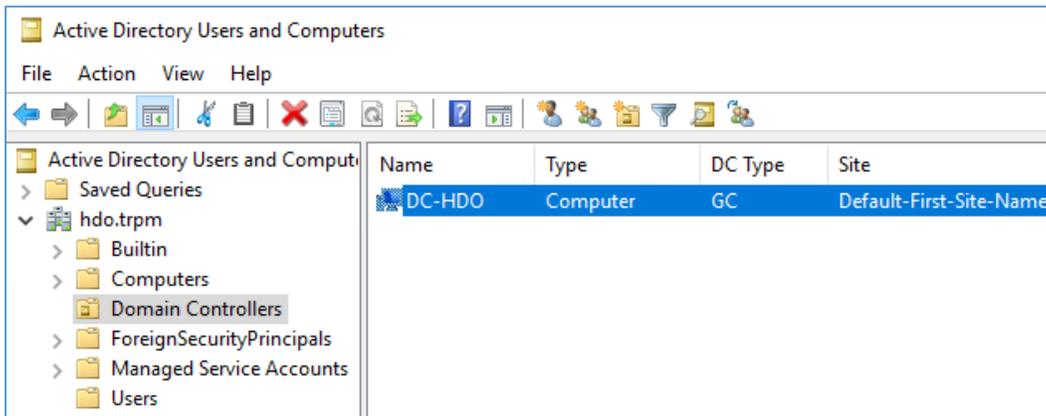
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5. Click **hdo.trpm > Domain Controllers**.

536

6. Check that the Domain Controllers directory lists the new domain controller.



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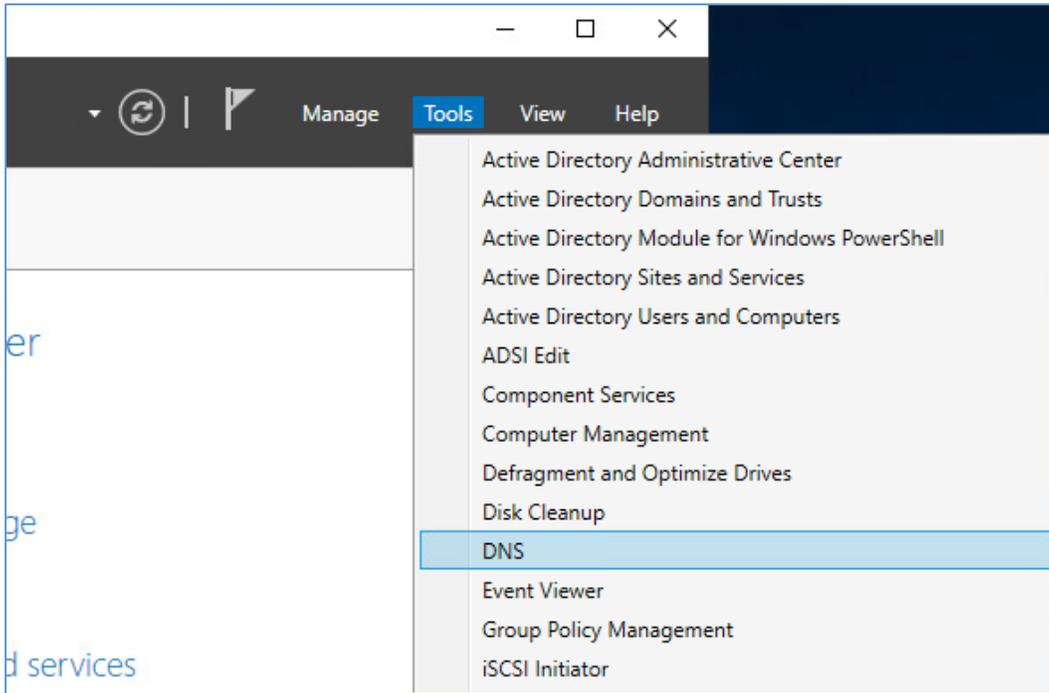
538 **Configure Local DNS**

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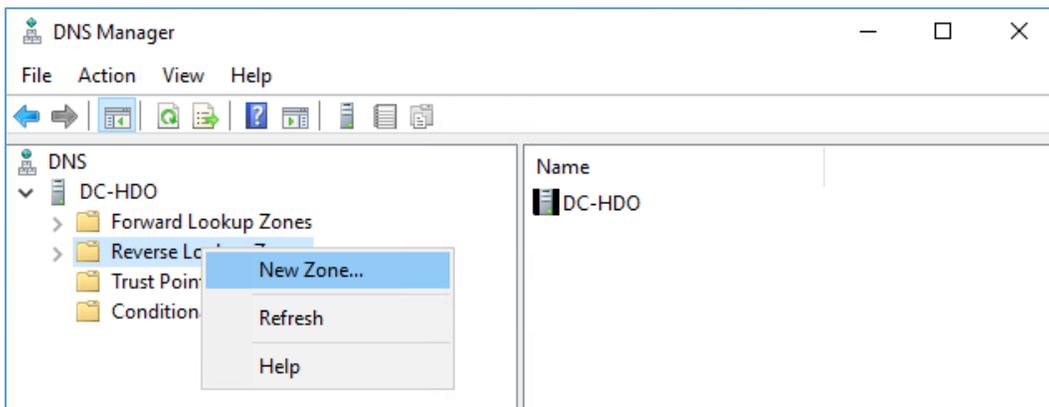
1. Launch Server Manager.

540

2. Click **Tools > DNS**.



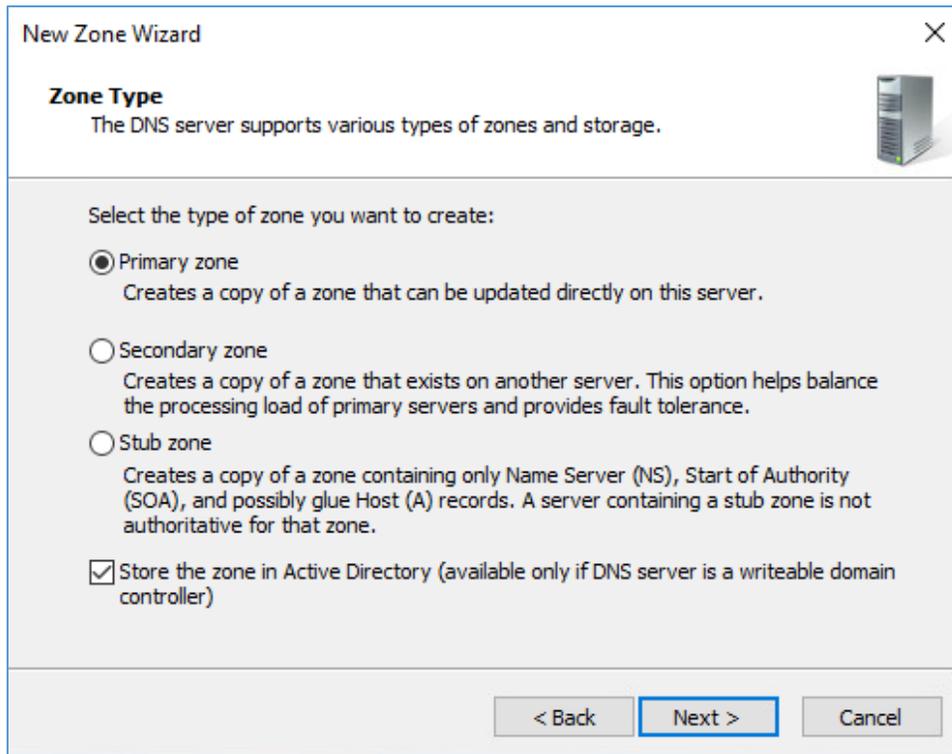
- 541 3. Click the **arrow symbol** for DC-HDO.
- 542 4. Right-click **Reverse Lookup Zones**.
- 543 5. Click **New Zone....** The New Zone Wizard displays.



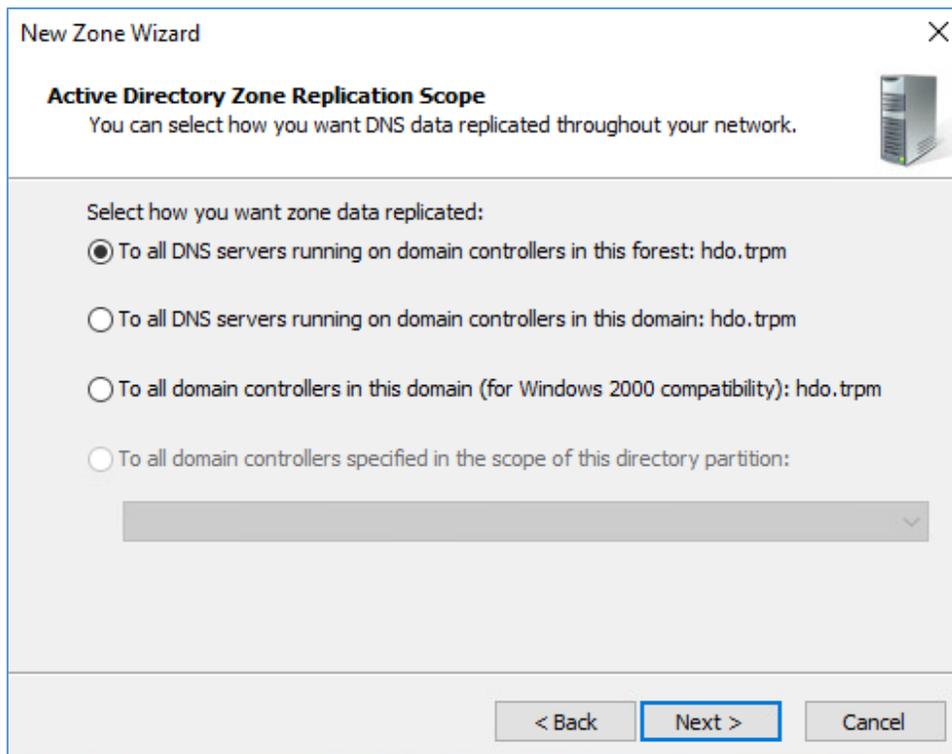
- 544 6. Click **Next >**.



- 545 7. Click **Primary zone**.
- 546 8. Check **Store the zone in Active Directory**.
- 547 9. Click **Next >**.

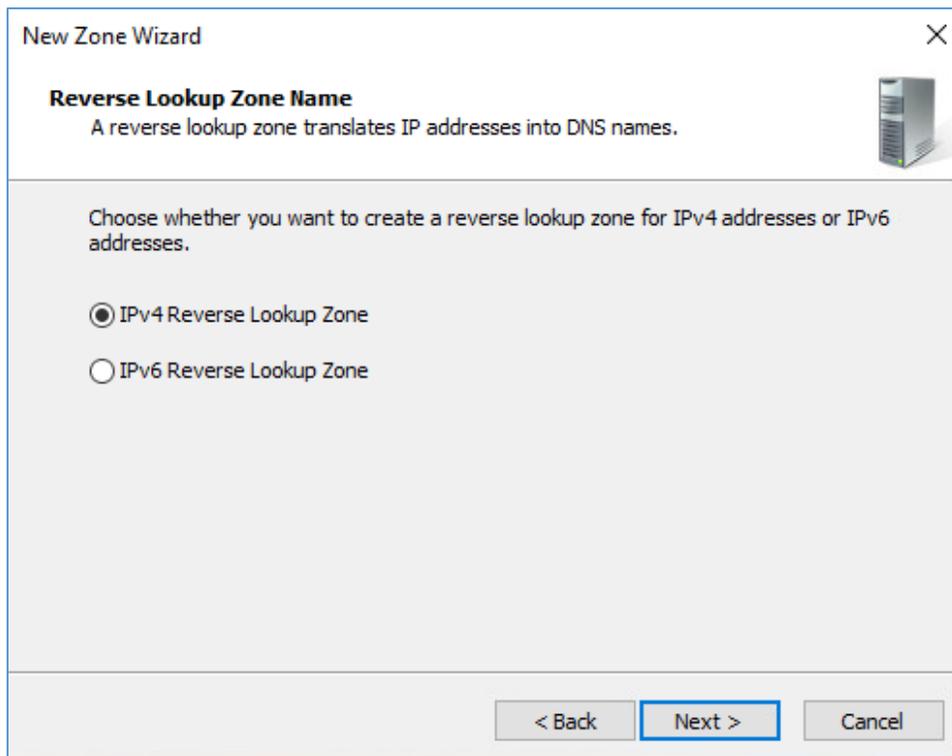


- 548 10. Check **To all DNS servers running on domain controllers in this forest: hdo.trpm.**
- 549 11. Click **Next >**.

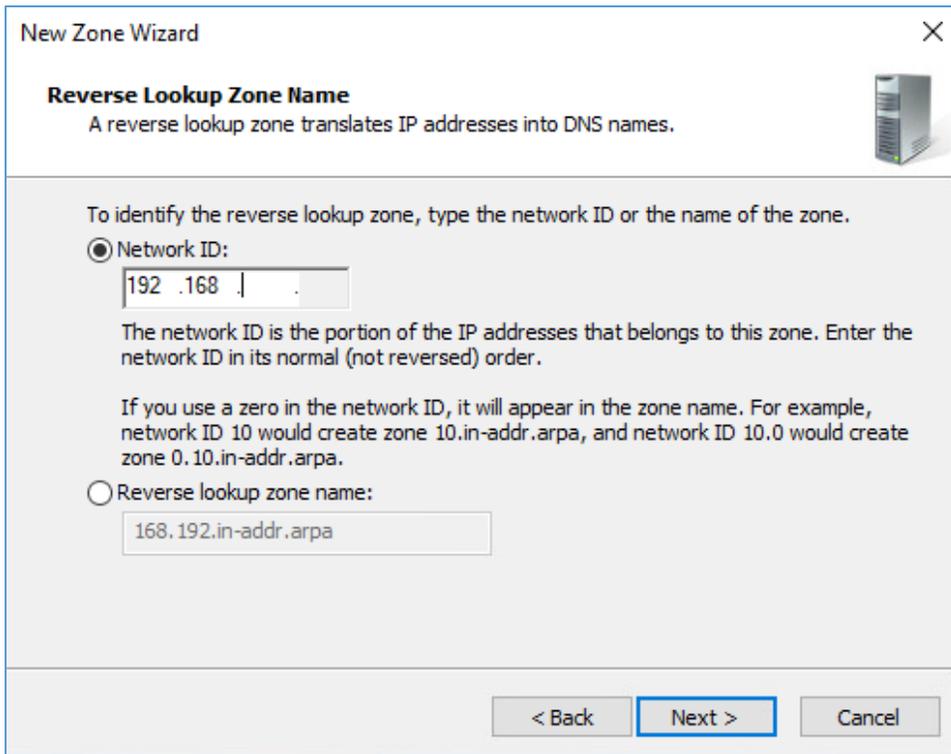


550 12. Check **IPv4 Reverse Lookup Zone**.

551 13. Click **Next >**.

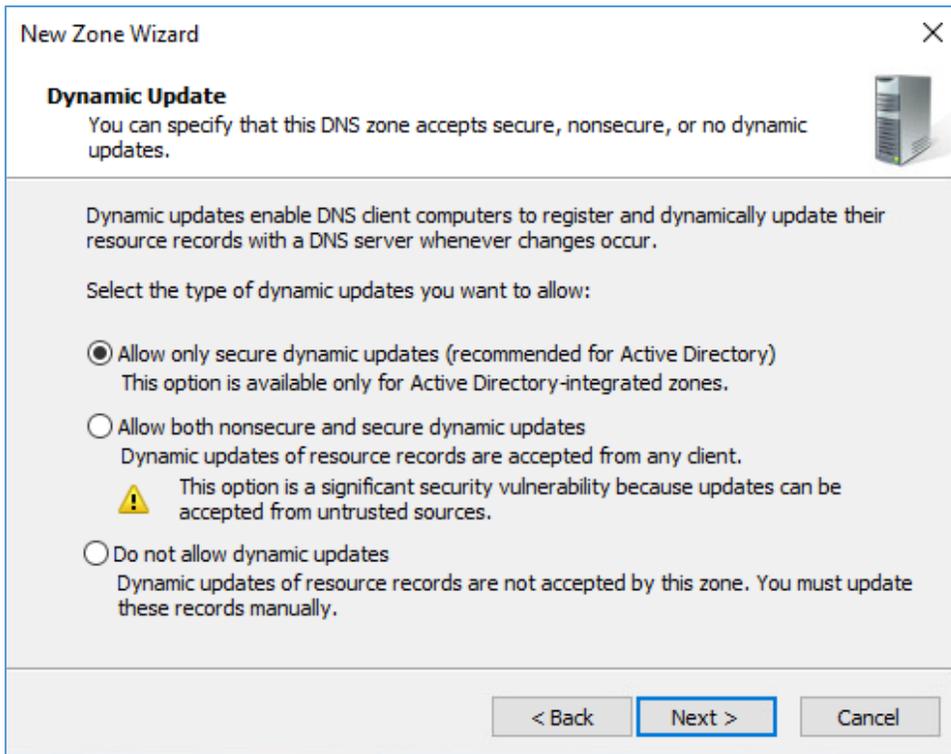


- 552 14. Check **Network ID**.
- 553 15. Under **Network ID**, type 192.168.
- 554 16. Click **Next >**.

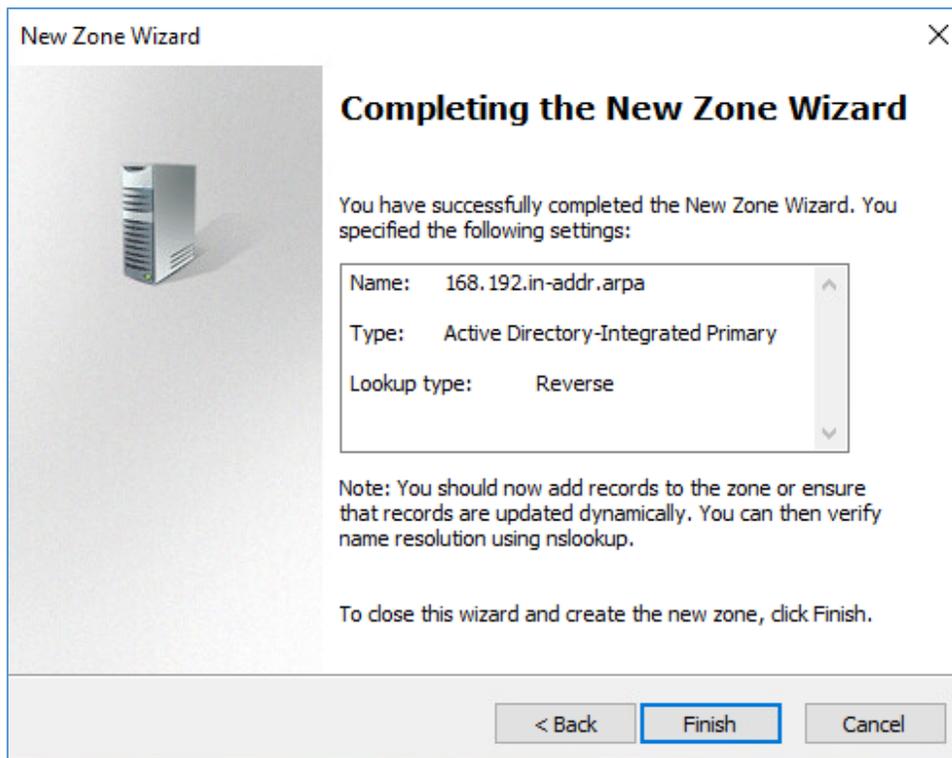


555 17. Check **Allow only secure dynamic updates**.

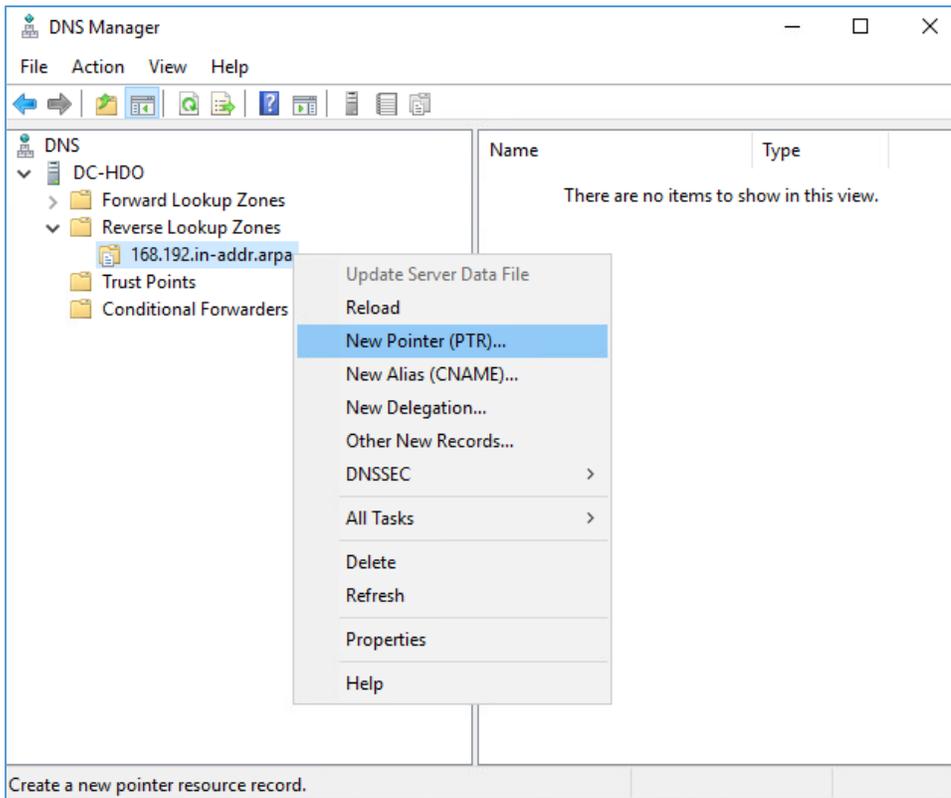
556 18. Click **Next >**.



557 19. Click **Finish**.



- 558 20. Click the arrow symbol for **Reverse Lookup Zones**.
- 559 21. Right-click **168.192.in-addr.arpa**.
- 560 22. Click **New Pointer (PTR)...**



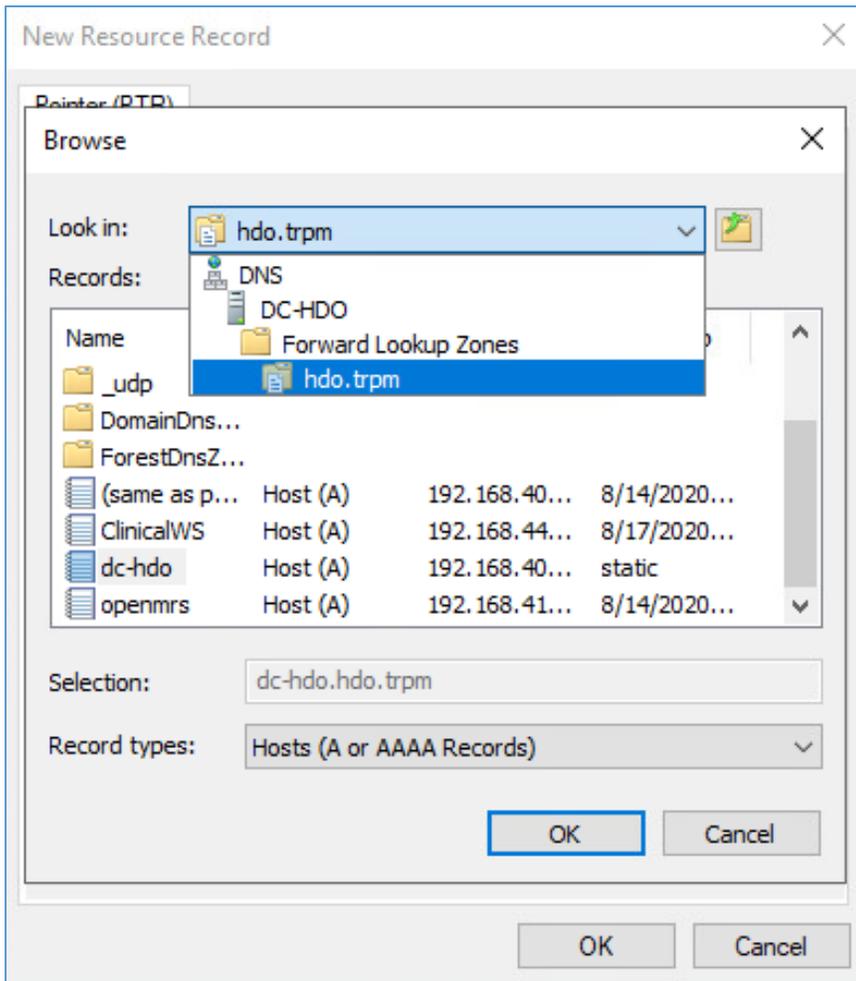
561 23. Under Host name, click **Browse...**

The image shows a 'New Resource Record' dialog box with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The dialog has a tab labeled 'Pointer (PTR)'. It contains three text input fields: 'Host IP Address' with the value '192.168.', 'Fully qualified domain name (FQDN)' with the value '168.192.in-addr.arpa', and 'Host name' which is empty. To the right of the 'Host name' field is a 'Browse...' button. Below these fields is a checkbox that is unchecked, with the text 'Allow any authenticated user to update all DNS records with the same name. This setting applies only to DNS records for a new name.' At the bottom of the dialog are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

562 24. Under Look in, select **hdo.trpm**.

563 25. Under Records, select **dc-hdo**.

564 26. Click **OK**.



565 27. Click **OK**.

The image shows a 'New Resource Record' dialog box with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The dialog is titled 'New Resource Record' and has a tab labeled 'Pointer (PTR)'. It contains three text input fields: 'Host IP Address:' with the value '192.168.40.10', 'Fully qualified domain name (FQDN):' with the value '10.40.168.192.in-addr.arpa', and 'Host name:' with the value 'dc-hdo.hdo.tpm'. To the right of the 'Host name:' field is a 'Browse...' button. Below these fields is a checkbox that is currently unchecked, with the text 'Allow any authenticated user to update all DNS records with the same name. This setting applies only to DNS records for a new name.' At the bottom of the dialog are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

New Resource Record

Pointer (PTR)

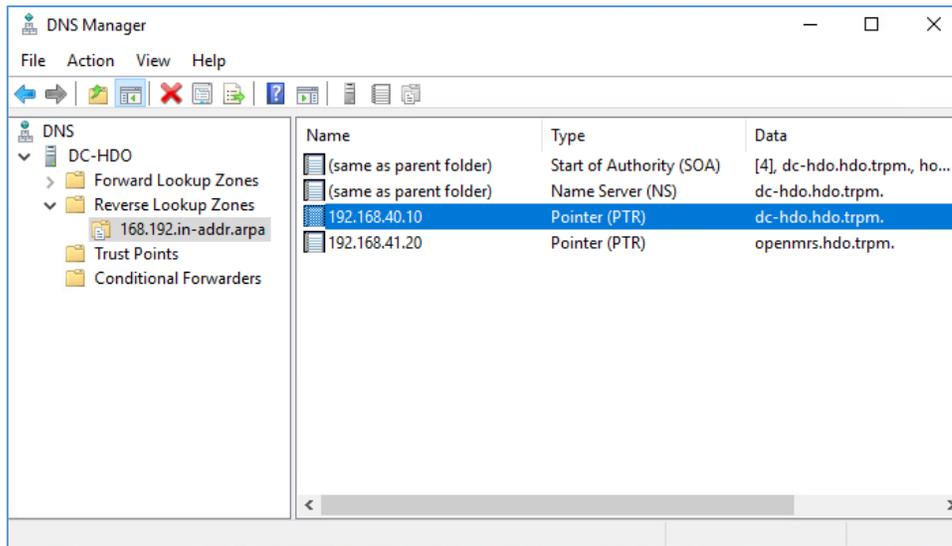
Host IP Address:  
192.168.40.10

Fully qualified domain name (FQDN):  
10.40.168.192.in-addr.arpa

Host name:  
dc-hdo.hdo.tpm      Browse...

Allow any authenticated user to update all DNS records with the same name. This setting applies only to DNS records for a new name.

OK      Cancel



### 566 2.2.2.2 Cisco Firepower

567 Cisco Firepower consists of two primary components: Cisco Firepower Management Center and Cisco  
 568 Firepower Threat Defense (FTD). Cisco Firepower provides firewall, intrusion prevention, and other  
 569 networking services. This project used Cisco Firepower to implement VLAN network segmentation,  
 570 network traffic filtering, internal and external routing, applying an access control policy, and Dynamic  
 571 Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP). Engineers deployed Cisco Firepower as a core component for the  
 572 lab's network infrastructure.

#### 573 Cisco Firepower Management Center (FMC) Appliance Information

574 **CPU:** 4

575 **RAM:** 8 GB

576 **Storage:** 250 GB (Thick Provision)

577 **Network Adapter 1:** VLAN 1327

578 **Operating System:** Cisco Fire Linux 6.4.0

#### 579 Cisco Firepower Management Center Installation Guide

580 Install the appliance according to the instructions detailed in the *Cisco Firepower Management Center*  
 581 *Virtual Getting Started Guide* [5].

#### 582 Cisco FTD Appliance Information

583 **CPU:** 8

584 **RAM:** 16 GB

585 **Storage:** 48.5 GB (Thick Provision)

586 **Network Adapter 1:** VLAN 1327

587 **Network Adapter 2:** VLAN 1327

588 **Network Adapter 3:** VLAN 1316

589 **Network Adapter 4:** VLAN 1327

590 **Network Adapter 5:** VLAN 1328

591 **Network Adapter 6:** VLAN 1329

592 **Network Adapter 7:** VLAN 1330

593 **Network Adapter 8:** VLAN 1347

594 **Network Adapter 9:** VLAN 1348

595 **Operating System:** Cisco Fire Linux 6.4.0

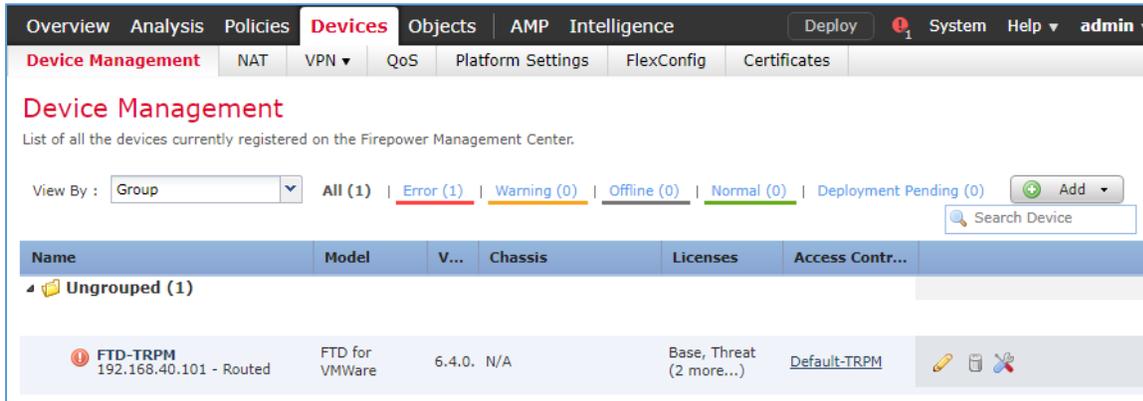
596 **Cisco FTD Installation Guide**

597 Install the appliance according to the instructions detailed in the *Cisco Firepower Threat Defense Virtual for VMware Getting Started Guide* in the “Deploy the Firepower Threat Defense Virtual” chapter [\[6\]](#).

599 **Configure FMC Management of FTD**

600 The *Cisco Firepower Threat Defense Virtual for VMware Getting Started Guide*’s “Managing the  
601 Firepower Threat Defense Virtual with the Firepower Management Center” (FMC) chapter covers how  
602 we registered the FTD appliance with the FMC [\[7\]](#).

603 Once the FTD successfully registers with the FMC, it will appear under **Devices > Device Management** in  
604 the FMC interface.



605 From the Device Management section, the default routes, interfaces, and DHCP settings can be  
606 configured. To view general information for the FTD appliance, navigate to **Devices > Device**  
607 **Management > FTD-TRPM > Device**.

**Overview** Analysis Policies **Devices** Objects AMP Intelligence Deploy 1 System Help

**Device Management** NAT VPN QoS Platform Settings FlexConfig Certificates

## FTD-TRPM

Cisco Firepower Threat Defense for VMWare

**Device** Routing Interfaces Inline Sets DHCP

### General

**Name:** FTD-TRPM

**Transfer Packets:** Yes

**Mode:** routed

**Compliance Mode:** None

**TLS Crypto Acceleration:** No

### License

**Base:** Yes

**Export-Controlled Features:** Yes

**Malware:** Yes

**Threat:** Yes

**URL Filtering:** Yes

**AnyConnect Apex:** No

**AnyConnect Plus:** No

**AnyConnect VPN Only:** No

### System

**Model:** Cisco Firepower Threat Defense for VMWare

**Serial:** [Redacted]

**Time:** 2020-08-20 11:58:41

**Time Zone:** UTC (UTC+0:00)

**Version:** 6.4.0.8

### Health

**Status:** [Warning Icon]

**Policy:** [Initial Health Policy 2020-02-26 20:00:53](#)

**Blacklist:** [None](#)

### Management

**Host:** 192.168.40.101

**Status:** [Checkmark Icon]

### Advanced

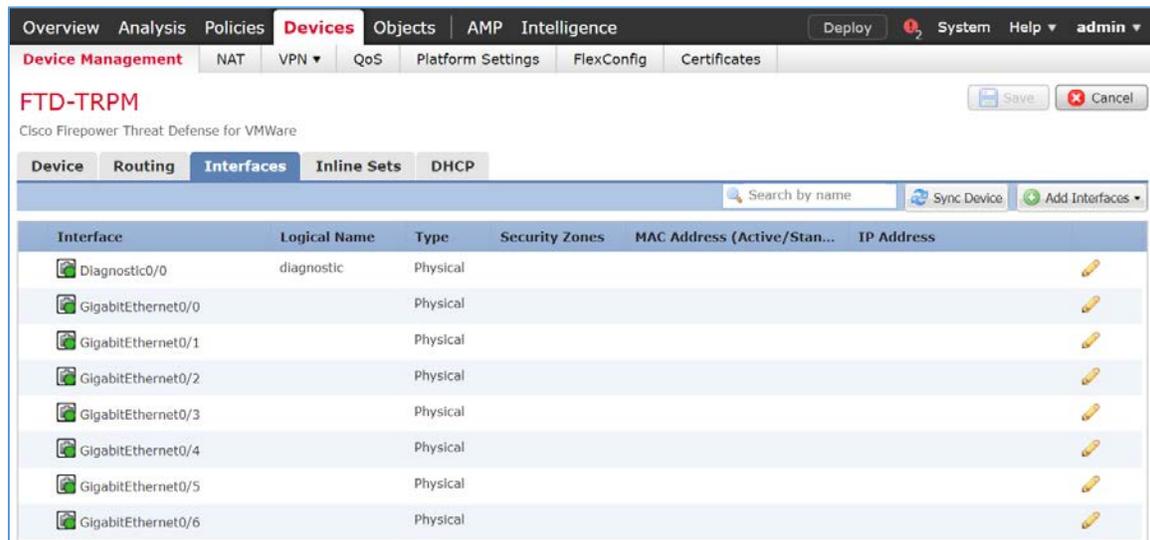
**Application Bypass:** No

**Bypass Threshold:** 3000 ms

608 **Configure Cisco FTD Interfaces for the RPM Architecture**

609 By default, each of the Interfaces are defined as GigabitEthernet, and are denoted as 0 through 6.

- 610 1. From **Devices > Device Management > FTD-TRPM > Device**, click **Interfaces**.
- 611 2. On the Cisco FTD Interfaces window, an Edit icon appears on the far right. The first
- 612 GigabitEthernet interface configured is GigabitEthernet0/0. Click on the Edit icon to configure
- 613 the GigabitEthernet interface.



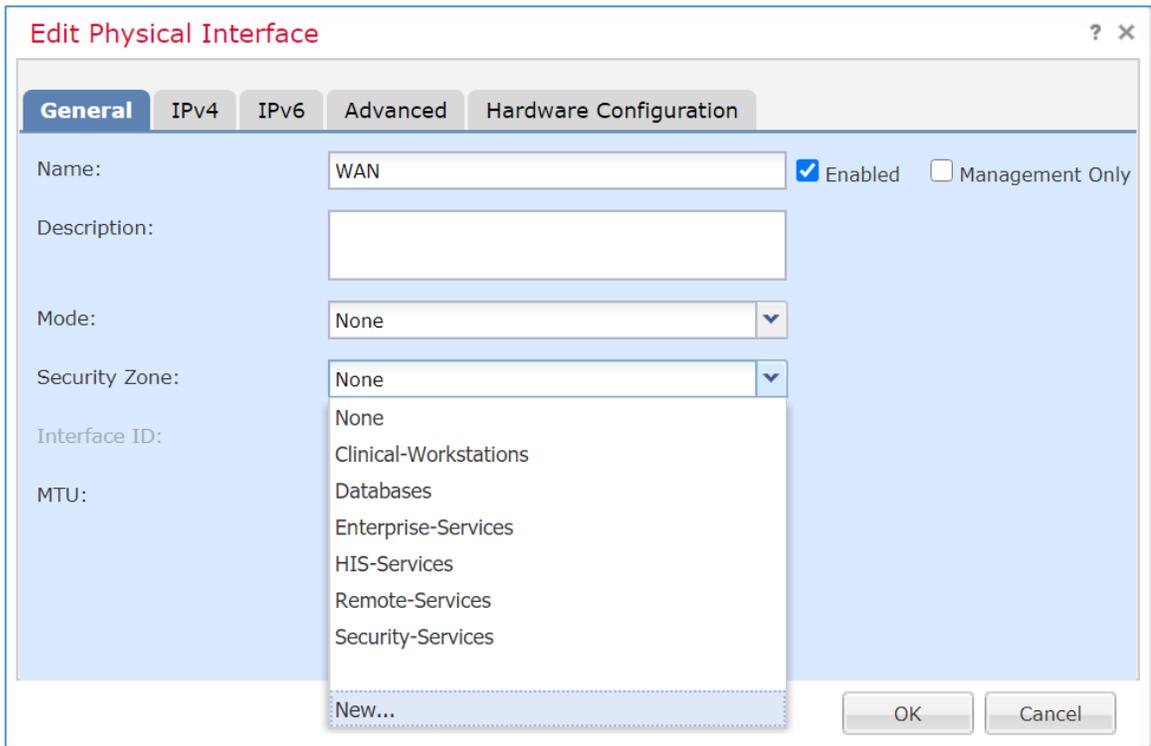
- 614 3. The Edit Physical Interface group box displays. Under the General tab, enter **WAN** in the **Name**
- 615 field.

The screenshot shows a window titled "Edit Physical Interface" with a light blue background. At the top, there are five tabs: "General" (selected), "IPv4", "IPv6", "Advanced", and "Hardware Configuration". The "General" tab contains the following fields and controls:

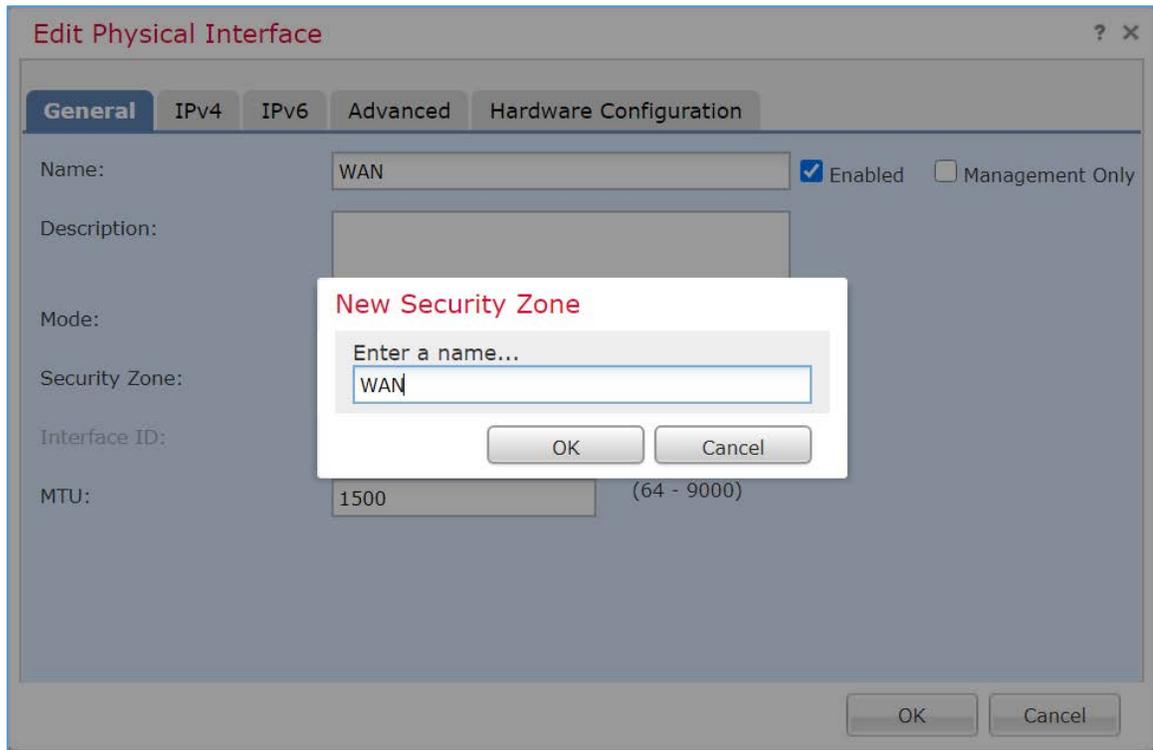
- Name:** A text input field containing "WAN". To its right are two checkboxes: "Enabled" (checked) and "Management Only" (unchecked).
- Description:** An empty text input field.
- Mode:** A dropdown menu with "None" selected.
- Security Zone:** A dropdown menu with "None" selected.
- Interface ID:** A text input field containing "GigabitEthernet0/0".
- MTU:** A text input field containing "1500", with "(64 - 9000)" displayed to its right.

At the bottom right of the window, there are two buttons: "OK" and "Cancel".

- 616      4. Under **Security Zone**, click the drop-down arrow and select **New....**



- 617 5. The New Security Zone pop-up box appears. Enter **WAN** in the **Enter a name...** field.
- 618 6. Click **OK**.



- 619      7. On the Edit Physical Interface page group box, click the **IPv4** tab.

**Edit Physical Interface** ? x

**General** IPv4 IPv6 Advanced Hardware Configuration

Name: WAN  Enabled  Management Only

Description:

Mode: None

Security Zone: WAN

Interface ID: GigabitEthernet0/0

MTU: 1500 (64 - 9000)

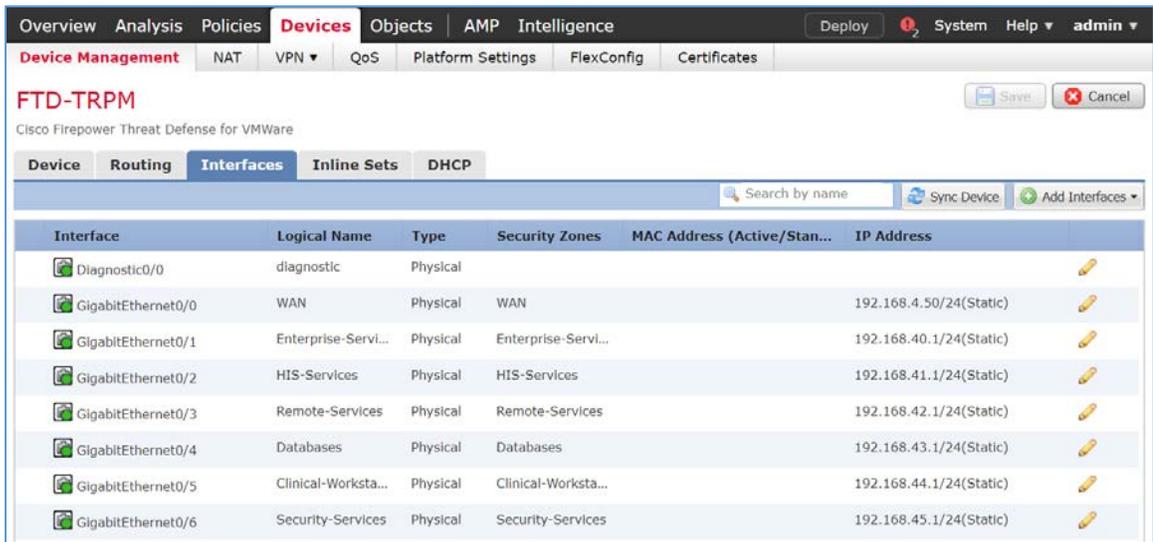
OK Cancel

- 620 8. Fill out the following information:
- 621 a. **IP Type:** Use Static IP
- 622 b. **IP Address:** 192.168.4.50/24
- 623 c. Click **OK**.

The screenshot shows a configuration window titled "Edit Physical Interface" with a tabbed interface. The "IPv4" tab is selected. Under "IP Type", a dropdown menu is set to "Use Static IP". The "IP Address" field contains "192.168.4.50/24". To the right of this field, example addresses are listed: "eg. 192.0.2.1/255.255.255.128 or 192.0.2.1/25". At the bottom right, there are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

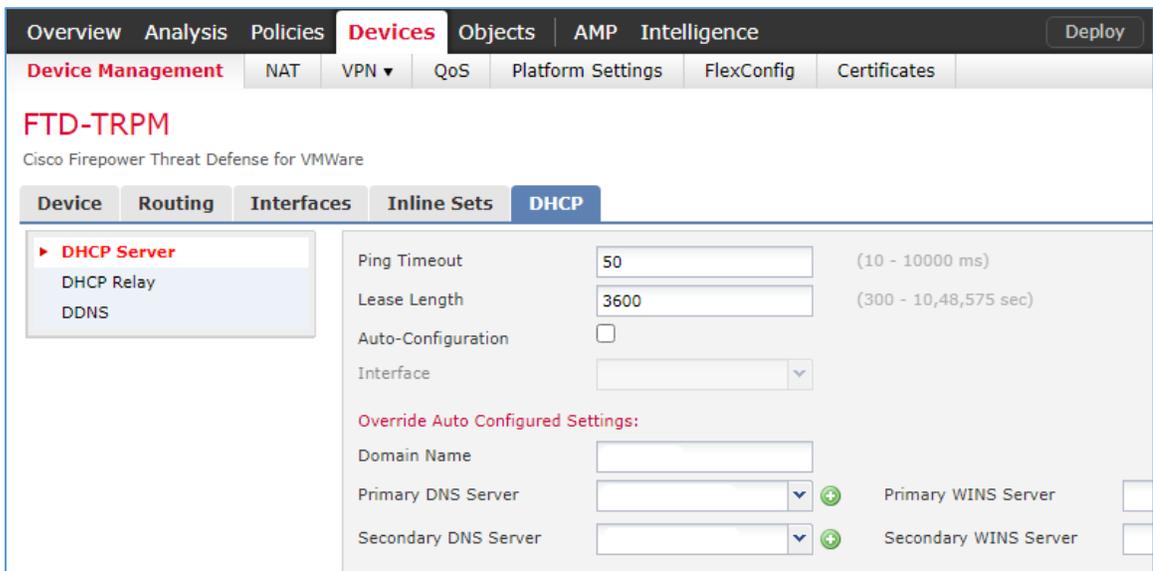
- 624 9. Configure each of the other GigabitEthernet interfaces following the same pattern described  
625 above, populating the respective IP addresses that correspond to the appropriate VLAN. Values  
626 for each VLAN are described below:
- 627 a. GigabitEthernet0/0 (VLAN 1316)
- 628 i. **Name:** WAN
- 629 ii. **Security Zone:** WAN
- 630 iii. **IP Address:** 192.168.4.50/24
- 631 b. GigabitEthernet0/1 (VLAN 1327)
- 632 i. **Name:** Enterprise-Services
- 633 ii. **Security Zone:** Enterprise-Services
- 634 iii. **IP Address:** 192.168.40.1/24
- 635 c. GigabitEthernet0/2 (VLAN 1328)
- 636 i. **Name:** HIS-Services

- 637                   ii. **Security Zone:** HIS-Services
- 638                   iii. **IP Address:** 192.168.41.1/24
- 639           d. GigabitEthernet0/3 (VLAN 1329)
  - 640                   i. **Name:** Remote-Services
  - 641                   ii. **Security Zone:** Remote-Services
  - 642                   iii. **IP Address:** 192.168.42.1/24
- 643           e. GigabitEthernet0/4 (VLAN 1330)
  - 644                   i. **Name:** Databases
  - 645                   ii. **Security Zone:** Databases
  - 646                   iii. **IP Address:** 192.168.43.1/24
- 647           f. GigabitEthernet0/5 (VLAN 1347)
  - 648                   i. **Name:** Clinical-Workstations
  - 649                   ii. **Security Zone:** Clinical-Workstations
  - 650                   iii. **IP Address:** 192.168.44.1/24
- 651           g. GigabitEthernet0/6 (VLAN 1348)
  - 652                   i. **Name:** Security-Services
  - 653                   ii. **Security Zone:** Security-Services
  - 654                   iii. **IP Address:** 192.168.45.1/24
- 655   10. Click **Save**.
- 656   11. Click **Deploy**. Verify that the Interfaces have been configured properly. Selecting the Devices
- 657       tab, the Device Management screen displays the individual interfaces, the assigned logical
- 658       names, type of interface, security zone labelling, and the assigned IP address network that
- 659       corresponds to the VLANs that are assigned per security zone.



660 **Configure Cisco FTD DHCP**

- 661 1. From **Devices > Device Management > FTD-TRPM > Interfaces**, click **DHCP**.
- 662 2. Click the **plus symbol** next to **Primary DNS Server**.



- 663 3. The New Network Object popup window appears. Fill out the following information:
- 664 a. **Name:** Umbrella-DNS-1
- 665 b. **Network (Host):** 192.168.40.30

666 4. Click **Save**.

667 5. Click the **plus symbol** next to **Secondary DNS Server**.

668 6. The New Network Object popup window appears. Fill out the following information:

- 669 a. **Name:** Umbrella-DNS-2
- 670 b. **Network (Host):** 192.168.40.31

671 7. Under **Domain Name**, add **hdo.trpm**.

672 8. Click **Add Server**.

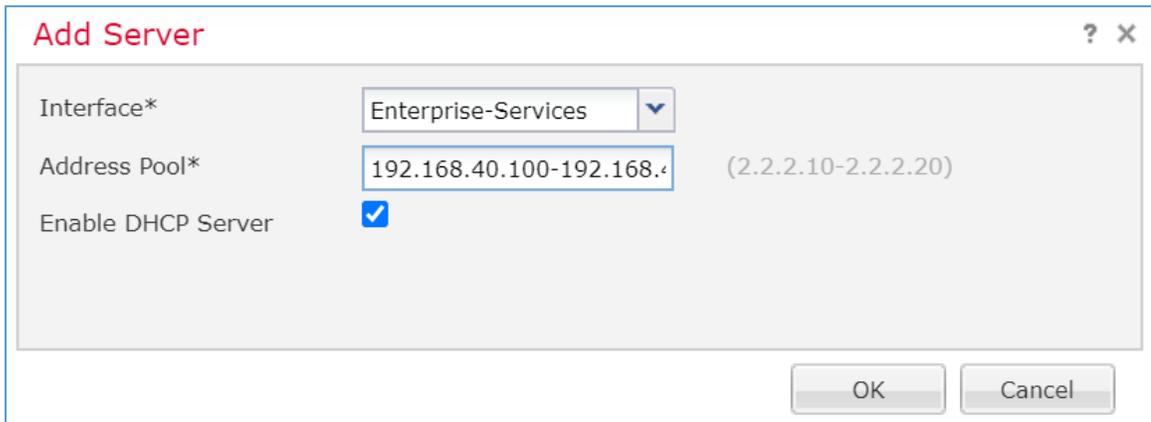
673 9. The Add Server popup window appears. Fill out the following information:

- 674 a. **Interface:** Enterprise-Services

675                   b. **Address Pool:** 192.168.40.100-192.168.40.254

676                   c. **Enable DHCP Server:** Checked

677                   10. Click **OK**.



678                   11. Add additional servers following the same pattern described above, populating the respective  
679                   Interface, Address Pool and check the Enable DHCP Server that correspond to the appropriate  
680                   server. Values for each server are described below:

681                   a. **Interface:** Enterprise-Services

682                       i. **Address Pool:** 192.168.40.100-192.168.40.254

683                       ii. **Enable DHCP Server:** Checked

684                   b. **Interface:** HIS-Services

685                       i. **Address Pool:** 192.168.41.100-192.168.41.254

686                       ii. **Enable DHCP Server:** Checked

687                   c. **Interface:** Remote-Services

688                       i. **Address Pool:** 192.168.42.100-192.168.42.254

689                       ii. **Enable DHCP Server:** Checked

690                   d. **Interface:** Databases

691                       i. **Address Pool:** 192.168.43.100-192.168.43.254

692                       ii. **Enable DHCP Server:** Checked

693                   e. **Interface:** Clinical-Workstations

694 i. **Address Pool:** 192.168.44.100-192.168.44.254

695 ii. **Enable DHCP Server:** Checked

696 f. **Interface:** Security-Services

697 i. **Address Pool:** 192.168.45.100-192.168.45.254

698 ii. **Enable DHCP Server:** Checked

699 12. Click **Save**.

700 13. Click **Deploy**. Verify that the DHCP servers have been configured properly. Select the **Devices** tab  
701 and review the DHCP server configuration settings. Values for **Ping Timeout** and Lease Length  
702 correspond to default values which were not altered. The **Domain Name** is set to **hdo.trpm**,  
703 with values that were set for the primary and secondary DNS servers. Below the DNS server  
704 settings, a **Server** tab displays the DHCP address pool that corresponds to each security zone.  
705 Under the **Interface** heading, one should view each security zone label that aligns to the  
706 assigned **Address Pool** and review that the **Enable DHCP Server** setting appears as a green check  
707 mark.

The screenshot shows the Cisco Firepower Threat Defense (FTD) configuration interface for FTD-TRPM. The navigation menu includes Overview, Analysis, Policies, **Devices**, Objects, AMP, and Intelligence. Under **Devices**, there is a sub-menu for **Device Management** with options for NAT, VPN, QoS, Platform Settings, FlexConfig, and Certificates. The main configuration area is titled **FTD-TRPM** (Cisco Firepower Threat Defense for VMWare) and has tabs for Device, Routing, Interfaces, Inline Sets, and **DHCP**.

Under the **DHCP** tab, there is a sidebar with **DHCP Server** (selected), DHCP Relay, and DDNS. The main configuration area includes:

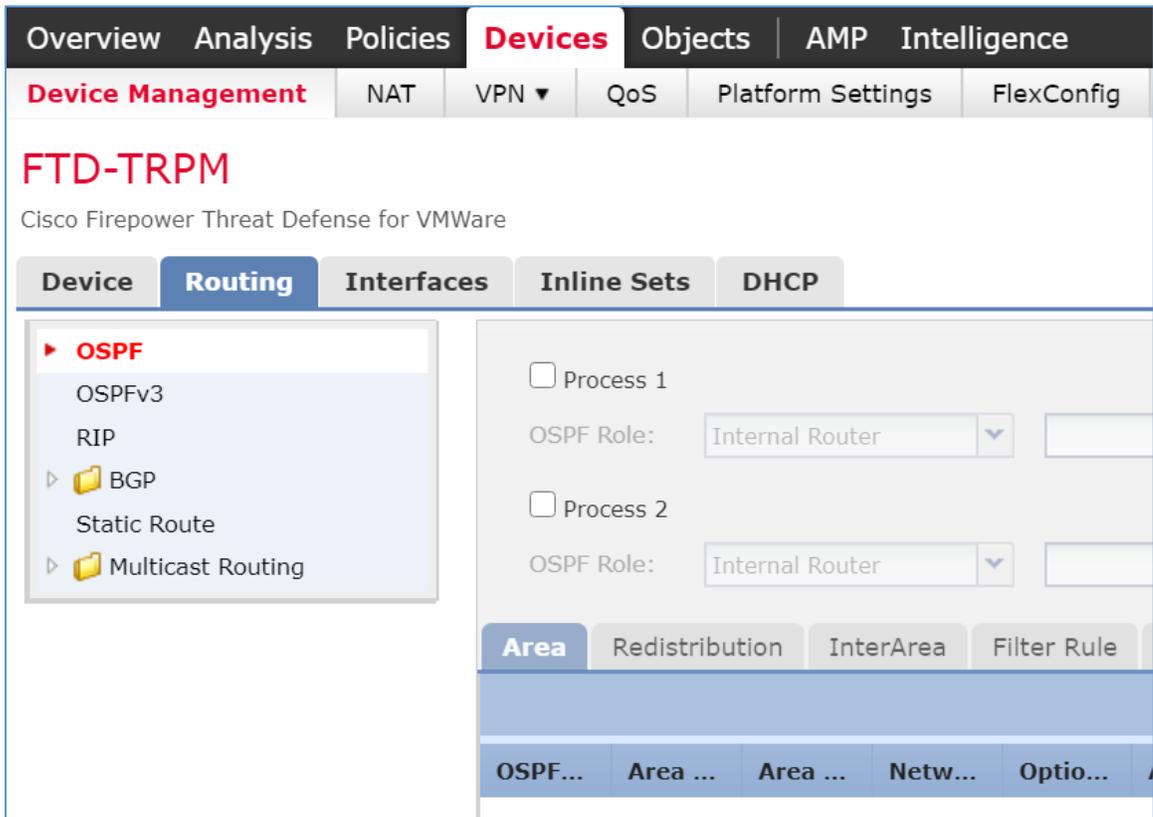
- Ping Timeout: 50 (10 - 10000 ms)
- Lease Length: 3600 (300 - 10,48,575 sec)
- Auto-Configuration:
- Interface:
- Override Auto Configured Settings:
  - Domain Name: hdo.trpm
  - Primary DNS Server: Umbrella-DNS-1 (Primary WINS Server: )
  - Secondary DNS Server: Umbrella-DNS-2 (Secondary WINS Server: )

Below the configuration area, there are tabs for **Server** and **Advanced**. The **Server** tab contains a table with the following data:

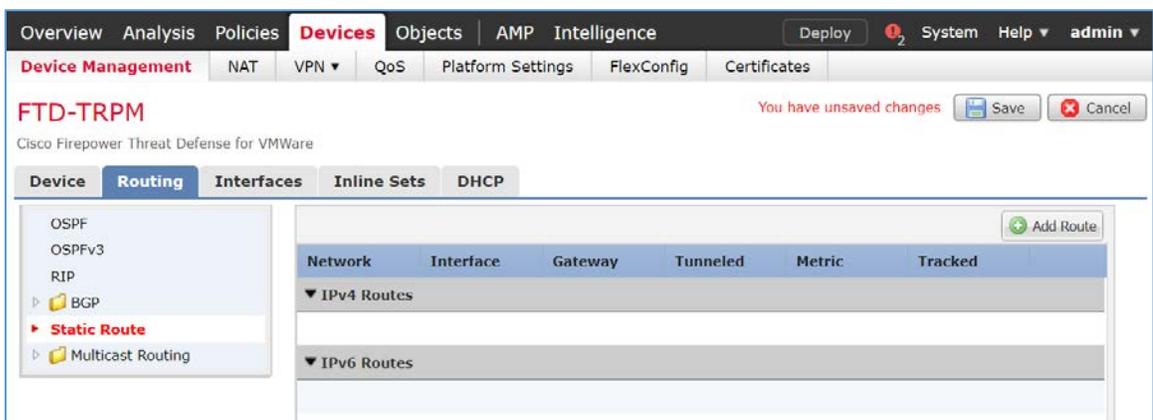
Interface	Address Pool	Enable DHCP Server
Enterprise-Services	192.168.40.100-192.168.40.254	✓
HIS-Services	192.168.41.100-192.168.41.254	✓
Remote-Services	192.168.42.100-192.168.42.254	✓
Databases	192.168.43.100-192.168.43.254	✓
Clinical-Workstations	192.168.44.100-192.168.44.254	✓

708 **Configure Cisco FTD Static Route**

- 709 1. From **Devices > Device Management > FTD-TRPM > DHCP**, click **Routing**.
- 710 2. Click **Static Route**.

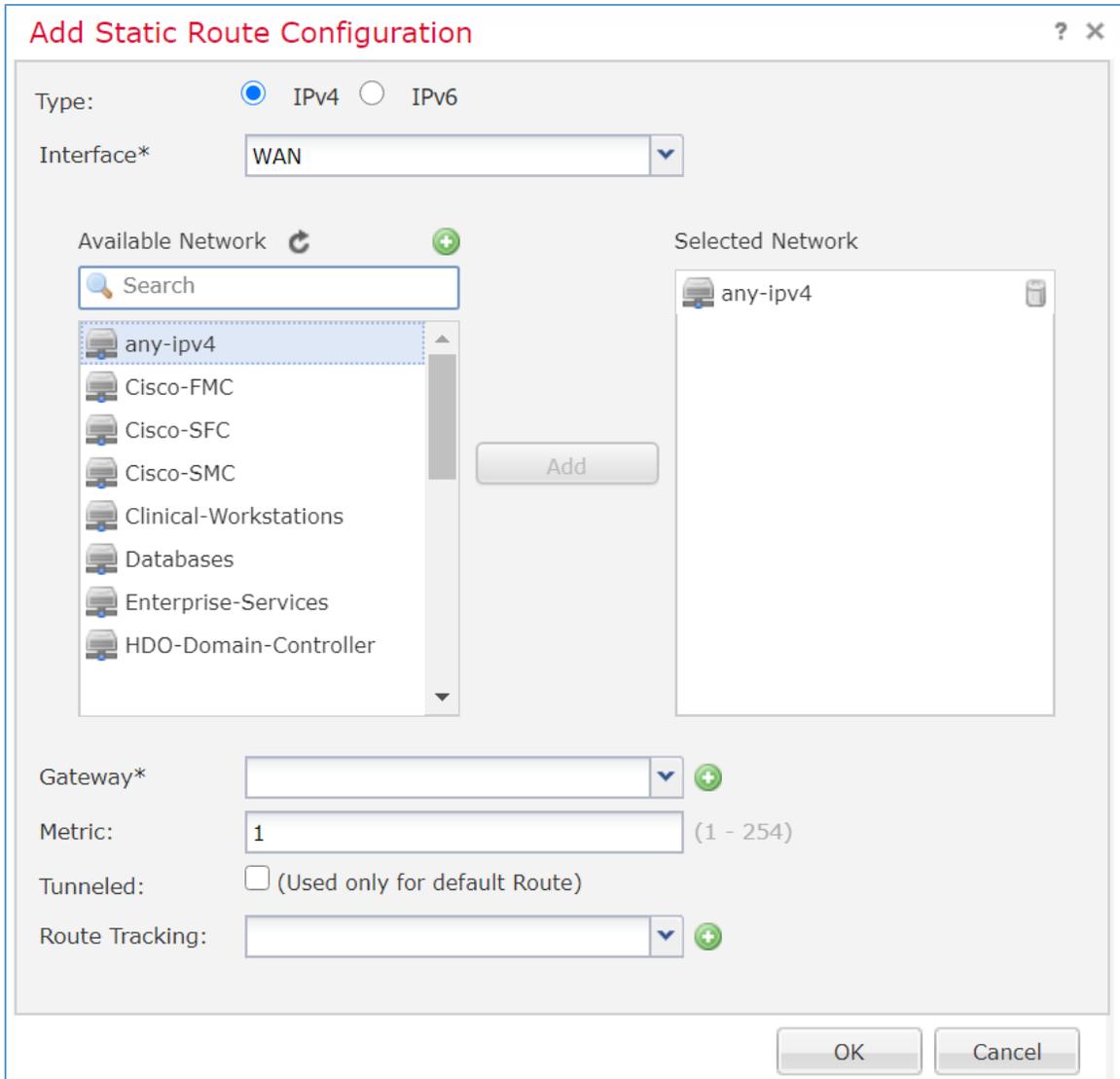


711 3. Click **Add Route**.



- 712 4. The Add Static Route Configuration popup window appears. Fill out the following information:
- 713       a. **Interface:** WAN
- 714       b. **Selected Network:** any-ipv4

- 715 5. Click the **plus symbol** next to **Gateway**.



- 716 6. The New Network Object popup window appears. Fill out the following information:

717 a. **Name:** HDO-Upstream-Gateway

718 b. **Network (Host):** 192.168.4.1

- 719 7. Click **Save**.

**New Network Object** ? x

Name: HDO-Upstream-Gateway

Description: [Empty]

Network:  Host  Range  Network  FQDN

192.168.4.1

Allow Overrides:

Save Cancel

720 8. Click **OK**.

**Add Static Route Configuration** ? X

Type:  IPv4  IPv6

Interface\* WAN

Available Network

Search

- any-ipv4
- Cisco-FMC
- Cisco-SFC
- Cisco-SMC
- Clinical-Workstations
- Databases
- Enterprise-Services
- HDO-Domain-Controller
- HDO-Upstream-Gateway

Selected Network

- any-ipv4

Add

Gateway\* HDO-Upstream-Gateway

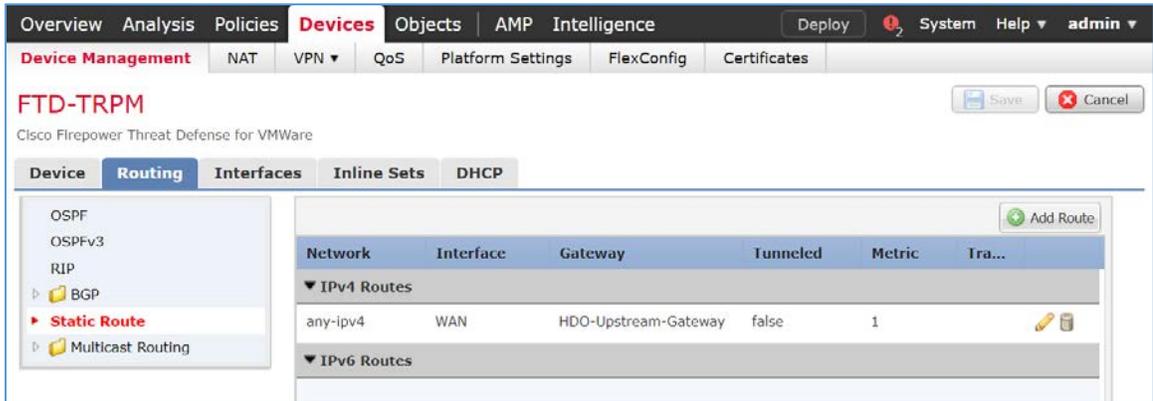
Metric: 1 (1 - 254)

Tunneled:  (Used only for default Route)

Route Tracking:

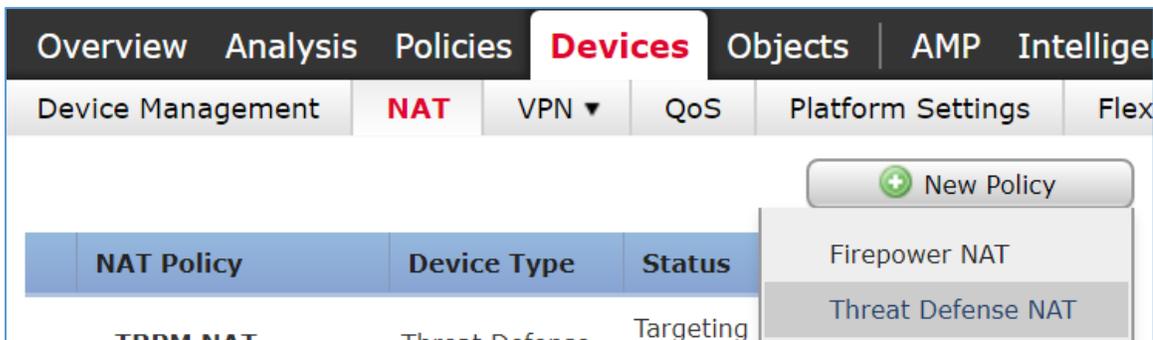
OK Cancel

- 721 9. Click **Save**.
- 722 10. Click **Deploy**. Verify that the static route has been set correctly. From **Devices**, selecting the
- 723 **Routing** tab, the **Static Route** will indicate the network routing settings. The screen displays the
- 724 static route settings in a table format that includes values for **Network**, **Interface**, **Gateway**,
- 725 **Tunneled** and **Metric**. The static route applies to the IP addressing that has been specified,
- 726 where network traffic traverses the interface. Note the **Gateway** value. The **Tunneled** and
- 727 **Metric** values display the default value.

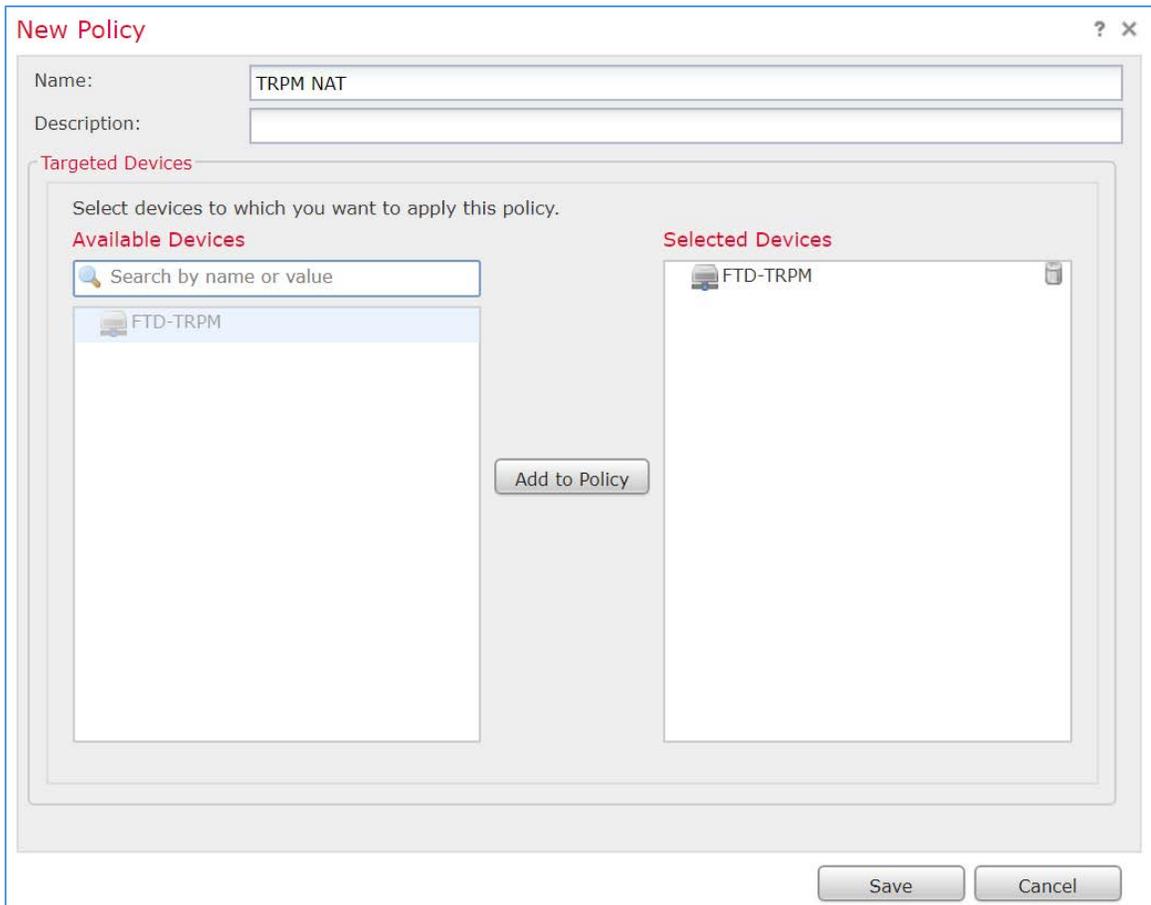


728 **Configure Cisco FTD Network Address Translation (NAT)**

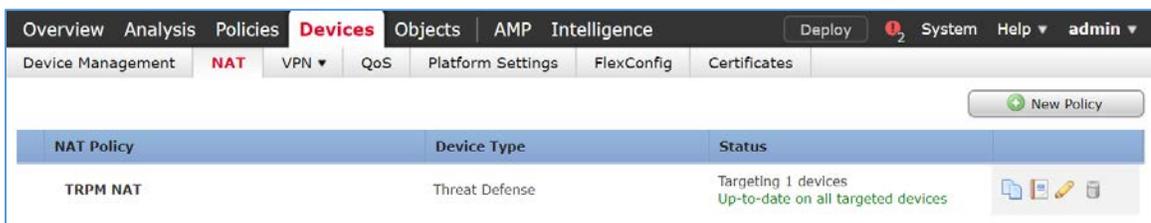
- 729 1. Click **Devices > NAT**.
- 730 2. Click **New Policy > Threat Defense NAT**.



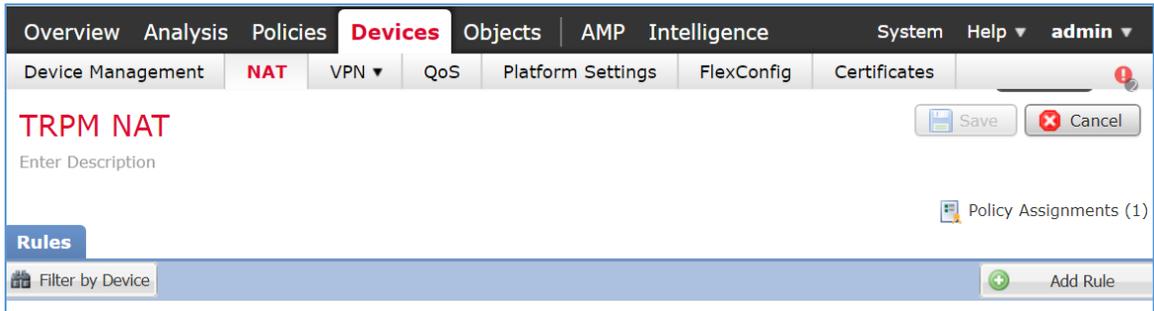
- 731 3. The New Policy popup window appears. Fill out the following information:
- 732 a. **Name:** TRPM NAT
- 733 b. **Selected Devices:** FTD-TRPM
- 734 4. Click **Save**.



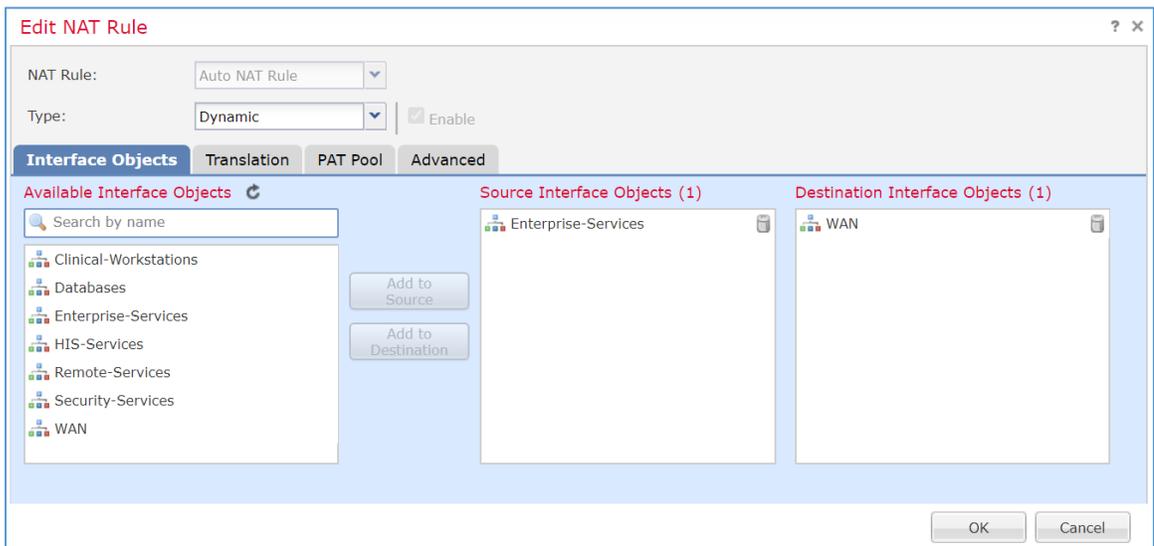
735 5. Click the **edit** symbol for **TRPM NAT**.



736 6. Click **Add Rule**.



- 737 7. The Edit NAT Rule popup window appears. Under **Interface Objects**, fill out the following
- 738 information:
- 739     a. **NAT Rule:** Auto NAT Rule
- 740     b. **Type:** Dynamic
- 741     c. **Source Interface Objects:** Enterprise-Services
- 742     d. **Destination Interface Objects:** WAN
- 743 8. Click **Translation**.

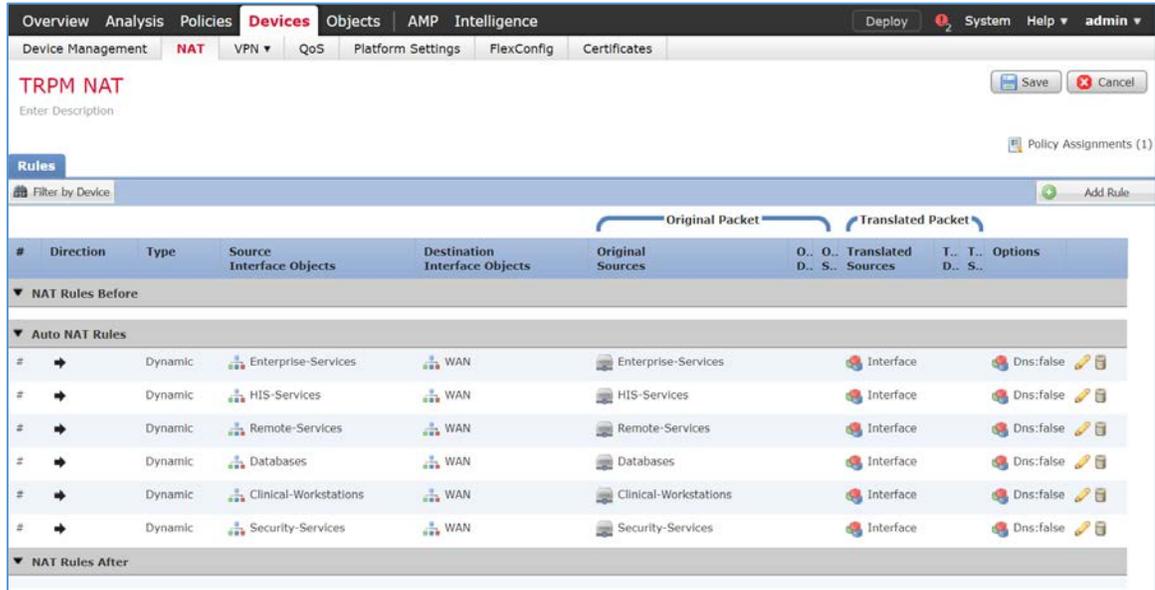


- 744 9. Under **Translation**, fill out the following information:
- 745     a. **Original Source:** Enterprise-Services
- 746     b. **Translated Source:** Destination Interface IP
- 747 10. Click **OK**.

- 748 11. Create addition rules following the same pattern described above, populating the respective  
 749 information for each rule. Values for each rule are described below:
- 750 a. HIS-Services
    - 751 i. **NAT Rule:** Auto NAT Rule
    - 752 ii. **Type:** Dynamic
    - 753 iii. **Source Interface Objects:** HIS-Services
    - 754 iv. **Destination Interface Objects:** WAN
    - 755 v. **Original Source:** HIS-Services
    - 756 vi. **Translated Source:** Destination Interface IP
  - 757 b. Remote-Services
    - 758 i. **NAT Rule:** Auto NAT Rule
    - 759 ii. **Type:** Dynamic
    - 760 iii. **Source Interface Objects:** Remote-Services
    - 761 iv. **Destination Interface Objects:** WAN
    - 762 v. **Original Source:** Remote-Services
    - 763 vi. **Translated Source:** Destination Interface IP

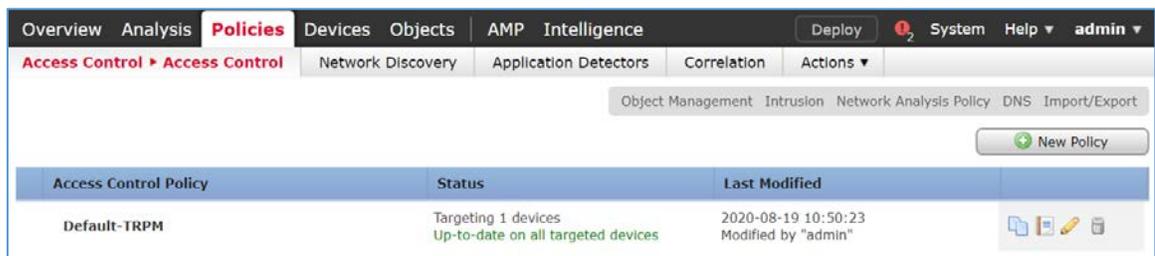
- 764 c. Databases
- 765 i. **NAT Rule:** Auto NAT Rule
- 766 ii. **Type:** Dynamic
- 767 iii. **Source Interface Objects:** Databases
- 768 iv. **Destination Interface Objects:** WAN
- 769 v. **Original Source:** Databases
- 770 vi. **Translated Source:** Destination Interface IP
- 771 d. Clinical-Workstations
- 772 i. **NAT Rule:** Auto NAT Rule
- 773 ii. **Type:** Dynamic
- 774 iii. **Source Interface Objects:** Clinical-Workstations
- 775 iv. **Destination Interface Objects:** WAN
- 776 v. **Original Source:** Clinical-Workstations
- 777 vi. **Translated Source:** Destination Interface IP
- 778 e. Security-Services
- 779 i. **NAT Rule:** Auto NAT Rule
- 780 ii. **Type:** Dynamic
- 781 iii. **Source Interface Objects:** Security-Services
- 782 iv. **Destination Interface Objects:** WAN
- 783 v. **Original Source:** Security-Services
- 784 vi. **Translated Source:** Destination Interface IP
- 785 12. Click **Save**.
- 786 13. Click **Deploy**. Verify the NAT settings through the **Devices** screen. The **NAT** rules are displayed in
- 787 a table format. The table includes values for **Direction** of the NAT displayed as a directional
- 788 arrow, the **NAT Type**, the **Source Interface Objects** (i.e. the security zone IP networks), the
- 789 **Destination Interface Objects**, the **Original Sources** (i.e. these addresses correspond to the IP
- 790 network from where the network traffic originates), the **Translated Sources**, and **Options**. The

791 settings indicate that IP addresses from the configured security zones are translated behind the  
 792 Interface IP address.



793 **Configure Cisco FTD Access Control Policy**

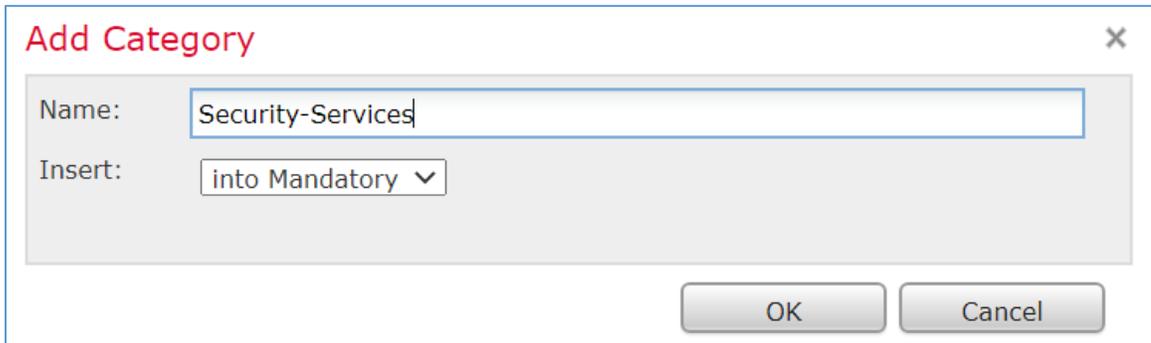
- 794 1. Click **Polices > Access Control > Access Control**.
- 795 2. Click the **edit** symbol for **Default-TRPM**.



- 796 3. Click **Add Category**.



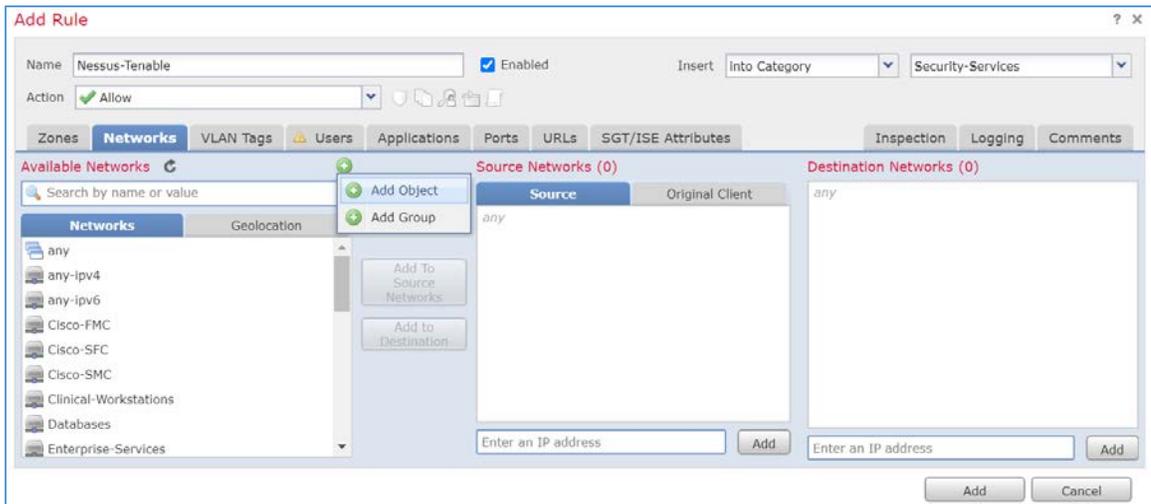
- 797 4. Fill out the following information:
- 798     a. **Name:** Security Services
- 799     b. **Insert:** into Mandatory
- 800 5. Click **OK**.



- 801 6. Repeat the previous steps of **Add Category** section for each network segment in the
- 802 architecture.
- 803 7. Click **Add Rule**.



- 804 8. The Add Rule screen appears, fill out the following information:
- 805     a. **Name:** Nessus-Tenable
- 806     b. **Action:** Allow
- 807     c. **Insert:** into Category, Security Services
- 808     d. Under **Networks**, click the **plus symbol** next to **Available Networks**, and select **Add**
- 809         **Object**.

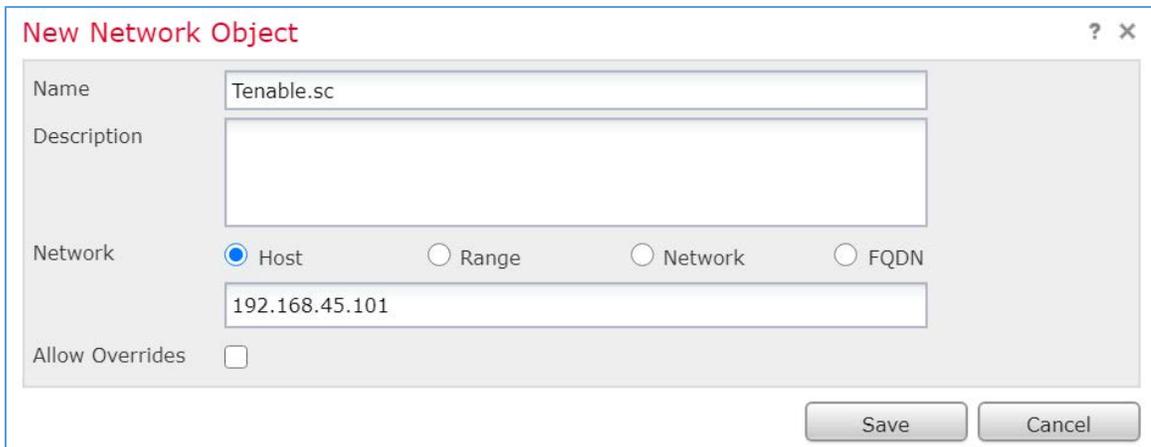


810 9. The New Network Object pop-up window appears, fill out the following information:

811 a. **Name:** Tenable.sc

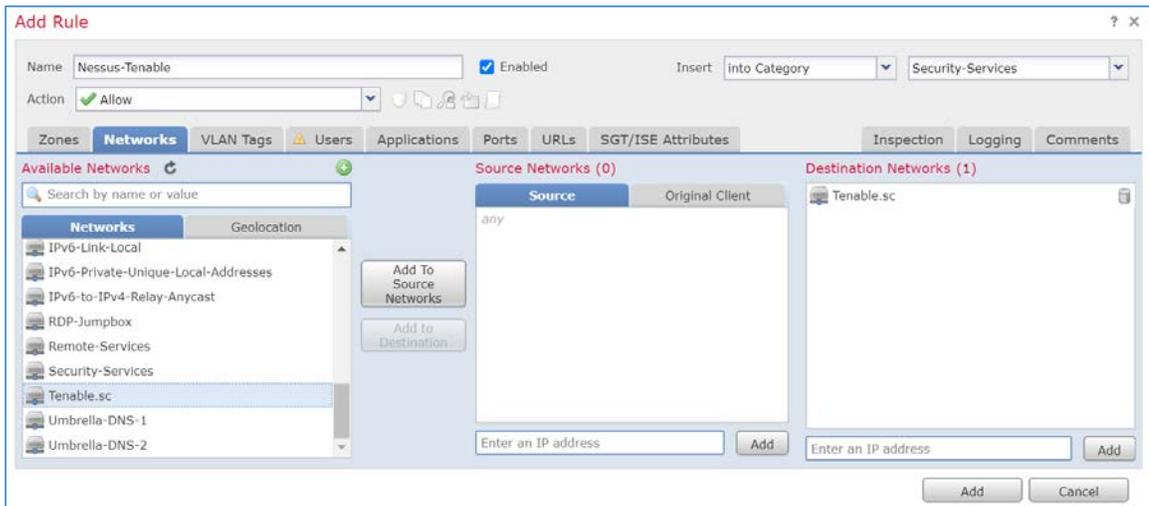
812 b. **Network (Host):** 192.168.45.101

813 10. Click **Save**.



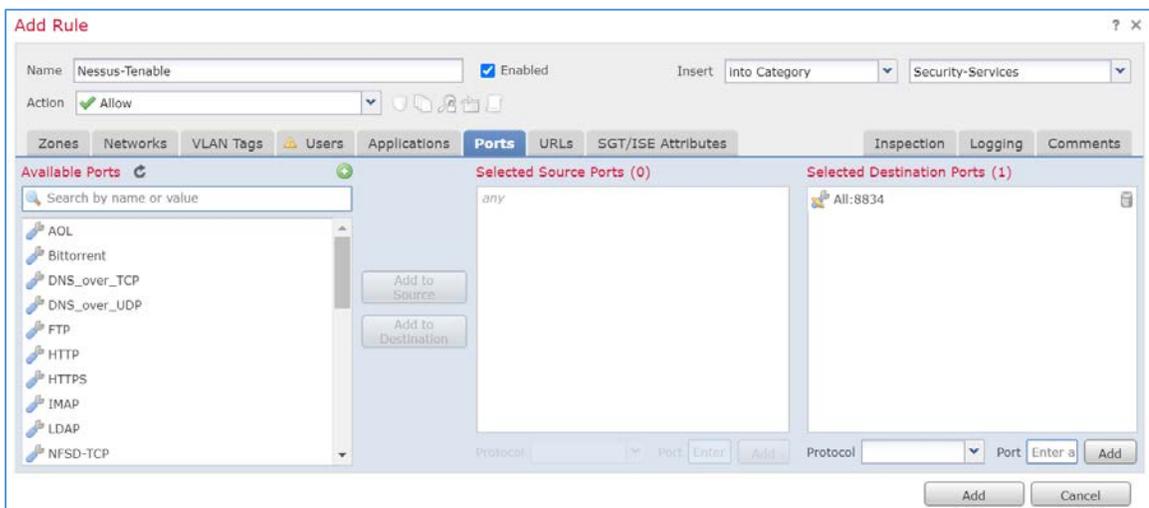
814 11. In the Add Rule screen, under the **Networks** tab, set **Destination Networks** to Tenable.sc.

815 12. Click **Ports**.



816 13. In the Add Rule screen, under the **Ports** tab, set **Selected Destination Ports** to 8834.

817 14. Click **Add**.



818 15. Repeat the previous steps for any network requirement rules if necessary.

819 16. Click **Save**.

820 17. Click **Deploy**.

### 821 2.2.3 Security Continuous Monitoring

822 This practice guide implemented a set of tools that include Cisco Stealthwatch, Cisco Umbrella, and  
823 LogRhythm to address security continuous monitoring. This practice guide uses Cisco Stealthwatch for

824 NetFlow analysis. Cisco Umbrella is a service used for DNS-layer monitoring. The LogRhythm tools  
825 aggregate log file information from across the HDO infrastructure and allow behavioral analytics.

### 826 *2.2.3.1 Cisco Stealthwatch*

827 Cisco Stealthwatch provides network visibility and analysis through network telemetry. This project  
828 integrates Cisco Stealthwatch with Cisco Firepower, sending NetFlow directly from the Cisco FTD  
829 appliance to a Stealthwatch Flow Collector (SFC) for analysis.

#### 830 **Cisco Stealthwatch Management Center (SMC) Appliance Information**

831 **CPU:** 4

832 **RAM:** 16 GB

833 **Storage:** 200 GB (Thick Provision)

834 **Network Adapter 1:** VLAN 1348

835 **Operating System:** Linux

#### 836 **Cisco SMC Appliance Installation Guide**

837 Install the appliance according to the instructions detailed in the *Cisco Stealthwatch Installation and*  
838 *Configuration Guide 7.1* [\[8\]](#).

#### 839 **Cisco SFC Appliance Information**

840 **CPU:** 4

841 **RAM:** 16 GB

842 **Storage:** 300 GB (Thick Provision)

843 **Network Adapter 1:** VLAN 1348

844 **Operating System:** Linux

#### 845 **Cisco SFC Appliance Installation Guide**

846 Install the appliance according to the instructions detailed in the *Cisco Stealthwatch Installation and*  
847 *Configuration Guide 7.1* [\[8\]](#).

848 Accept the default port value **2055** for NetFlow.

#### 849 **Configure Cisco FTD NetFlow for Cisco SFC**

850 1. Click **Objects > Object Management > FlexConfig > Text Object**.

- 851 2. In the **search box**, type `netflow`.
- 852 3. Click the **edit symbol** for `netflow_Destination`.

The screenshot shows the 'Object Management' interface with the 'Objects' tab selected. A search box contains the text 'netflow'. Below the search box, a table lists text objects. The 'netflow\_Destination' object is highlighted in orange, and its edit icon is visible.

Name	Value	Type	Override	
netflow_Destination		System Defined	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
netflow_Event_Types	all	System Defined	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
netflow_Parameters	1 0 30	System Defined	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

- 853 4. The Edit Text Object popup window appears, fill out the following information:
- 854 a. **Count:** 3
- 855 b. **1:** Security Services
- 856 c. **2:** 192.168.45.31
- 857 d. **3:** 2055
- 858 e. **Allow Overrides:** Checked
- 859 5. Click **Save**.

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Edit Text Object" with a red title bar. It contains the following fields and controls:

- Name:** A text input field containing "netflow\_Destination".
- Description:** A text area containing the text: "This variable defines a single NetFlow export destination. 1. interface 2. destination 3. port <1-65535> UDP port number".
- Variable Type:** A dropdown menu set to "Multiple".
- Count:** A numeric spinner box set to "3".
- Table:** A table with 2 columns and 3 rows of data:

1	Security-Services
2	192.168.45.31
3	2055
- Allow Overrides:** A checkbox that is checked.
- Override (0):** A dropdown menu showing "Override (0)".
- Buttons:** "Save" and "Cancel" buttons at the bottom right.

- 860 6. Click the **edit symbol** for netflow\_Event\_Types.

The screenshot shows the 'Objects' tab in the Palo Alto Networks management console. The 'Text Object' section is active, displaying a table of system-defined objects. The table has columns for Name, Value, Type, and Override. The objects listed are netflow\_Destination, netflow\_Event\_Types, and netflow\_Parameters. The netflow\_Destination object has a value of 'Security-Services 192.168.45.31 2055'. The netflow\_Event\_Types object has a value of 'all'. The netflow\_Parameters object has a value of '1 0 30'. All objects are marked as 'System Defined' and have their 'Override' status checked.

Name	Value	Type	Override
netflow_Destination	Security-Services 192.168.45.31 2055	System Defined	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
netflow_Event_Types	all	System Defined	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
netflow_Parameters	1 0 30	System Defined	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- 861 7. The Edit Text Object popup window appears, fill out the following information:
- 862 a. **Count:** 1
- 863 b. **1:** All
- 864 c. **Allow Overrides:** Checked
- 865 8. Click **Save**.

**Edit Text Object** ? X

Name:

Description:

Variable Type:  Count:

1	all
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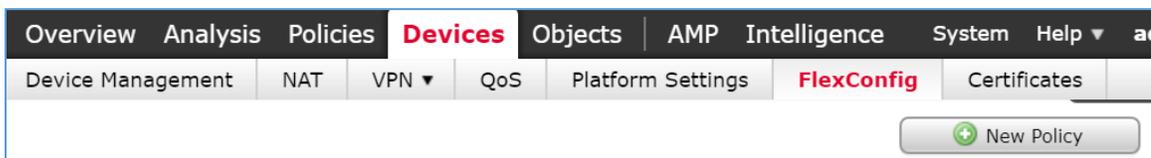
Allow Overrides

**Override (0)**

Save Cancel

866 9. Click **Devices > FlexConfig**.

867 10. Click **New Policy**.

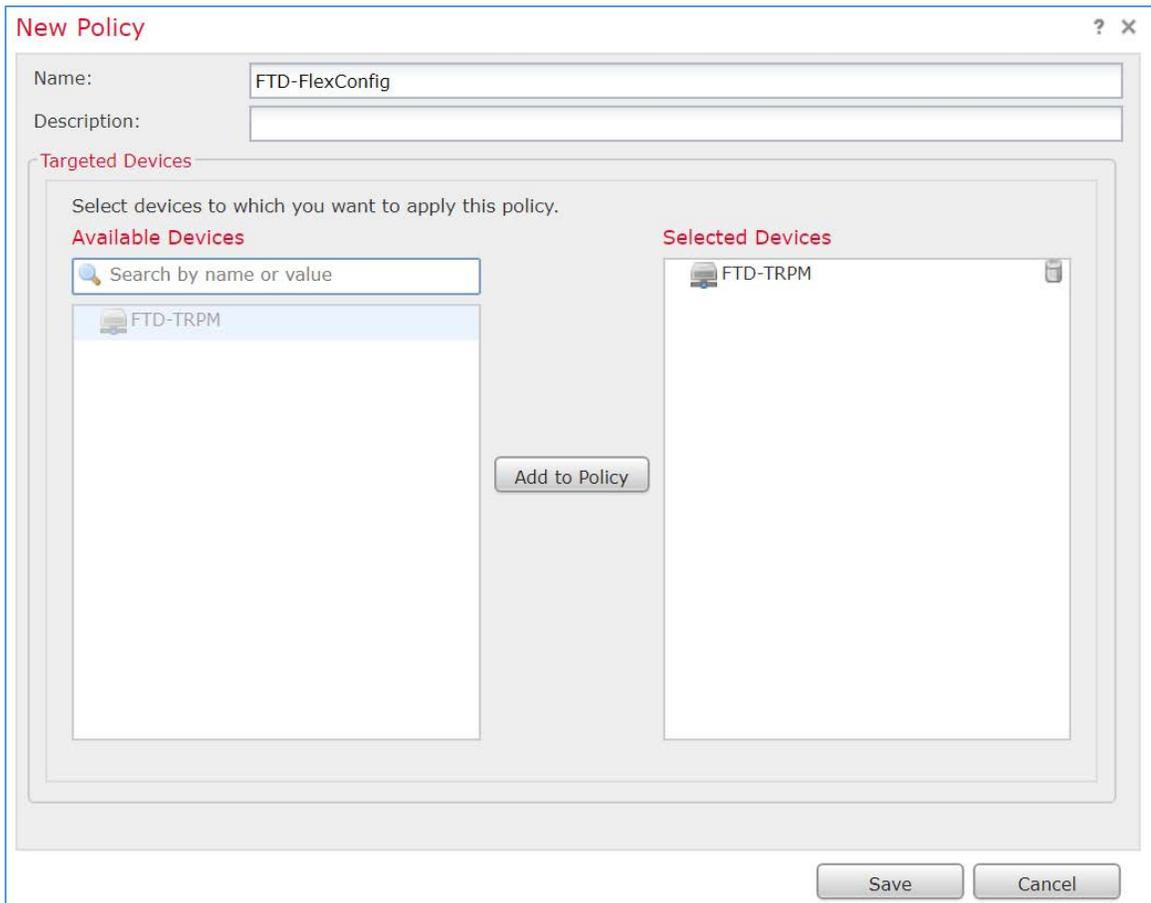


868 11. The New Policy screen appears, fill out the following information:

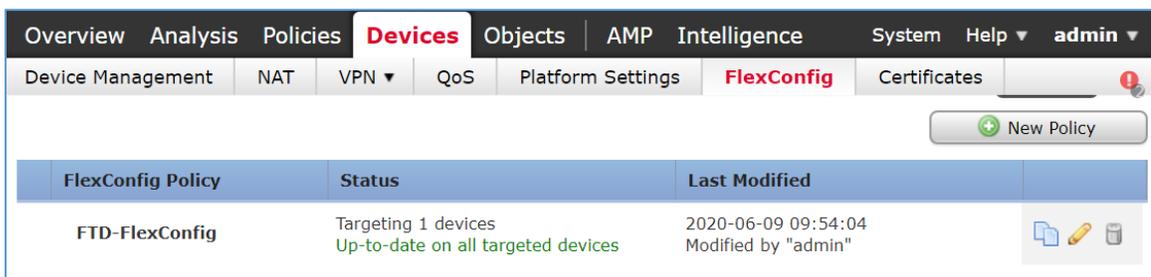
869 a. **Name:** FTD-FlexConfig

870 b. **Selected Devices:** FTD-TRPM

871 12. Click **Save**.

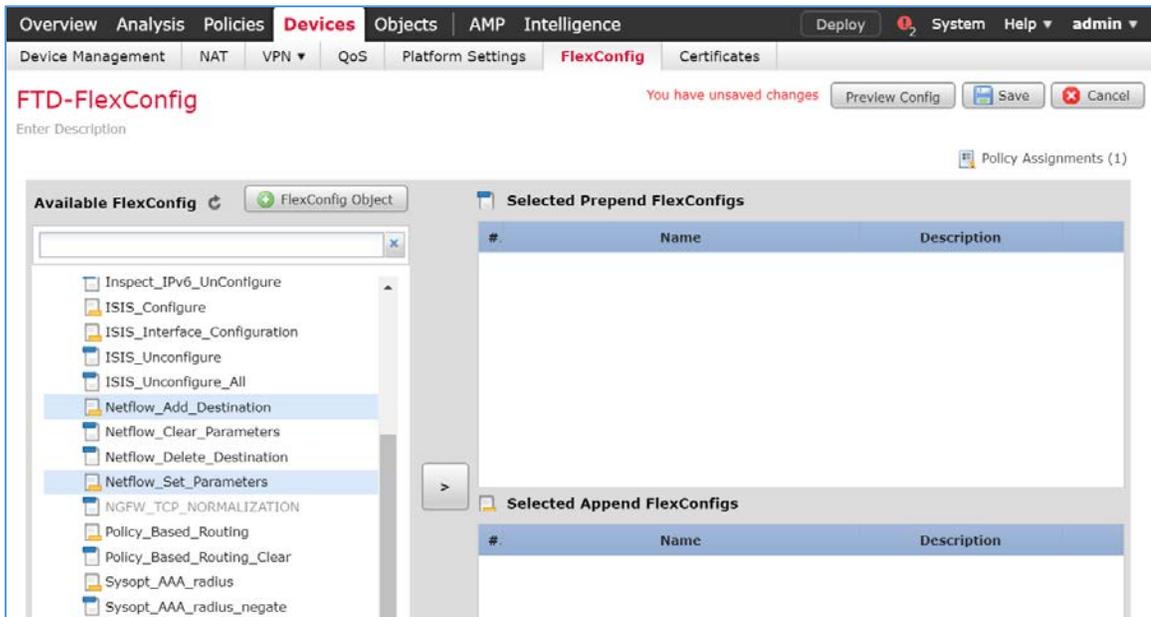


872 13. Click the **edit symbol** for **FTD-FlexConfig**.

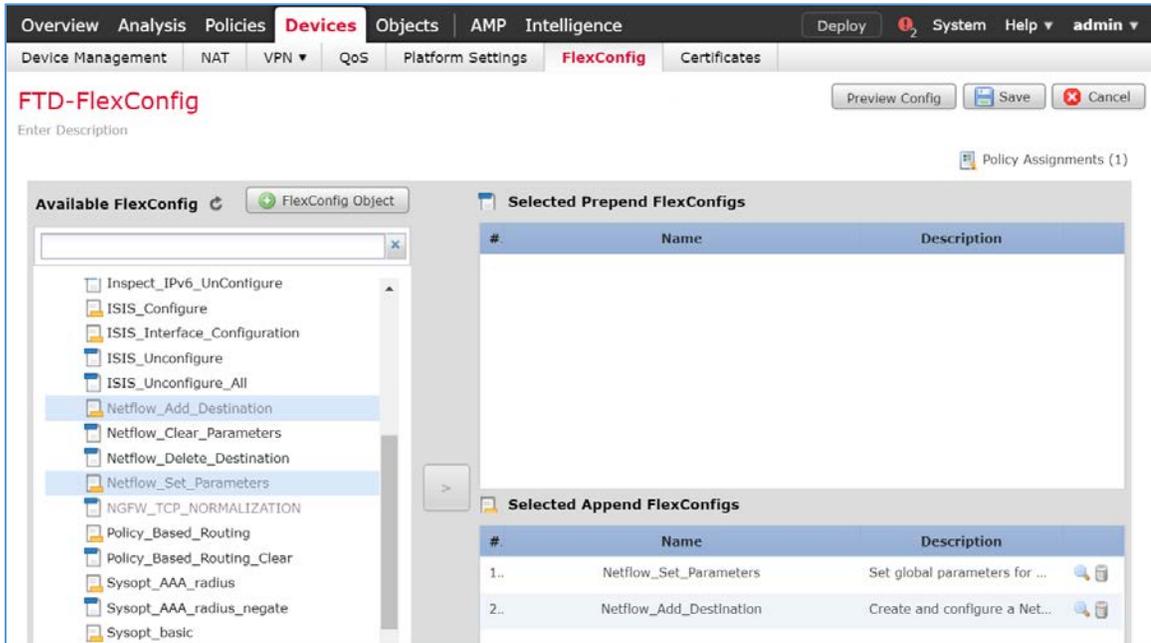


873 14. Under the **Devices** tab, select **Netflow\_Add\_Destination** and **Netflow\_Set\_Parameters**.

874 15. Click the **right-arrow symbol** to move the selections to the **Selected Append FlexConfigs**  
875 section.

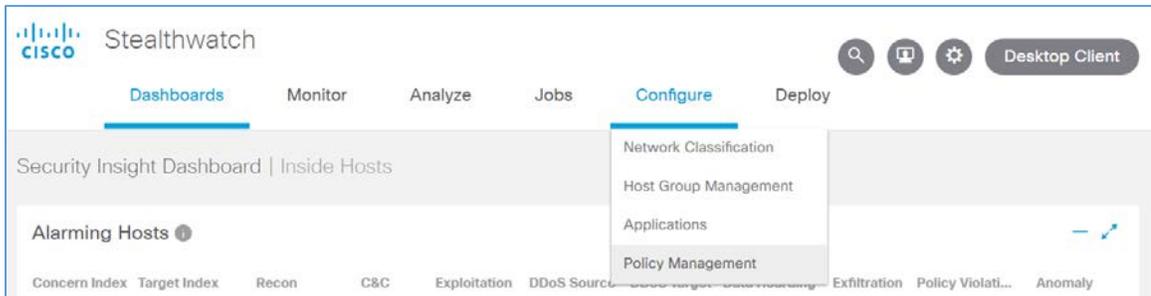


- 876 16. Click **Save**.
- 877 17. Click **Deploy**. From the **Devices** screen, verify the **FlexConfig** settings. Select the **FlexConfig** tab.
- 878 The **NetFlow** configurations appear in the lower right of the screen as a table. Under **Selected**
- 879 **Append FlexConfigs**, the table includes columns labelled **#** which corresponds to the number of
- 880 configurations that have been made, **Name** and **Description**.

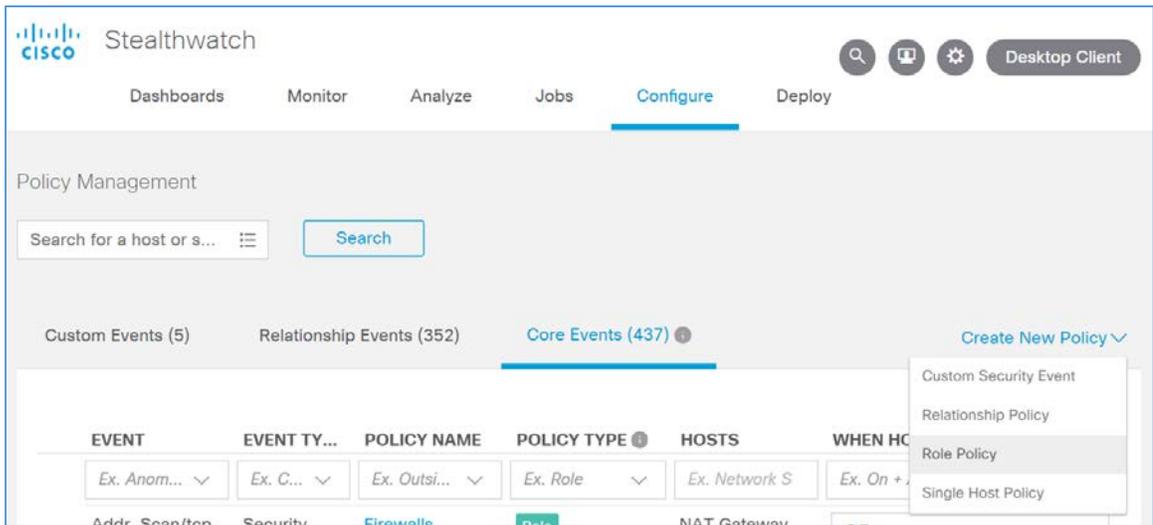


881 **Creating a Custom Policy Management Rule**

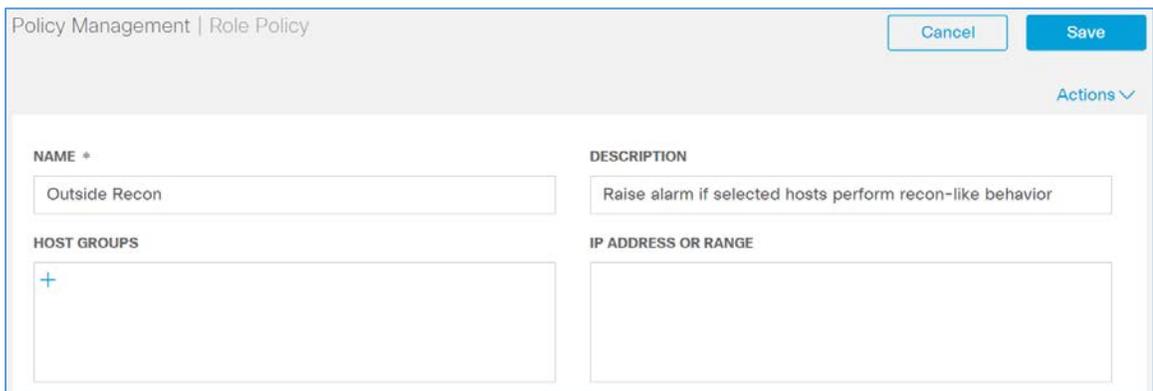
- 882 1. Click **Configure > Policy Management**.



- 883 2. Click **Create New Policy > Role Policy**.



- 884 3. Give the policy a **name** and **description**.
- 885 4. Under **Host Groups**, click the **plus** symbol.



- 886 5. Under **Outside** Hosts, select **Eastern Asia** and **Eastern Europe**.
- 887 6. Click **Apply**.

▼  Outside Hosts

- ▶  Authorized External DNS Servers
- Content Networks

▼  Countries

- ▶  Africa
- ▶  Americas
- ▼  Asia
  - ▶  Central Asia
  - ▶  Eastern Asia
  - ▶  South-Eastern Asia
  - ▶  Southern Asia
  - ▶  Western Asia
- ▼  Europe
  - ▶  Eastern Europe
  - Europe Proxy
  - ▶  Northern Europe
  - ▶  Southern Europe
  - ▶  Western Europe
- ▶  Oceania
- ▶  Other
- Custom Reputation List
- ▶  Trusted Internet Hosts

888 7. Under **Core Events**, click **Select Events**.

Policy Management | Role Policy Cancel Save Actions

<b>NAME *</b> Outside Recon	<b>DESCRIPTION</b> Raise alarm if selected hosts perform recon-like behavior
<b>HOST GROUPS</b> + Eastern Asia x Eastern Europe x	<b>IP ADDRESS OR RANGE</b>

Core Events (0) Select Events

You must select at least one event before saving this policy. [Click here to select events.](#)

- 889 8. Select **Recon.**
- 890 9. Click **Apply.**

- Anomaly
- Command & Control
- Data Exfiltration
- Data Hoarding
- Exploitation
- High Concern Index
- High DDoS Source Index
- High DDoS Target Index
- High Target Index
- Policy Violation
- Recon

- 891 10. Under **Core Events > Recon > When Host is Source**, select **On + Alarm**.
- 892 11. Click the **expand arrow** next to **Recon**.

EVENT	EVENT TYPE	WHEN HOST IS SOURCE	WHEN HOST IS TARGET	ACTIONS
Ex. Anomaly	Ex. Category	Ex. On + Alarm	Ex. On + Alarm	
▶ Recon	Category	Off Off On <b>On + Alarm</b>	NA	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

50 items per page      1 / 1

- 893 12. Select **Behavioral and Threshold**.

Core Events (1) Select Events

EVENT	EVENT TYPE	WHEN HOST IS SOURCE	WHEN HOST IS TARGET	ACTIONS
Ex. Anomaly	Ex. Category	Ex. On + Alarm	Ex. On + Alarm	
Recon	Category	On + Alarm	NA	Delete

**This is a category event made up of the following security events:**

Addr\_Scan/tcp, Addr\_Scan/udp, Bad\_Flag\_ACK, Bad\_Flag\_All, Bad\_Flag\_NoFig, Bad\_Flag\_RST, Bad\_Flag\_Rsrvd, Bad\_Flag\_SYN\_FIN, Bad\_Flag\_URG, Flow\_Denied, High SMB Peers, ICMP\_Comm\_Admin, ICMP\_Dest\_Host\_Admin, ICMP\_Dest\_Host\_Unk, ICMP\_Dest\_Net\_Admin, ICMP\_Dest\_Net\_Unk, ICMP\_Host\_Unreach, ICMP\_Net\_Unreach, ICMP\_Port\_Unreach, ICMP\_Src\_Host\_Isolated [More\(12\)](#)

Behavioral and Threshold

Threshold Only

Tolerance  / 100

Never trigger alarm when less than:  points in 24 hours

Always trigger alarm when greater than:  points in 24 hours

894 13. Click **Save**.

Policy Management | Role Policy Cancel **Save**

Actions ▾

<b>NAME *</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Outside Recon	Raise alarm if selected hosts perform recon-like behavior
<b>HOST GROUPS</b>	<b>IP ADDRESS OR RANGE</b>
+ Eastern Europe × Eastern Asia ×	

Core Events (1) Select Events

EVENT	EVENT TYPE	WHEN HOST IS SOURCE	WHEN HOST IS TARGET	ACTIONS
Ex. Anomaly	Ex. Category	Ex. On + Alarm	Ex. On + Alarm	
Recon	Category	On + Alarm	NA	Delete

895 [2.2.3.2 Cisco Umbrella](#)

896 Cisco Umbrella is a cloud service that provides protection through DNS-layer security. Engineers  
 897 deployed two Umbrella virtual appliances in the HDO to provide DNS routing and protection from  
 898 malicious web services.

899 **Cisco Umbrella Forwarder Appliance Information**900 **CPU:** 1901 **RAM:** 0.5 GB902 **Storage:** 6.5 GB (Thick Provision)903 **Network Adapter 1:** VLAN 1327904 **Operating System:** Linux905 **Cisco Umbrella Forwarder Appliance Installation Guide**906 Install the appliance according to the instructions detailed in Cisco's Deploy VAs in VMware guidance [\[9\]](#).907 **Create an Umbrella Site**

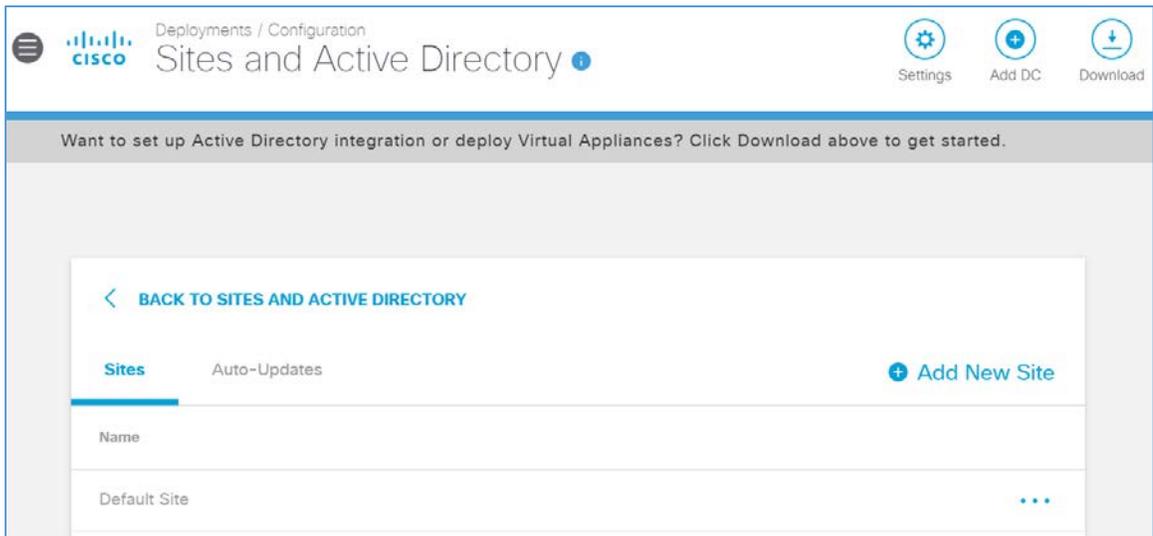
- 908 1. Click **Deployments > Configuration > Sites and Active Directory**.
- 909 2. Click **Settings**.

The screenshot shows the Cisco Umbrella management console. The breadcrumb trail is 'Deployments / Configuration' and the page title is 'Sites and Active Directory'. There are three icons in the top right: 'Settings', 'Add DC', and 'Download'. A message at the top says: 'Want to set up Active Directory integration or deploy Virtual Appliances? Click Download above to get started.' Below this is a search bar labeled 'Search Sites and Active Directory' and a 'FILTERS' button. A table lists the following data:

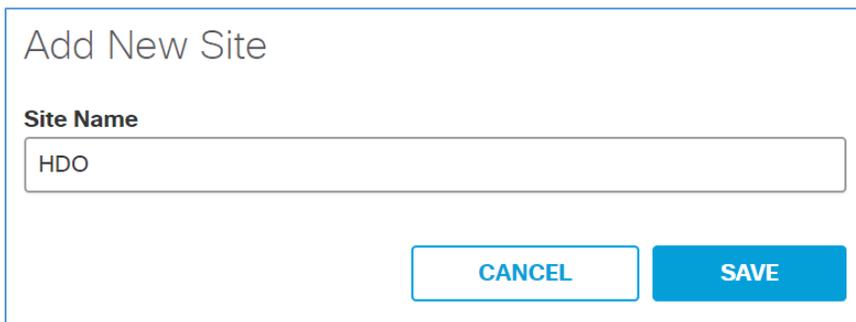
Name	Internal IP	Site	Type	Status	Version
forwarder-1	192.168.40.30	Default Site	Virtual Appliance	Imported: 5 months ago	2.8.3
forwarder-2	192.168.40.31	Default Site	Virtual Appliance	Imported: 5 months ago	2.8.3

At the bottom of the table, there are controls for 'Page: 1', 'Results Per Page: 10', and '1-2 of 2'.

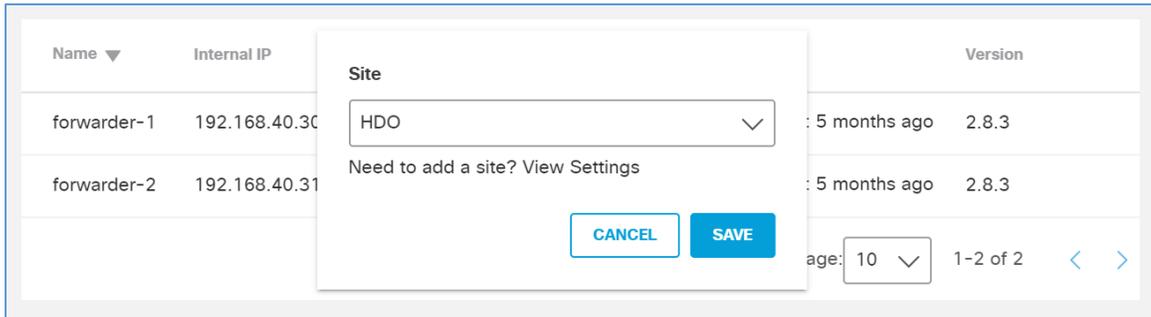
- 910 3. Click **Add New Site**.



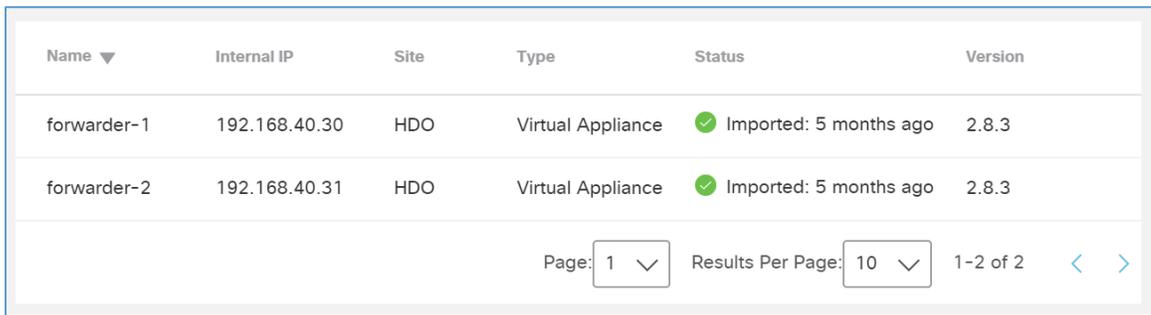
- 911 4. In the Add New Site popup window, set **Name** to **HDO**.
- 912 5. Click **Save**.



- 913 6. Click **Deployments > Configuration > Sites and Active Directory**.
- 914 7. Click the **edit symbol** for the Site of **forwarder-1**.
- 915 8. Under Site, select **HDO**.
- 916 9. Click **Save**.



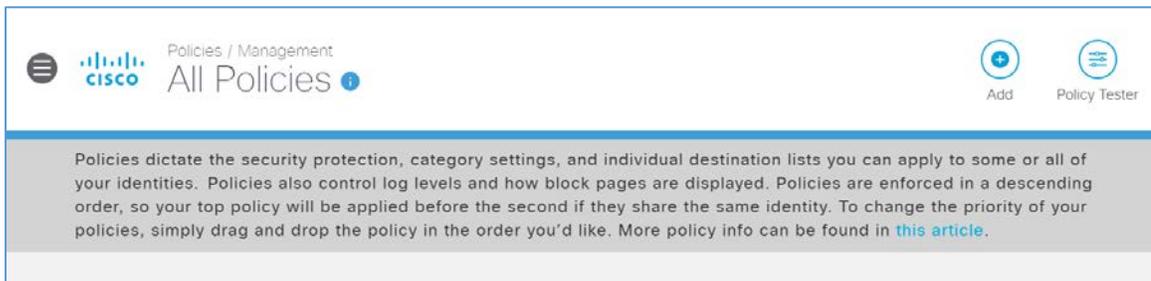
917 10. Repeat the previous steps for **forwarder-2**.



918 **Configure an Umbrella Policy**

919 1. Click **Policies > Management > All Policies**.

920 2. Click **Add**.



921 3. Expand the **Sites** identity.

What would you like to protect?

**Select Identities**

**All Identities**

- AD Groups
- AD Users
- AD Computers
- Networks
- Roaming Computers
- Sites 2 >
- Network Devices
- Mobile Devices
- Chromebooks

0 Selected

CANCEL NEXT

922 4. Select **HDO**.

923 5. Click **Next**.

What would you like to protect?

**Select Identities**

**All Identities / Sites**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HDO	0 >
<input type="checkbox"/>	Default Site	0 >

**1 Selected** REMOVE ALL

HDO 0

[CANCEL](#) [NEXT](#)

924 6. Click **Next**.

What should this policy do?

Choose the policy components that you'd like to enable.

- Enforce Security at the DNS Layer**  
Ensure domains are blocked when they host malware, command and control, phishing, and more.
- Inspect Files**  
Selectively inspect files for malicious content using antivirus signatures and Cisco Advanced Malware Protection.
- Limit Content Access**  
Block or allow sites based on their content, such as file sharing, gambling, or blogging.
- Control Applications**  
Block or allow applications and application groups for identities using this policy.
- Apply Destination Lists**  
Lists of destinations that can be explicitly blocked or allowed for any identities using this policy.

▶ [Advanced Settings](#)

[CANCEL](#) [PREVIOUS](#) [NEXT](#)

925 7. Click **Next**.

### Security Settings

Ensure identities using this policy are protected by selecting or creating a security setting. Click Edit Setting to make changes to any existing settings, or select Add New Setting from the dropdown menu.

**Select Setting**

Default Settings

**Categories To Block** [EDIT](#)

-  **Malware**  
Websites and other servers that host malicious software, drive-by downloads/exploits, mobile threats and more.
-  **Newly Seen Domains**  
Domains that have become active very recently. These are often used in new attacks.
-  **Command and Control Callbacks**  
Prevent compromised devices from communicating with attackers' infrastructure.
-  **Phishing Attacks**  
Fraudulent websites that aim to trick users into handing over personal or financial information.
-  **Dynamic DNS**  
Block sites that are hosting dynamic DNS content.
-  **Potentially Harmful Domains**  
Domains that exhibit suspicious behavior and may be part of an attack.
-  **DNS Tunneling VPN**  
VPN services that allow users to disguise their traffic by tunneling it through the DNS protocol. These can be used to bypass corporate policies regarding access and data transfer.
-  **Cryptomining**  
Cryptomining allows organizations to control cryptominer access to mining pools and web miners.

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926 8. Select **Moderate**.

927 9. Click **Next**.

### Limit Content Access

Access to these sites will be restricted based on the type of content served by the pages of the site. For more information about categories, [click here](#)

- High**  
Blocks adult-related sites, illegal activity, social networking sites, video sharing sites, and general time-wasters.
- Moderate**  
Blocks all adult-related websites and illegal activity.
- Low**  
Blocks pornography.
- Custom**  
Create a custom grouping of category types.

**Categories To Block -Moderate**

These are the categories we will block. Note: if you want to make changes create a custom setting

Adware	Alcohol
Dating	Drugs
Gambling	German Youth Protection
Hate / Discrimination	Internet Watch Foundation
Lingerie / Bikini	Nudity
Pornography	Proxy / Anonymizer
Sexuality	Tasteless
Terrorism	Weapons

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928 10. Under Application Settings, use the drop-down menu to select **Create New Setting**.

### Control Applications

Select applications or application categories you'd like to block or allow for the users in your organization

**Application Settings**

**Default Settings** ▾

Default Settings

[CREATE NEW SETTING](#)

929 11. Under the Control Applications screen, fill out the following information:

- 930 a. **Name:** HDO Application Control
- 931 b. **Applications to Control:** Cloud Storage
- 932 12. Click **Save**.

### Control Applications

Select applications or application categories you'd like to block or allow for the users in your organization

**Give Your Setting a Name**

**Applications To Control**

- > Ad Publishing
- > Anonymizer
- > Application Development and Testing
- > Backup & Recovery
- > Business Intelligence
- > Cloud Storage

**CANCEL** **SAVE**

- 933 13. Click **Next**.

### Control Applications

Select applications or application categories you'd like to block or allow for the users in your organization

**Application Settings**

HDO Application Control

**Applications To Control**

Search for an application

- > Ad Publishing
- > Anonymizer
- > Application Development and Testing
- > Backup & Recovery
- > Business Intelligence
- > Cloud Storage

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934 14. Click **Next**.

Apply Destination Lists [ADD NEW LIST](#)

Search for and apply the appropriate block or allow Destination Lists for this policy. Click Add New List to create a Destination List.

Select All      Showing: [All Lists](#) ▾    **2 Total**

**All Destination Lists**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global Allow List	0 >
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global Block List	0 >

**1 Allow Lists Applied**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Global Allow List	0
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**1 Block Lists Applied**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Global Block List	0
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935      15. Click **Next**.

File Analysis

Inspect files for malicious behaviors using a combination of static and dynamic analysis methods, in addition to file reputation and advanced heuristics.

**File Inspection**  
Inspect files for malware using signatures, heuristics and file reputation (powered by Cisco Advanced Malware Protection).

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936      16. Click **Next**.

### Set Block Page Settings

Define the appearance and bypass options for your block pages.

Use Umbrella's Default Appearance  
[Preview Block Page »](#)

Use a Custom Appearance

▶ **BYPASS USERS** \_\_\_\_\_

▶ **BYPASS CODES** \_\_\_\_\_

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937 17. In the Policy Summary screen, set the **Name** to **HDO Site Policy**.

938 18. Click **Save**.

### Policy Summary

**Policy Name**

 **1 Identity Affected**  
1 Site  
[Edit](#)

 **2 Destination Lists Enforced**  
1 Block List  
1 Allow List  
[Edit](#)

 **Security Setting Applied: Default Settings**  
Command and Control Callbacks, Malware, Phishing Attacks, plus 5 more will be blocked  
No integration is enabled.  
[Edit](#) [Disable](#)

 **File Analysis Enabled**  
File Inspection Enabled  
[Edit](#)

 **Content Setting Applied: Moderate**  
Blocks all adult-related websites and illegal activity.  
[Edit](#) [Disable](#)

 **Umbrella Default Block Page Applied**  
[Edit](#) [Preview Block Page](#)

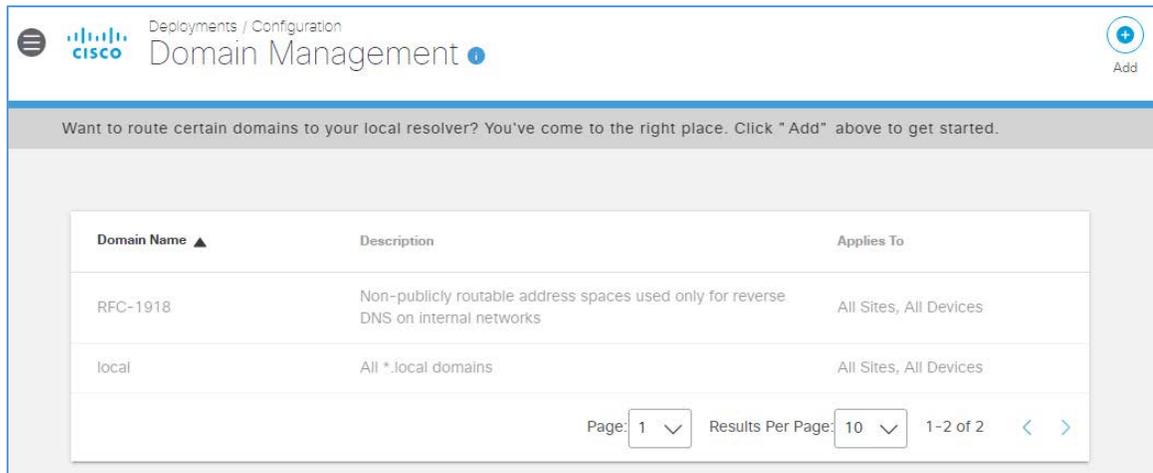
 **Application Setting Applied: HDO Application Control**  
4shared, Box Cloud Storage, Caringo, plus 242 more will be blocked.  
[Edit](#) [Disable](#)

[▶ Advanced Settings](#)

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939 **Configure Windows Domain Controller as the Local DNS Provider**

- 940 1. Click **Deployments > Configuration > Domain Management**.
- 941 2. Click **Add**.



- 942 3. Add New Bypass Domain or Server popup window appears, fill out the following information:
- 943 a. **Domain:** hdo.trpm
- 944 b. **Applies To:** All Sites, All Devices
- 945 4. Click **Save**. Verify the rule for the **hdo.trpm** has been added.

### Add New Bypass Domain or Server

When you add a domain, all of its subdomains will inherit the setting. If 'example.com' is on the internal domains list, 'www.example.com' will also be treated as an internal domain.

**Domain Type**

Internal Domains

**Domain**

hdo.trpm

**Description**

All HDO domains

**Applies To**

All Sites x All Devices x

**CANCEL** **SAVE**

Domain Name ▲	Description	Applies To
RFC-1918	Non-publicly routable address spaces used only for reverse DNS on internal networks	All Sites, All Devices
local	All *.local domains	All Sites, All Devices
hdo.trpm	All HDO domains	All Sites, All Devices

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946 *2.2.3.3 LogRhythm XDR (Extended Detection and Response)*

947 LogRhythm XDR is a SIEM system that receives log and machine data from multiple end points and  
 948 evaluates the data to determine when cybersecurity events occur. The project utilizes LogRhythm XDR in

949 the HDO environment to enable a continuous view of business operations and detect cyber threats on  
950 assets.

951 **System Requirements**

952 **CPU:** 20 virtual central processing unit (vCPU)

953 **Memory:** 96 GB RAM

954 **Storage:**

- 955     ▪ **hard drive C:** 220 GB
- 956     ▪ **hard drive D:** 1 terabyte (TB)
- 957     ▪ **hard drive L:** 150 GB

958 **Operating System:** Microsoft Windows Server 2016 X64 Standard Edition

959 **Network Adapter:** VLAN 1348

960 **LogRhythm XDR Installation**

961 This section describes LogRhythm installation processes.

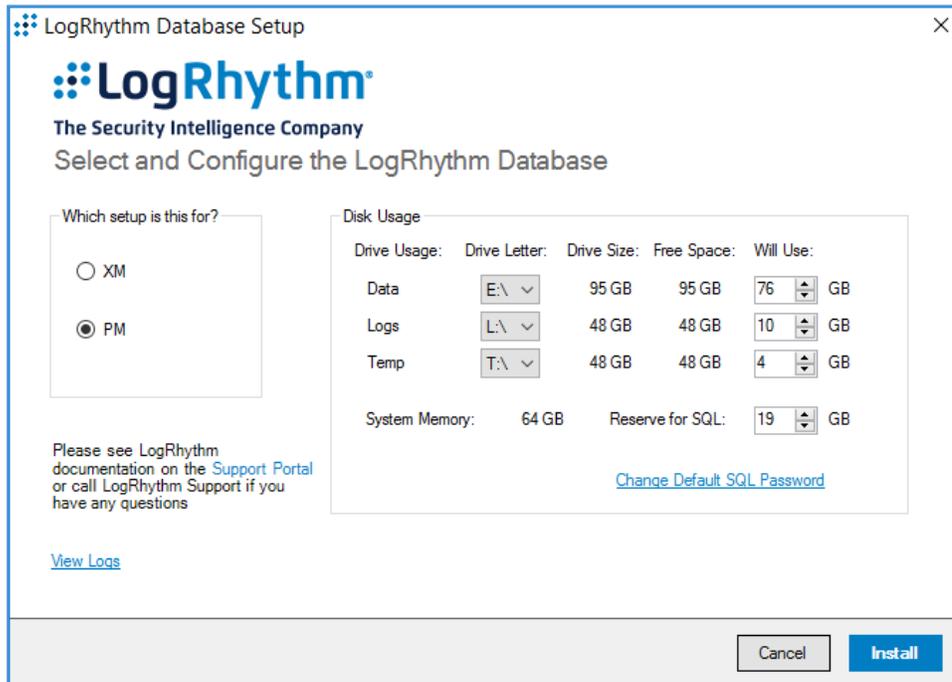
962 **Download Installation Packages**

- 963     1. Acquire the installation packages from LogRhythm, Inc.
- 964     2. Prepare a virtual Windows Server per the system requirements.
- 965     3. Create three new drives.
- 966     4. Create a new folder from C:\ on the Platform Manager server and name the folder **LogRhythm**.
- 967     5. Extract the provided Database Installer tool and LogRhythm XDR Wizard from the installation  
968         package in C:\LogRhythm.

969 **Install Database**

- 970     1. Open *LogRhythmDatabaseInstallTool* folder.
- 971     2. Double-click **LogRhythmDatabaseInstallTool** application file.
- 972     3. Click **Run**.
- 973     4. A **LogRhythm Database Setup** window will appear. Provide the following information:
  - 974         a. Which setup is this for?: PM
  - 975         b. Disk Usage:

976                   **Data:** E:\  
 977                   **Logs:** L:\  
 978                   **Temp:** T:\



979           5. The remaining fields will automatically populate with the appropriate values. Click **Install**.

980           6. Click **Done** to close the **LogRhythm Database Setup** window.

### 981 **Install LogRhythm XDR**

982           1. Navigate to C:\ and open **LogRhythm XDR Wizard** folder.

983           2. Double-click the **LogRhythmInstallerWizard** application file.

984           3. The LogRhythm Install Wizard 7.4.8 window will appear.

985           4. Click **Next**.

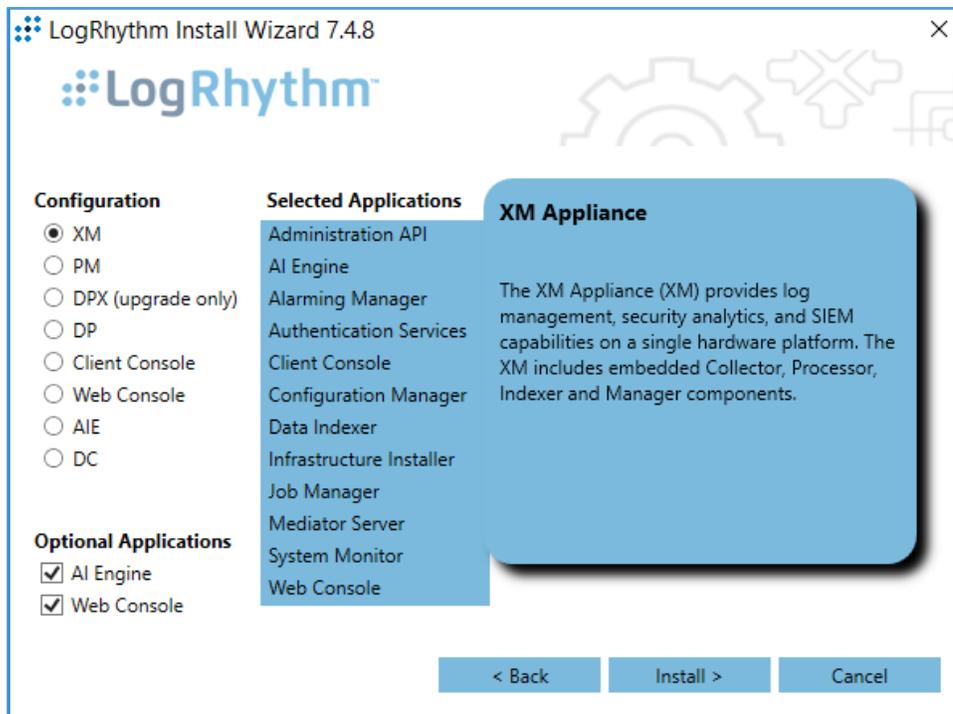
986           5. A **LogRhythm Install Wizard Confirmation** window will appear.

987           6. Click **Yes** to continue.

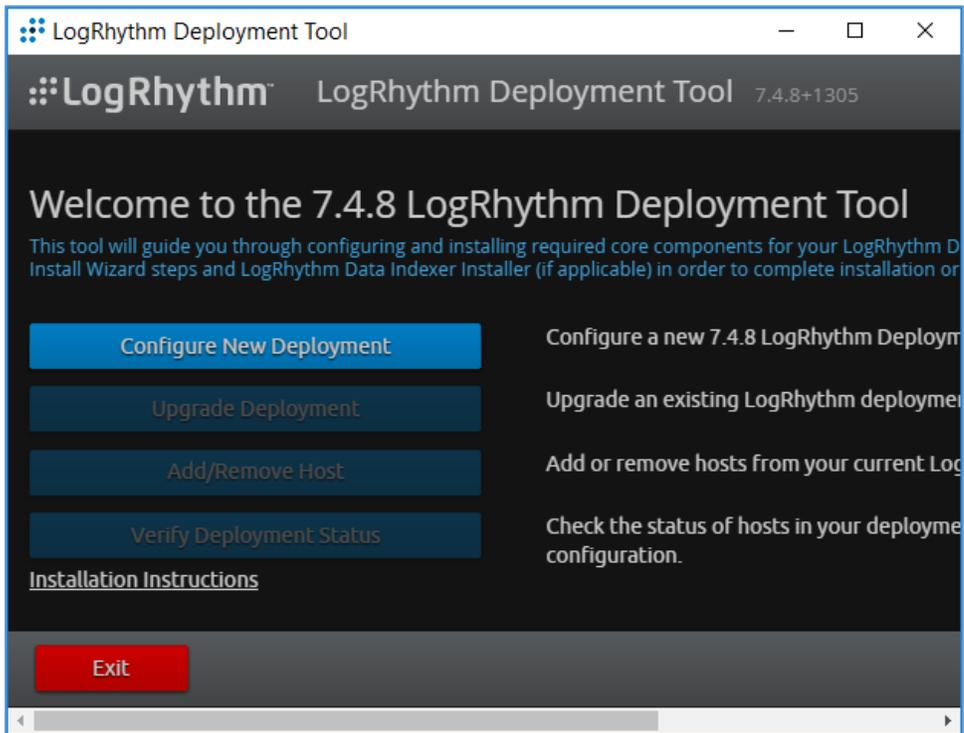
988           7. Check the box beside **I accept the terms in the license agreement** to accept the License Agreement.

990           8. Click **Next**.

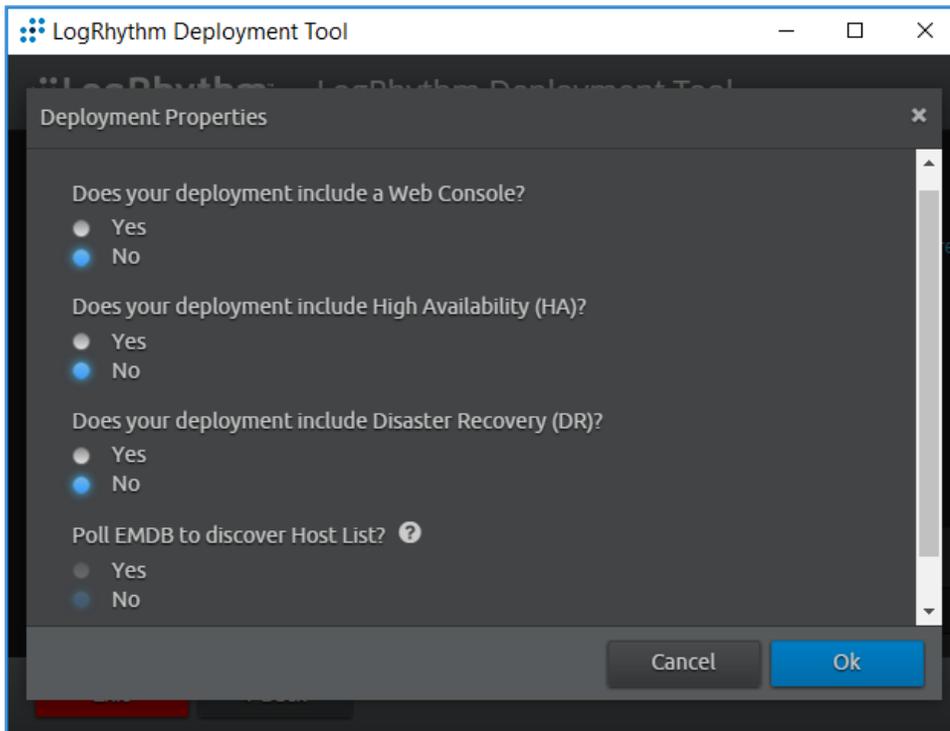
- 991 9. In the **Selected Applications** window, select the following attributes:
- 992 a. **Configuration:** Select the XM radio button.
- 993 b. **Optional Applications:** Check both **AI Engine** and **Web Console** boxes.
- 994 10. Click **Install**.



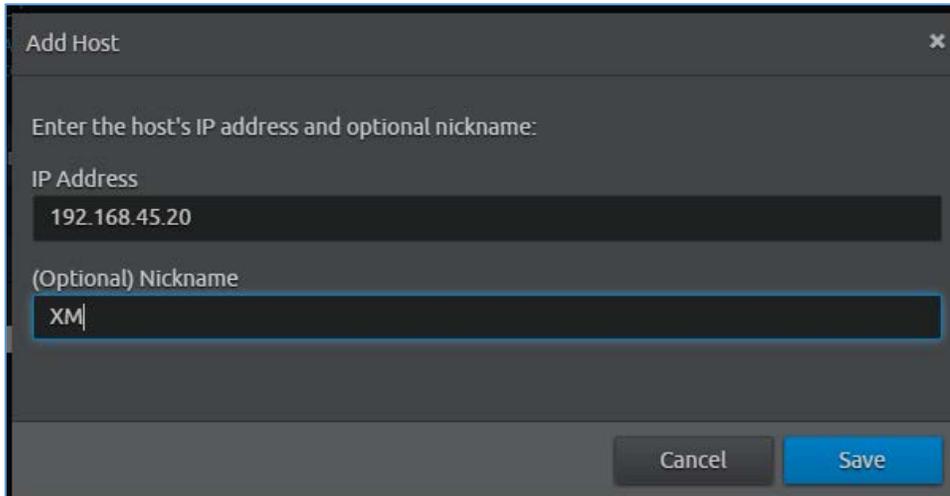
- 995 11. A **LogRhythm Deployment Tool** window displays.
- 996 12. Click **Configure New Deployment**.



- 997      13. In the Deployment Properties window, keep the default configurations and click **Ok**.



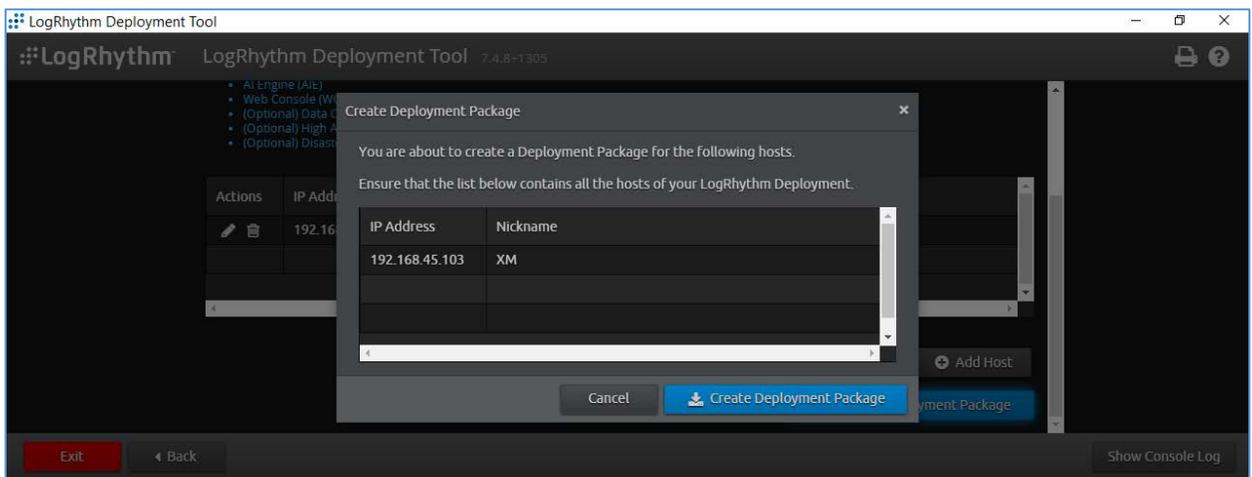
- 998 14. Click **+Add Host IP** in the bottom right corner of the screen, and provide the following  
999 information:
- 1000 a. **IP Address:** 192.168.45.20
  - 1001 b. **Nickname:** XM
- 1002 15. Click **Save**.



1003 16. Click **Create Deployment Package** in the bottom right corner of the screen.

1004 17. A Create Deployment Package window displays.

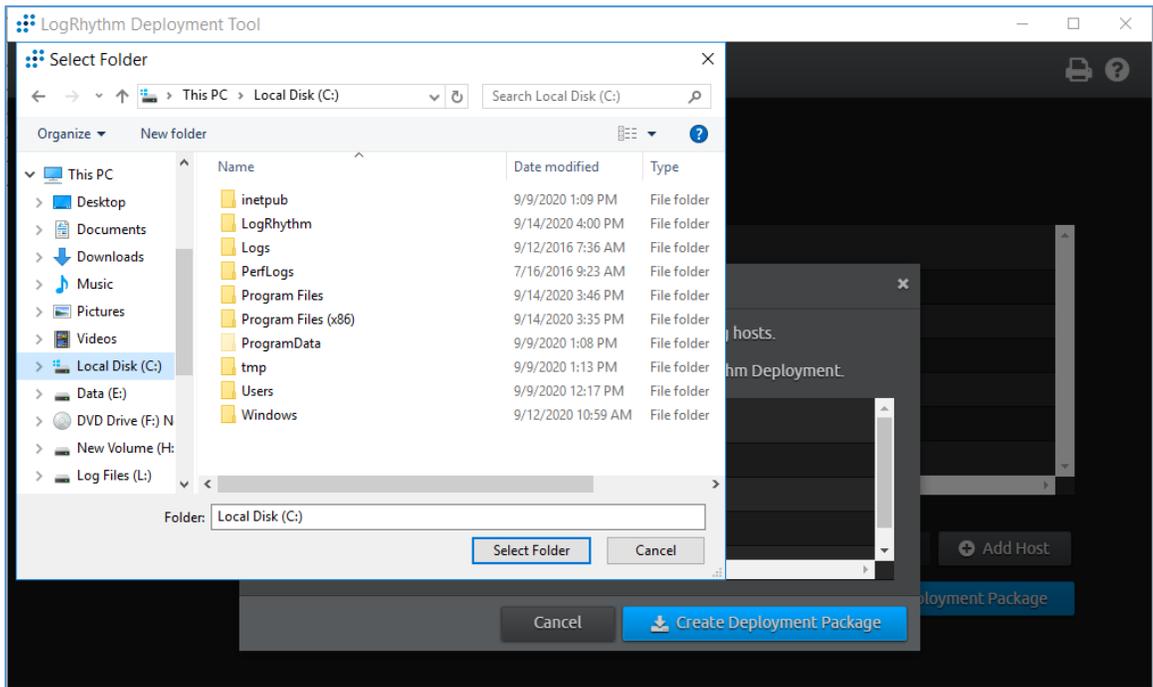
1005 18. Click **Create Deployment Package**.



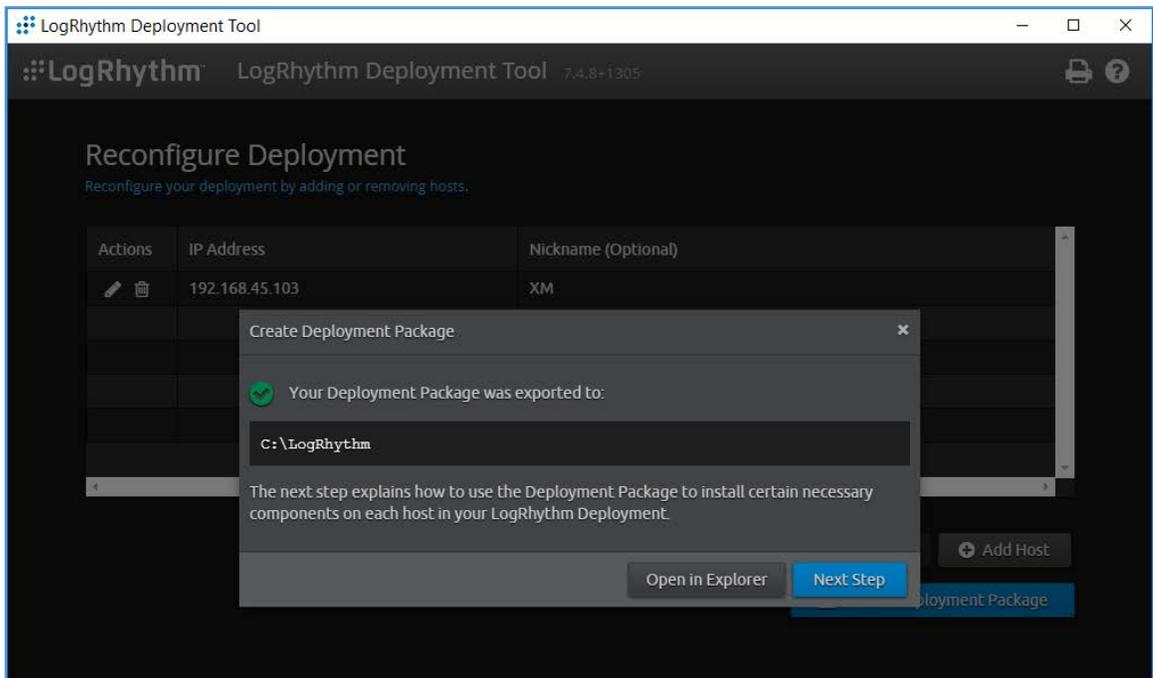
1006 19. A Select Folder window appears.

1007 20. Navigate to **C:\LogRhythm**.

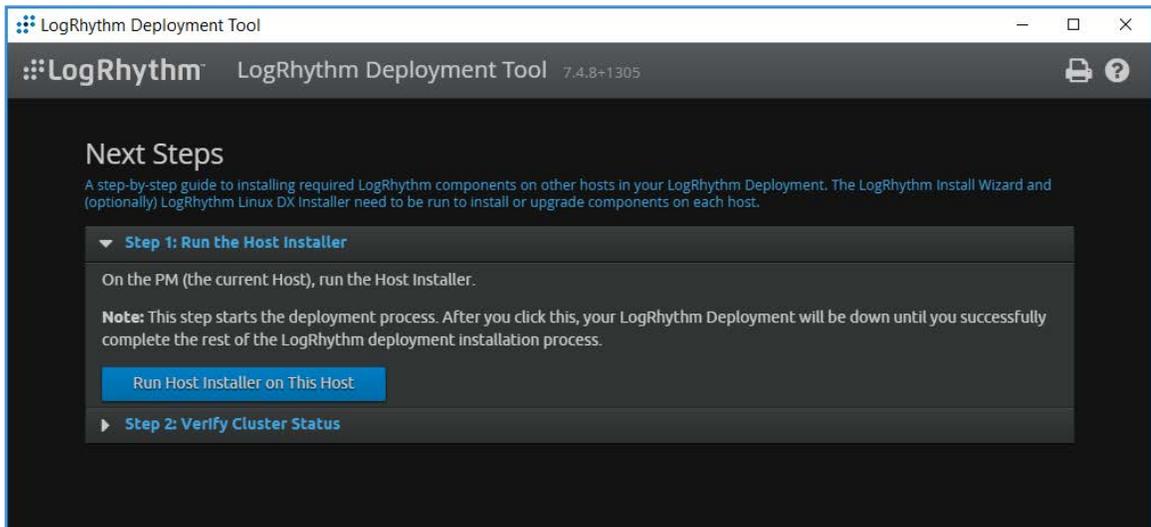
1008 21. Click **Select Folder**.



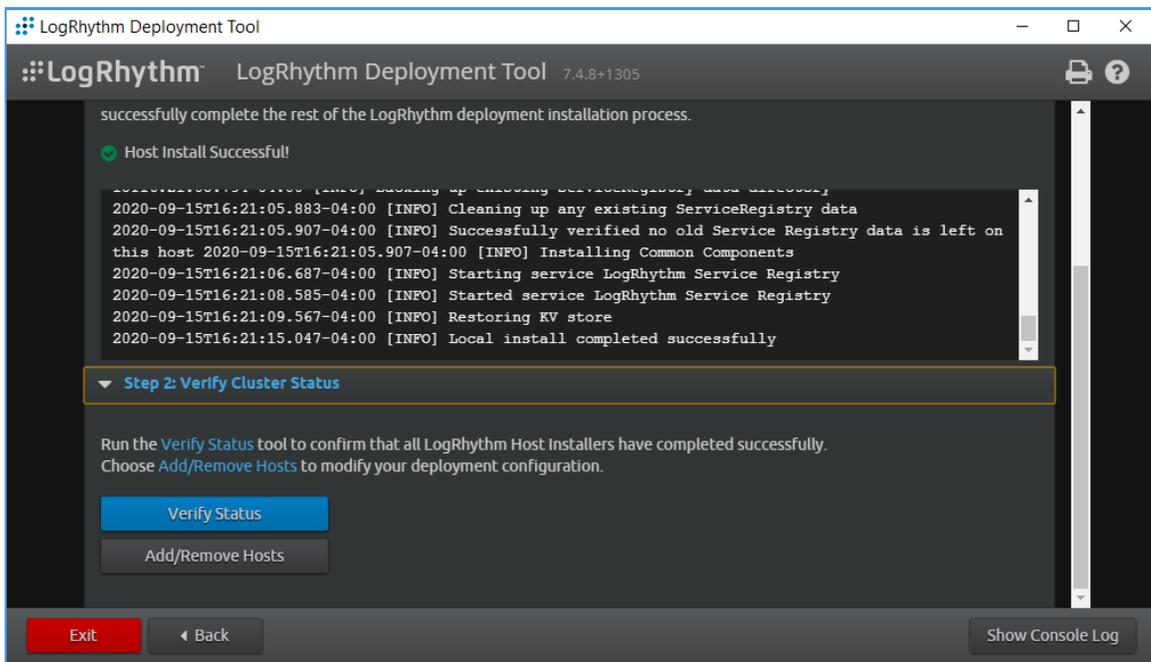
1009 22. Click **Next Step**.



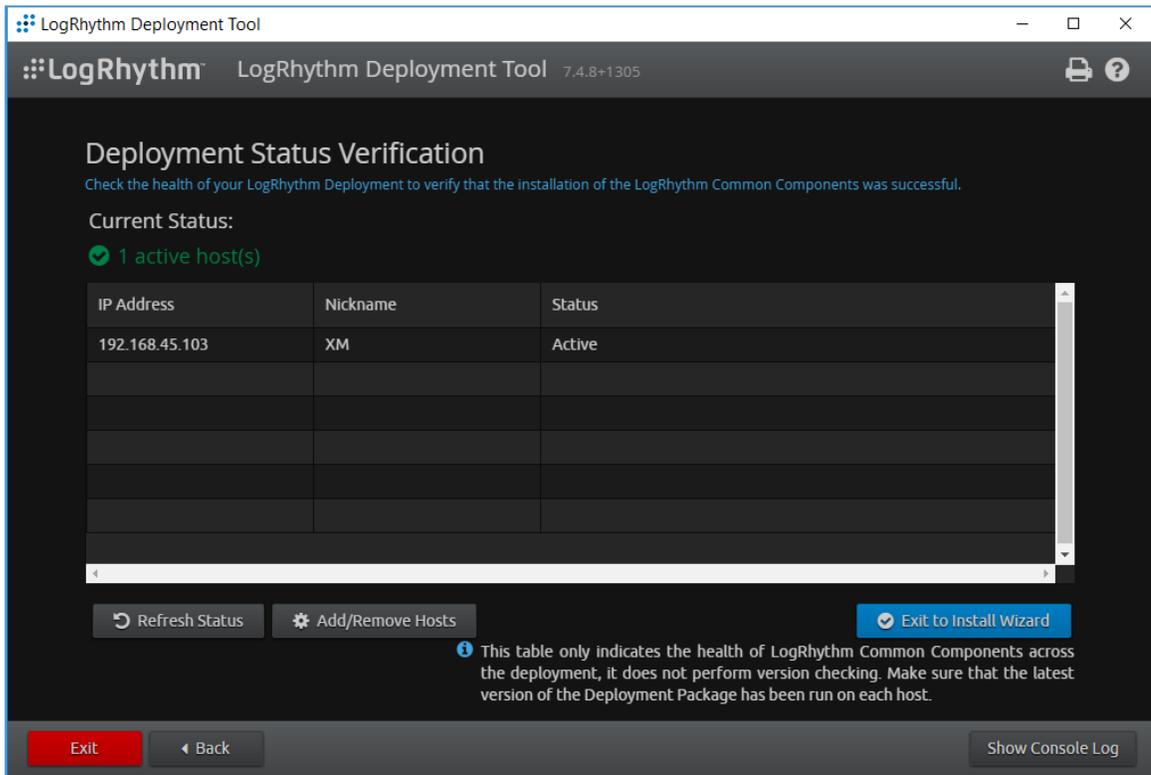
1010 23. Click **Run Host Installer on this Host**.



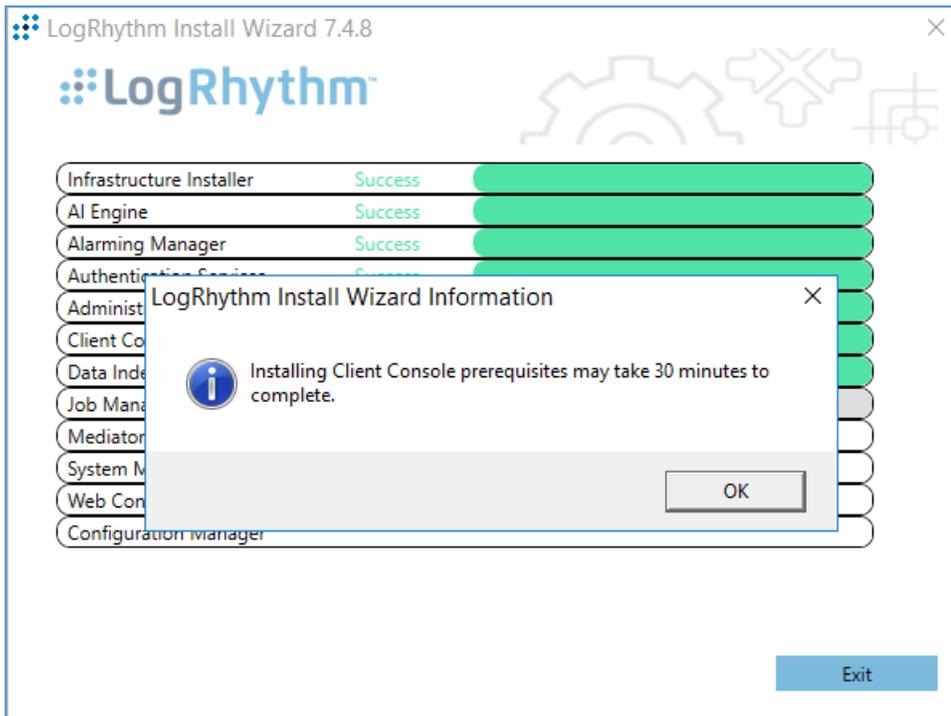
1011 24. After the Host Installer has finished, click **Verify Status**.



1012 25. Click **Exit** to Install Wizard.

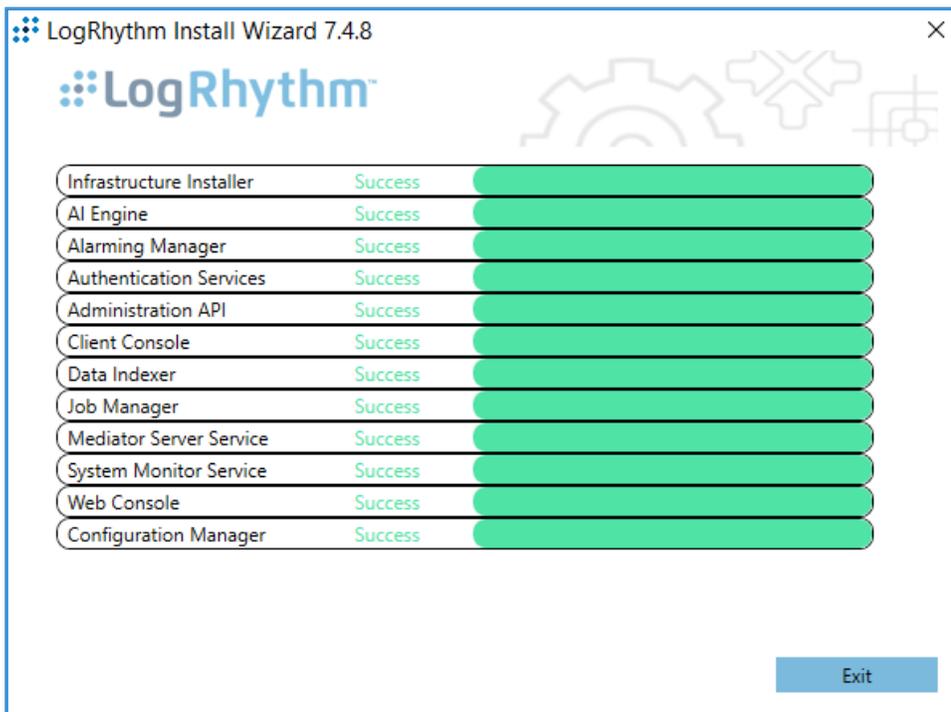


1013 26. A notification window displays stating the installation could take up to 30 minutes. Click **OK**.



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27. After the Install Wizard has successfully installed the services, click **Exit**.



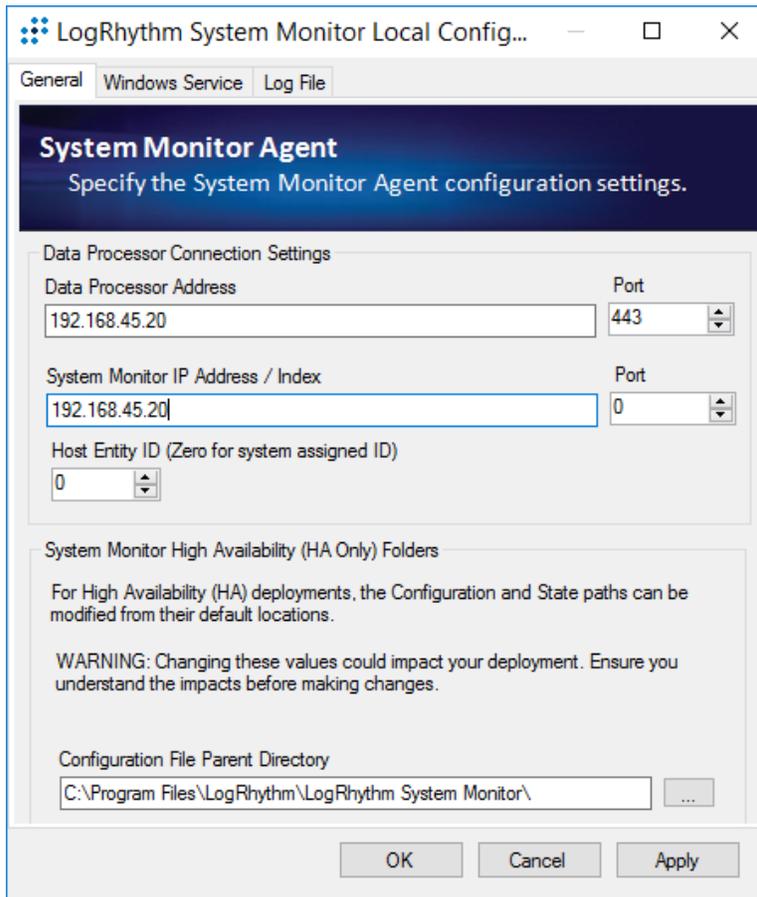
1015 **LogRhythm XDR Configuration**

1016 The LogRhythm XDR configuration includes multiple related components:

- 1017     ▪ System Monitor
- 1018     ▪ LogRhythm Artificial Intelligence (AI) Engine
- 1019     ▪ Mediator Server
- 1020     ▪ Job Manager
- 1021     ▪ LogRhythm Console

1022 **Configure System Monitor**

- 1023     1. Open **File Explorer** and navigate to **C:\Program Files\LogRhythm**.
- 1024     2. Navigate to **LogRhythm System Monitor**.
- 1025     3. Double-click the **lrconfig** application file.
- 1026     4. In the **LogRhythm System Monitor Local Configuration Manager** window, provide the following  
1027         information and leave the remaining fields as their default values:
  - 1028             a. **Data Processor Address:** 192.168.45.20
  - 1029             b. **System Monitor IP Address/Index:** 192.168.45.20
- 1030     5. Click **Apply**, and then click **OK**.



### 1031 **Configure LogRhythm AI Engine**

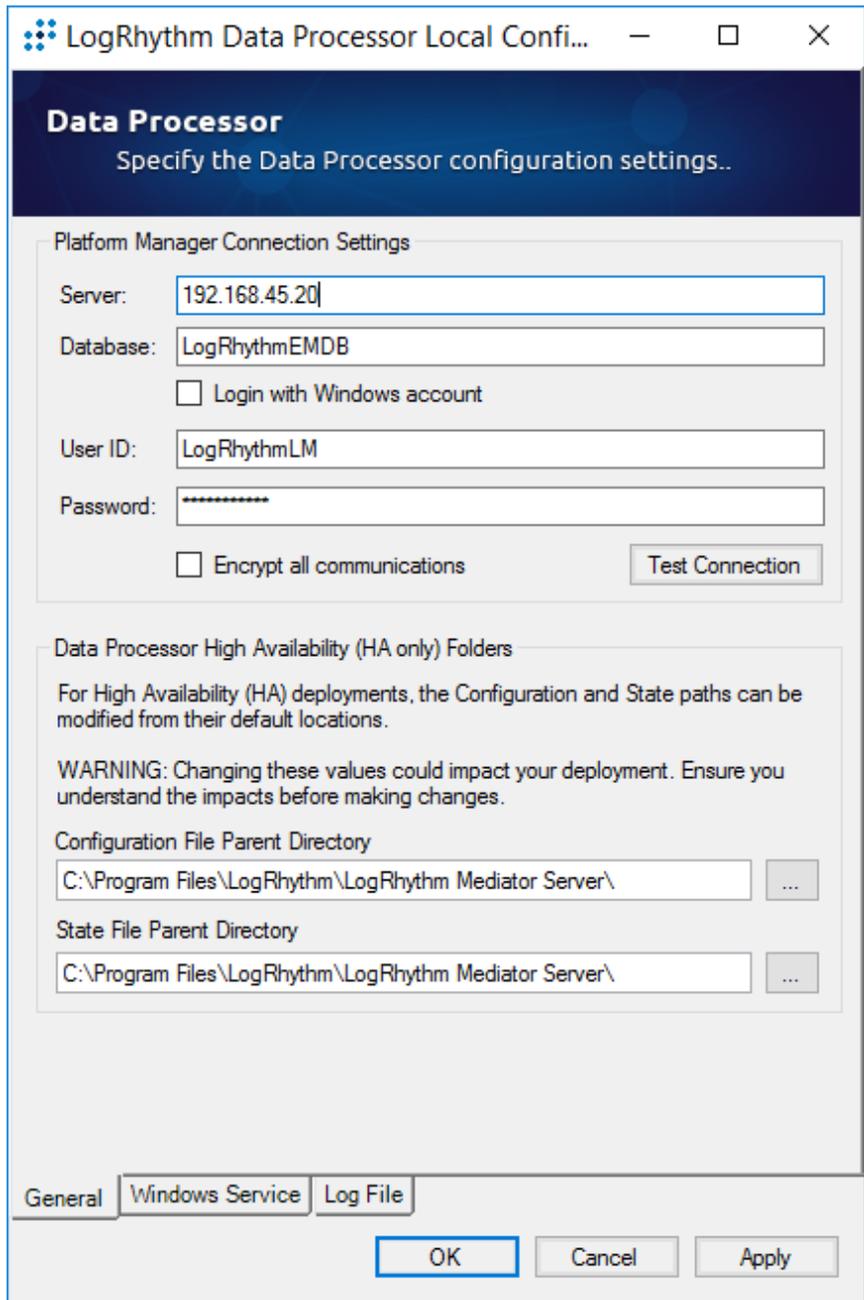
- 1032 1. Open **File Explorer** and navigate to **C:\Program Files\LogRhythm**.
- 1033 2. Navigate to **LogRhythm AI Engine**.
- 1034 3. Double-click the **lrconfig** application file.
- 1035 4. In the **LogRhythm AI Engine Local Configuration Manager** window, provide the following
- 1036 information, and leave the remaining fields as their default values:
  - 1037 a. **Server:** 192.168.45.20
  - 1038 b. **Password:** \*\*\*\*\*
- 1039 5. Click **Test Connection**, then follow the instruction of the alert window to complete the test
- 1040 connection.
- 1041 6. Click **Apply**, and then click **OK**.

1042 **Configure Mediator Server**

- 1043 1. Open File Explorer and navigate to **C:\Program Files\LogRhythm.**
- 1044 2. Navigate to **Mediator Server.**
- 1045 3. Double-click **lrconfig** application file.
- 1046 4. In the **LogRhythm Data Processor Local Configuration Manager** window, provide the following
- 1047 information, and leave the remaining fields as their default values:
- 1048 a. **Server:** 192.168.45.20
- 1049 b. **Password:** \*\*\*\*\*

1050

- 1051 5. Click **Test Connection**, then follow the instruction of the alert window to complete the test
- 1052 connection.
- 1053 6. Click **Apply**, and then click **OK**.



1054 **Configure Job Manager**

- 1055 1. Open File Explorer and navigate to **C:\Program Files\LogRhythm**.
- 1056 2. Navigate to **Job Manager**.
- 1057 3. Double-click the **Irconfig** application file.
- 1058 4. In the **LogRhythm Platform Manager Local Configuration Manager** window, provide the  
1059 following information, and leave the remaining fields as their default values:
  - 1060 a. **Server:** 192.168.45.20
  - 1061 b. **Password:** \*\*\*\*\*
- 1062 5. Click **Test Connection**, then follow the instruction of the alert window to complete the test  
1063 connection.
- 1064 6. Click **Apply**, and then click **OK**.

**Job Manager**  
Specify the Job Manager configuration settings.

Platform Manager Connection Settings

Server:

Database:

Login with Windows account

User ID:

Password:

Encrypt all communications

Job Manager High Availability (HA only) Folders

For High Availability (HA) deployments, the Configuration and State paths can be modified from their default locations.

WARNING: Changing these values could impact your deployment. Ensure you understand the impacts before making changes.

Configuration File Parent Directory  
 ...

State File Parent Directory  
 ...

Job Manager | Alarming and Response Manager | Windows Service | Job Mgr

- 1065 7. Navigate to the **Alarming and Response Manager** tab in the bottom menu ribbon.
- 1066 8. In the **Alarming and Response Manager** window, provide the following information, and leave
- 1067 the remaining fields as their default values:
- 1068 a. **Server:** 192.168.45.20

1069                   b. **Password:** \*\*\*\*\*

1070           9. Click **Test Connection**, then follow the instruction of the alert window to complete the test  
1071           connection.

1072           10. Click **Apply**, and then click **OK**.

The screenshot shows a window titled "LogRhythm Platform Manager Local C..." with a dark blue header "Alarming and Response Manager" and the instruction "Specify the ARM configuration settings." The window is divided into two main sections:

**Platform Manager Connection Settings**

- Server: 192.168.45.20
- Database: LogRhythmEMDB
- Login with Windows account
- User ID: LogRhythmARM
- Password: [masked with asterisks]
- Encrypt all communications
- Test Connection button

**ARM High Availability (HA only) Folders**

For High Availability (HA) deployments, the Configuration and State paths can be modified from their default locations.

WARNING: Changing these values could impact your deployment. Ensure you understand the impacts before making changes.

Configuration File Parent Directory: C:\Program Files\LogRhythm\LogRhythm Alarming and Response Manag ...

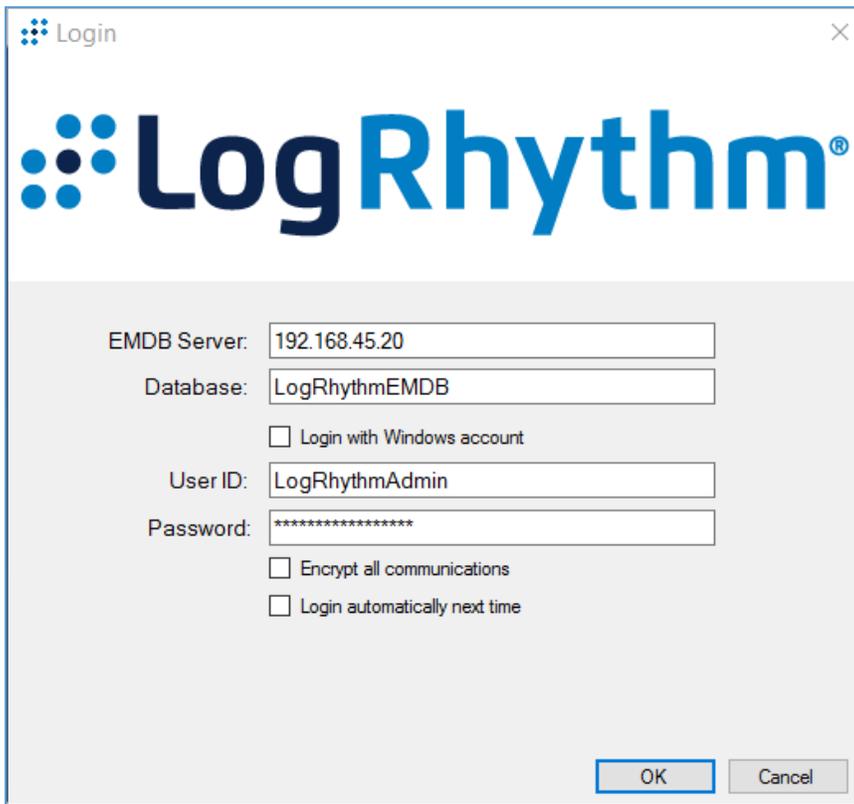
State File Parent Directory: C:\Program Files\LogRhythm\LogRhythm Alarming and Response Manag ...

At the bottom, there are tabs for "Job Manager", "Alarming and Response Manager" (selected), "Windows Service", and "Job Ma". Below the tabs are "OK", "Cancel", and "Apply" buttons.

1073 **Configure LogRhythm Console**

- 1074 1. Open File Explorer and navigate to **C:\Program Files\LogRhythm**.
- 1075 2. Navigate to **LogRhythm Console**.

- 1076 3. Double-click **lrconfig** application file.
- 1077 4. In the LogRhythm Login window, provide the following information:
  - 1078 a. **EMDB Server:** 192.168.45.20
  - 1079 b. **UserID:** LogRhythmAdmin
  - 1080 c. **Password:** \*\*\*\*\*
- 1081 5. Click **OK**.



- 1082 6. A New Platform Manager Deployment Wizard window displays. Provide the following
- 1083 information:
  - 1084 a. **Windows host name for Platform Manager:** LogRhythm-XDR
  - 1085 b. **IP Address for Platform Manager:** 192.168.45.20
  - 1086 c. Check the box next to **The Platform Manager is also a Data Processor (e.g., an XM**
  - 1087 **appliance).**

- 1088                   d. Check the box next to **The Platform Manager is also an AI Engine Server**.
- 1089           7. Click the **ellipsis button** next to **<Path to LogRhythm License File>** and navigate to the location
- 1090           of the LogRhythm License File.

New Platform Manager Deployment Wizard

**Initialize Platform Manager**

Windows host name for Platform Manager  
LogRhythm-XDR

IP Address for Platform Manager  
192.168.45.20

The Platform Manager is also a Data Processor (e.g., an XM appliance)

The Platform Manager is also an AI Engine Server

LogMart DB Server Override

LogRhythm License File  
<Path to LogRhythm License File> ...

OK Cancel

- 1091           8. The New Knowledge Base Deployment Wizard window displays and shows the import progress
- 1092           status. Once LogRhythm has successfully imported the file, a message window will appear
- 1093           stating more configurations need to be made for optimum performance. Click **OK** to open the
- 1094           **Platform Manager Properties** window.
- 1095           9. In the Platform Manager Properties window, provide the following information:
- 1096                   a. **Email address:** no\_reply@logrhythm.com
- 1097                   b. **Address:** 192.168.45.20
- 1098           10. Click the button next to **Platform**, enable the **Custom Platform** radio button, and complete the
- 1099           process by clicking **Apply**, followed by clicking **OK**.

**Platform Manager Properties**

Host  
LogRhythm-XDR

Platform  
Custom

Enable Alarming Engine  
 Enable Reporting Engine

Log Level  
VERBOSE

Email From Address  
no\_reply@logrhythm.com

SMTP Servers

SMTP Server (Primary)

Address  
192.168.45.20

User

Password

Use Windows authentication

Primary Secondary Tertiary

Advanced Defaults OK Cancel Apply

- 1100 11. After the Platform Manager Properties window closes, a message window displays for  
1101 configuring the Data Processor. Click **OK** to open the **Data Processor Properties** window.
- 1102 12. Click the button next to **Platform** and enable the **Custom Platform** radio button.
- 1103 13. Click **OK**.
- 1104 14. Leave the remaining fields in the Data Processor Properties window as their default values and  
1105 click **Apply**.
- 1106 15. Click **OK** to close the window.

**Data Processor Properties**

General | AI Engine | Automatic Log Source Configuration

Host  
LogRhythm-XDR

Platform  
Custom

Data Processor Name  
LogRhythm-XDR

Cluster Name  
logrhythm

Operating Mode

Offline - Data Processor is unavailable for use.

Online Active - Data Processor is online for active log data collection and analysis.

Online Archive - Data Processor is online for use in archive restoration and analysis.

Message Processing Engine Settings

Enable MPE log processing

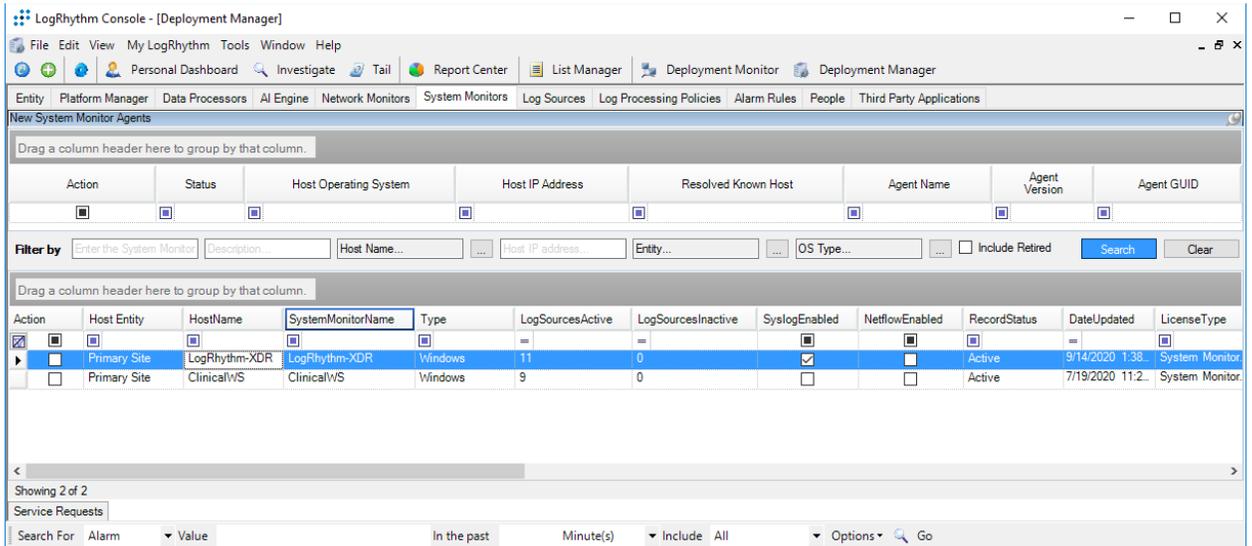
Disable MPE Event forwarding

60 Heartbeat Warning Interval. Value between 60 seconds and 86,400 seconds (1 day).

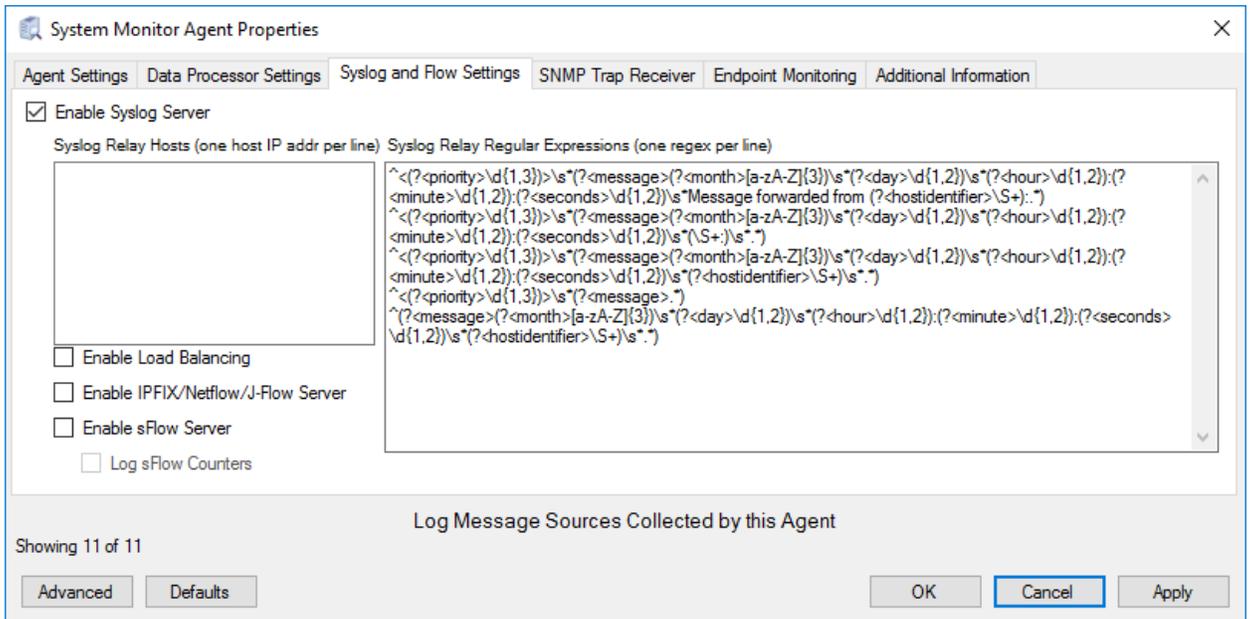
Advanced Defaults OK Cancel Apply

1107 **Set LogRhythm-XDR for System Monitor**

- 1108 1. Back in the LogRhythm console, navigate to the **Deployment Manager** tab in the menu ribbon.
- 1109 2. Navigate to **System Monitors** on the Deployment Manager menu ribbon.
- 1110 3. Double-click **LogRhythm-XDR**.



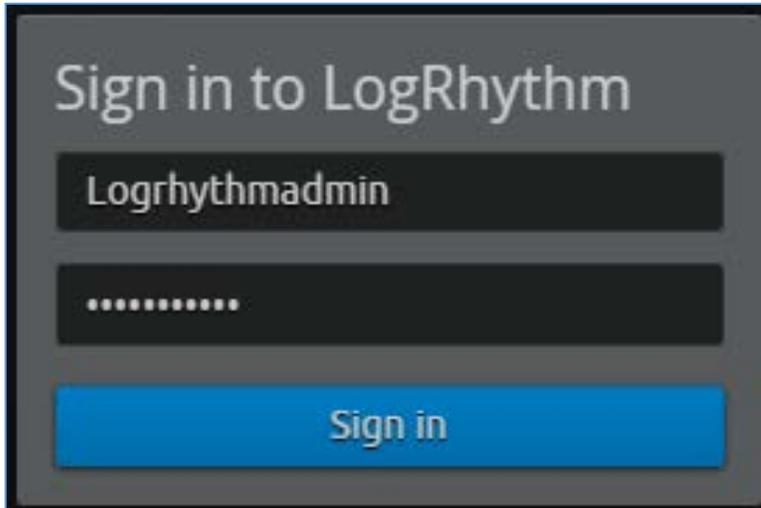
- 1111 4. In the **System Monitor Agent Properties** window, navigate to **Syslog and Flow Settings**.
- 1112 5. Click the checkbox beside **Enable Syslog Server**.
- 1113 6. Click **OK** to close the System Monitor Agent Properties window.



- 1114 **Use the LogRhythm Web Console**
- 1115 1. Open a web browser and navigate to <https://localhost:8443>.

1116 2. Enter the **Username:** logrhythmadmin

1117 3. Enter the **Password:** \*\*\*\*\*



1118 *2.2.3.4 LogRhythm NetworkXDR*

1119 LogRhythm NetworkXDR paired with LogRhythm XDR enables an environment to monitor network  
1120 traffic between end points and helps suggest remediation techniques for identified concerns. This  
1121 project utilizes NetworkXDR for continuous visibility on network traffic between HDO VLANs and  
1122 incoming traffic from the telehealth platform provider.

1123 **System Requirements**

1124 **CPU:** 24 vCPU

1125 **Memory:** 64 GB RAM

1126 **Storage:**

- 1127     ▪ Operating System Hard Drive: 220 GB
- 1128     ▪ Data Hard Drive: 3 TB
- 1129     ▪ Operating System: CentOS 7

1130

1131 **Network Adapter:** VLAN 1348

1132 **LogRhythm NetworkXDR Installation**

1133 LogRhythm provides an International Organization for Standardization (.iso) disk image to simplify  
1134 installation of NetMon. The .iso is a bootable image that installs CentOS 7.7 Minimal and NetMon. Note:  
1135 Because this is an installation on a Linux box, there is no need to capture the screenshots.

1136 **Download the Installation Software**

- 1137 1. Open a new tab in the web browser and navigate to <https://community.logrhythm.com>.
- 1138 2. Log in using the appropriate credentials.
- 1139 3. Click **LogRhythm Community**.
- 1140 4. Navigate to **Documentation & Downloads**.
- 1141 5. Register a **Username**.
- 1142 6. Click **Accept**.
- 1143 7. Click **Submit**.
- 1144 8. Navigate to **NetMon**.
- 1145 9. Click **downloads: netmon4.0.2**.
- 1146 10. Select **NetMon ISO** under Installation Files.

1147 **Create a New Firewall Rule**

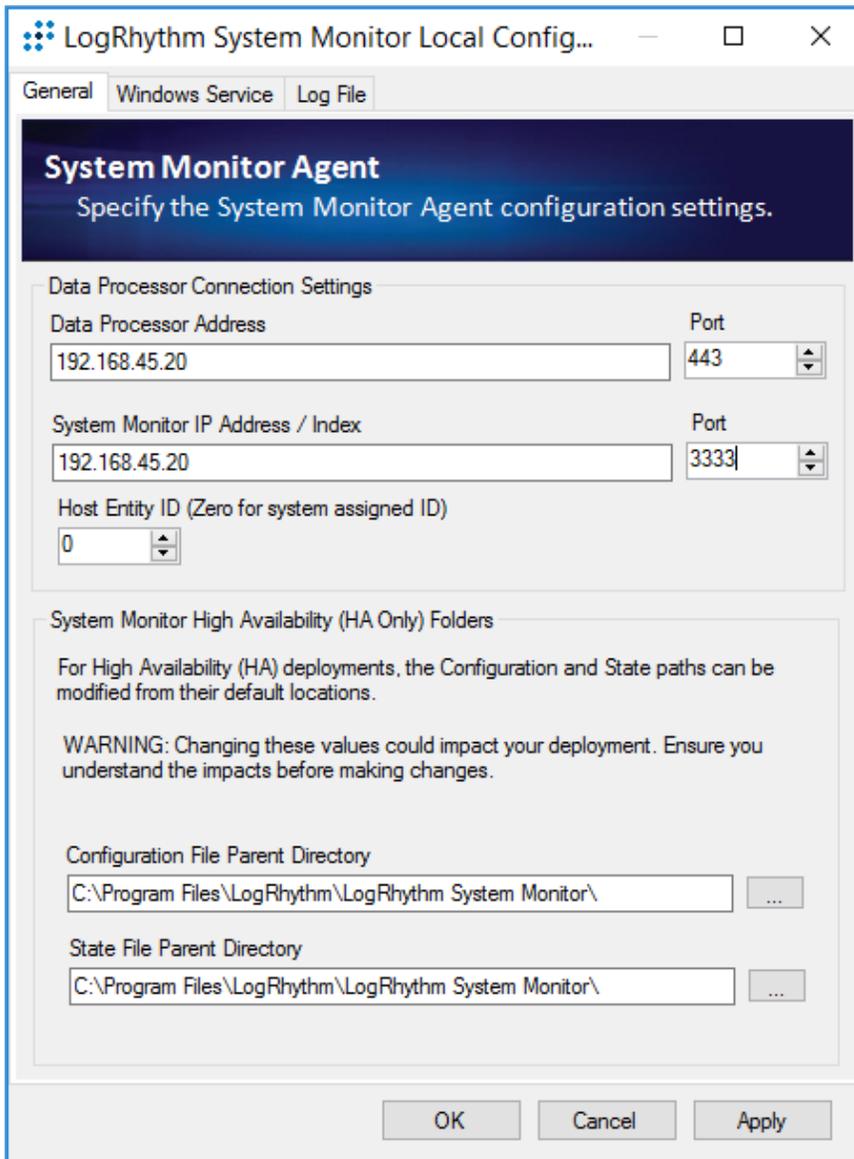
1148 NetMon communicates over TCP 443. The lab environment was configured to allow network sessions  
1149 connecting to the LogRhythm agent.

1150 **Install LogRhythm NetworkXDR**

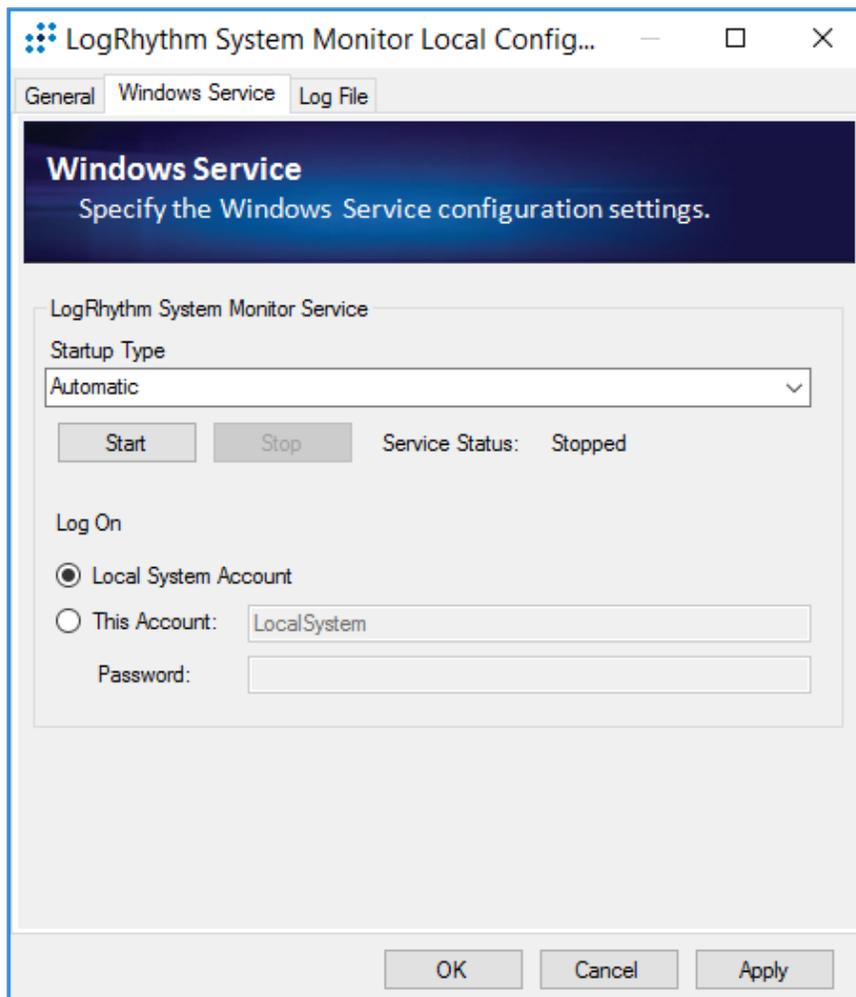
- 1151 1. In the host server, mount the *.iso* for the installation.
- 1152 2. Start the VM with the mounted *.iso*.
- 1153 3. When the welcome screen loads, select **Install LogRhythm Network Monitor**.
- 1154 4. The installer completes the installation, and the system reboots.
- 1155 5. When the system reboots, log in to the console by using **logrhythm** as the login and **\*\*\*\*\*** as  
1156 the password.
- 1157 6. Then change the password by typing the command `passwd`, type the default **password**, and then  
1158 type and verify the **new password**.

1159 **LogRhythm NetworkXDR Configuration**

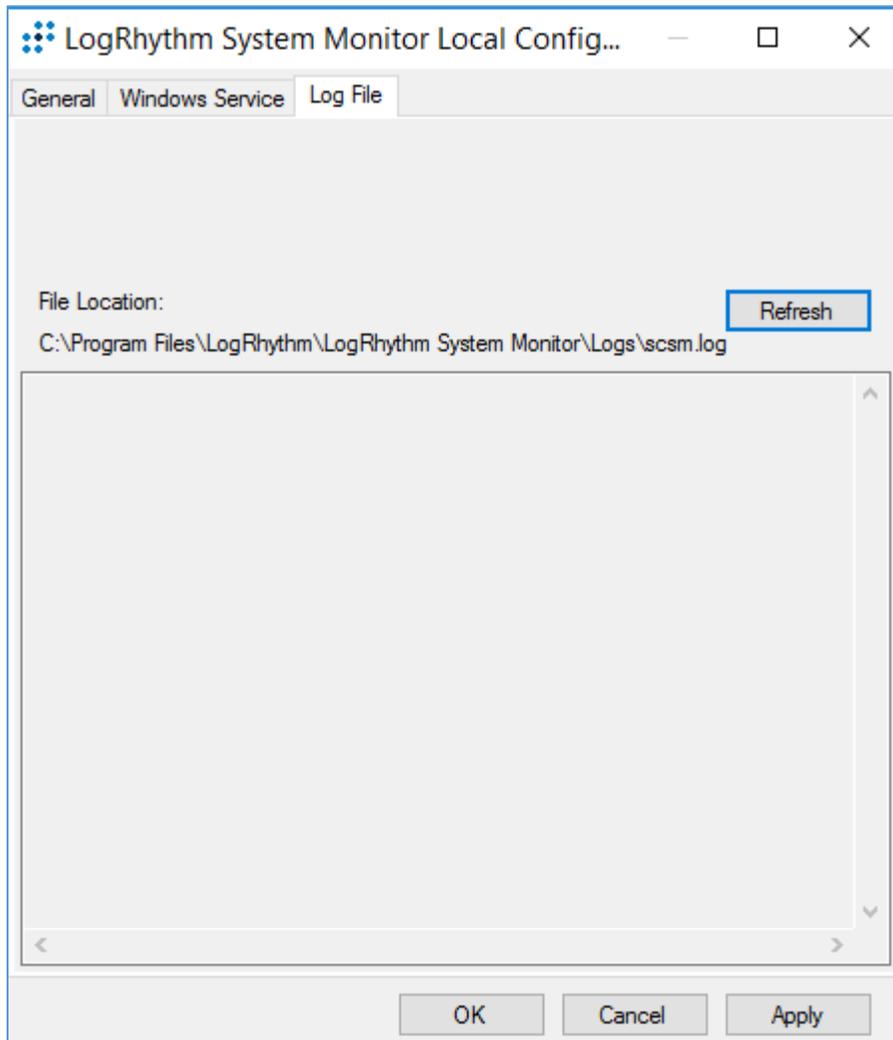
- 1160
- 1161 1. **Data Process Address:** 192.168.45.20
- 1162 2. Click **Apply**.



- 1163 3. Click the **Windows Service** tab.
- 1164 4. Change the **Service Type** to **Automatic**.
- 1165 5. Click **Apply**.



- 1166 6. Click the **Log File** tab.
- 1167 7. Click **Refresh** to ensure NetworkXDR log collection.
- 1168 8. Click **OK** to exit the **Local Configuration Manager**.



### 1169 *2.2.3.5 LogRhythm System Monitor Agent*

1170 LogRhythm System Monitor Agent is a component of LogRhythm XDR that receives end-point log files  
1171 and machine data in an IT infrastructure. The system monitor transmits ingested data to LogRhythm XDR  
1172 where a web-based dashboard displays any identified cyber threats. This project deploys LogRhythm's  
1173 System Monitor Agents on end points in each identified VLAN.

1174 Install the LogRhythm System Monitor Agent on one of the end points (e.g., Clinical Workstation) in the  
1175 HDO environment so that the LogRhythm XDR can monitor the logs, such as syslog and eventlog, of this  
1176 workstation.

### 1177 **System Monitor Agent Installation**

1178 This section describes installation of the system monitor agent.

1179 **Download Installation Packages**

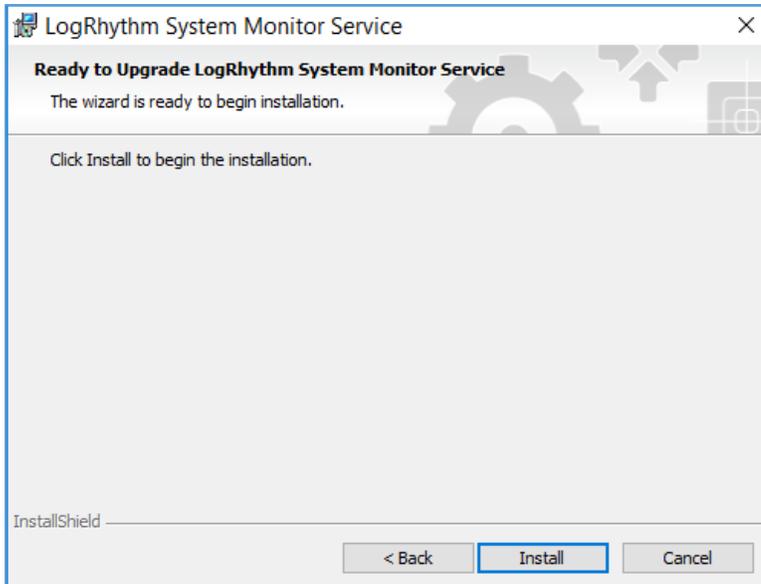
- 1180 1. Using a Clinical Workstation, open a web browser.
- 1181 2. Navigate to <https://community.logrhythm.com>.
- 1182 3. Log in using the credentials made when installing and configuring LogRhythm XDR.
- 1183 4. Navigate to **LogRhythm Community**.
- 1184 5. Click **Documents & Downloads**.
- 1185 6. Click **SysMon**.
- 1186 7. Click **SysMon – 7.4.10**.
- 1187 8. Click **Windows System Monitor Agents** and save to the **Downloads** folder on the Workstation.

1188 **Install System Monitor Agent**

- 1189 1. On the Workstation, navigate to **Downloads** folder.
- 1190 2. Click **LRWindowsSystemMonitorAgents**.
- 1191 3. Click **LRSysmon\_64\_7**.
- 1192 4. On the Welcome page, follow the Wizard, and click **Next...**



- 1193 5. On the ready to begin installation page, click **Install**.



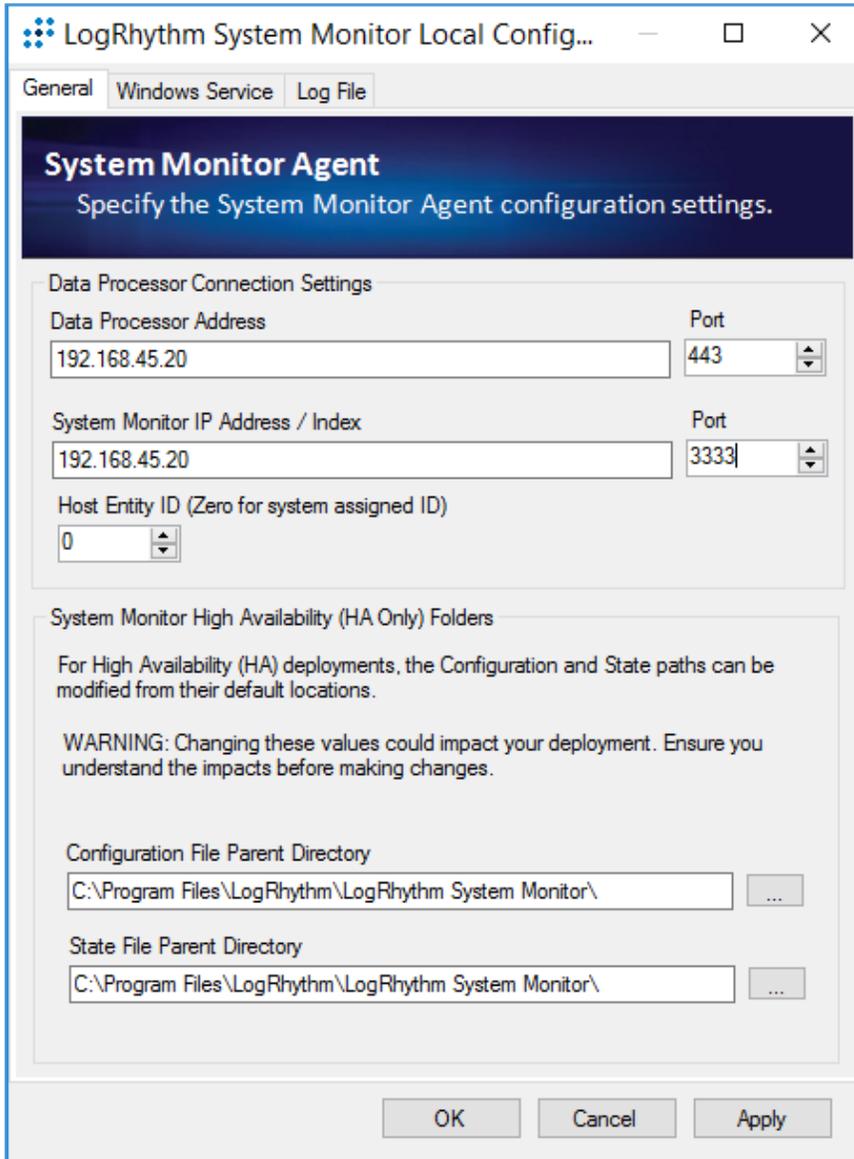
- 1194 6. Click **Finish**.



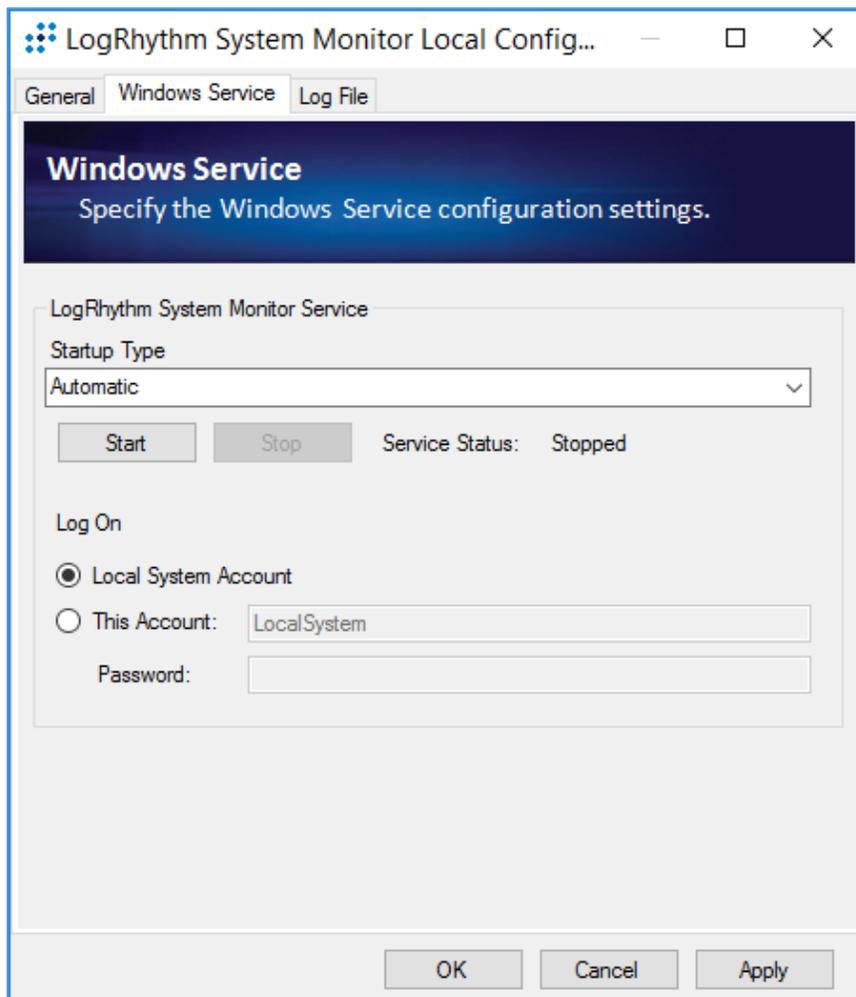
1195 **System Monitor Agent Configuration**

- 1196 1. After exiting the **LogRhythm System Monitor Service Install Wizard**, a LogRhythm System  
1197 Monitor Local Configuration window displays. Under the **General** tab, provide the following  
1198 information:

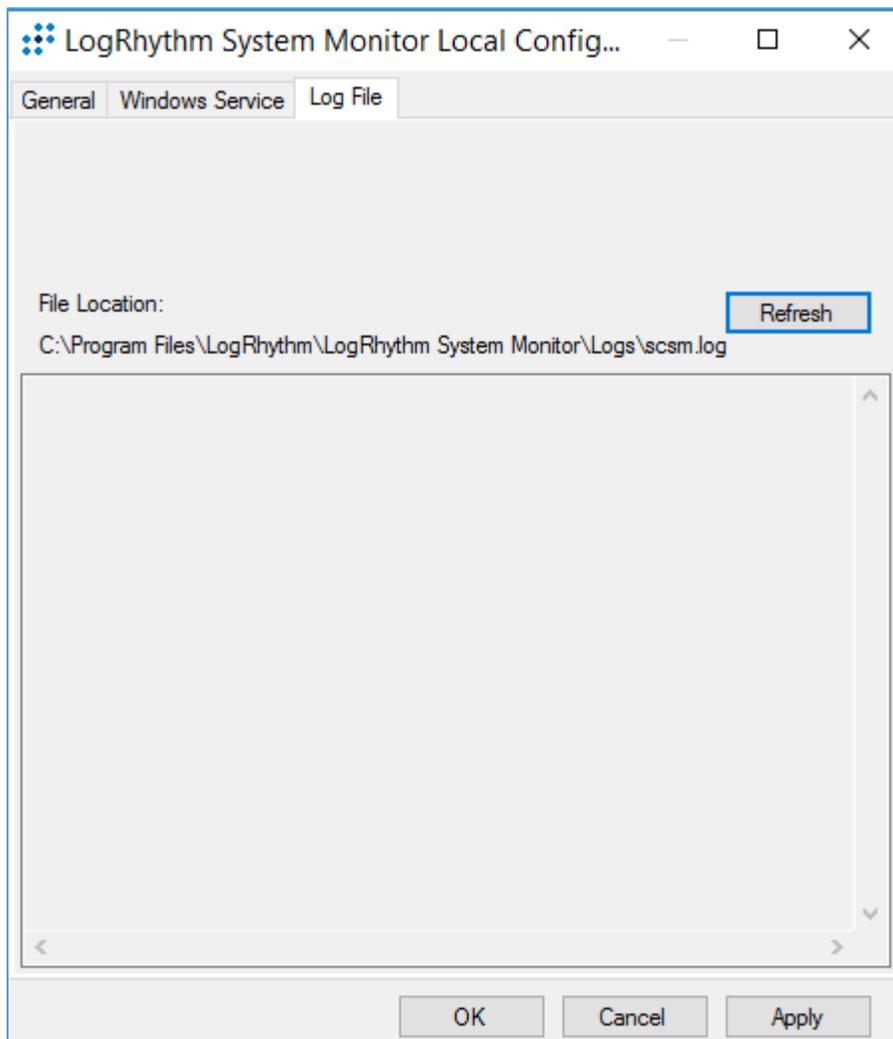
- 1199           a. **Data Process Address:** 192.168.45.20
- 1200           b. **System Monitor IP Address/Index:** 192.168.45.20
- 1201       2. Click **Apply**.



- 1202       3. Click the **Windows Service** tab.
- 1203       4. Change the **Service Type** to **Automatic**.
- 1204       5. Click **Apply**.



- 1205        6. Click the **Log File** tab.
- 1206        7. Click **Refresh** to ensure NetworkXDR log collection.
- 1207        8. Click **OK** to exit the **Local Configuration Manager**.



1208 **Add Workstation for System Monitor**

1209 Engineers added Clinical Workstation for System Monitor and Set Its Message Source Types in the  
1210 LogRhythm Deployment Manager.

- 1211 1. Log in to the **LogRhythm Console**.
  - 1212 a. **User ID:** LogRhythmAdmin
  - 1213 b. **Password:** \*\*\*\*\*

EMDB Server: 192.168.45.20

Database: LogRhythmEMDB

Login with Windows account

User ID: LogRhythmAdmin

Password: \*\*\*\*\*

Encrypt all communications

Login automatically next time

OK Cancel

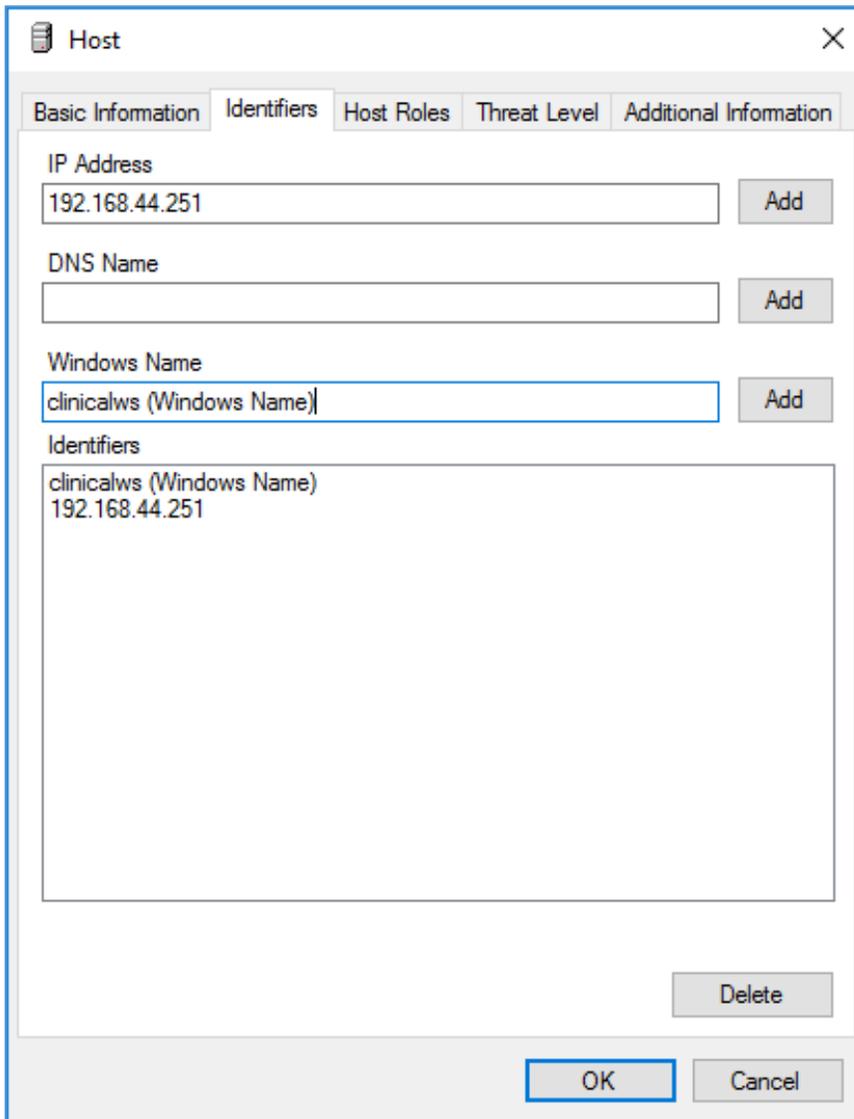
- 1214 2. Navigate to the **Deployment Manager** in the menu ribbon.
- 1215 3. Under the **Entity** tab on the **Deployment Manager** menu ribbon.
- 1216 4. Click **New** to open the **Host** pop-up window, and enter the following under the **Basic**
- 1217 **Information** tab:
  - 1218 a. **Name:** ClinicalWS
  - 1219 b. **Host Zone:** Internal

The screenshot shows a 'Host' configuration window with the following fields and options:

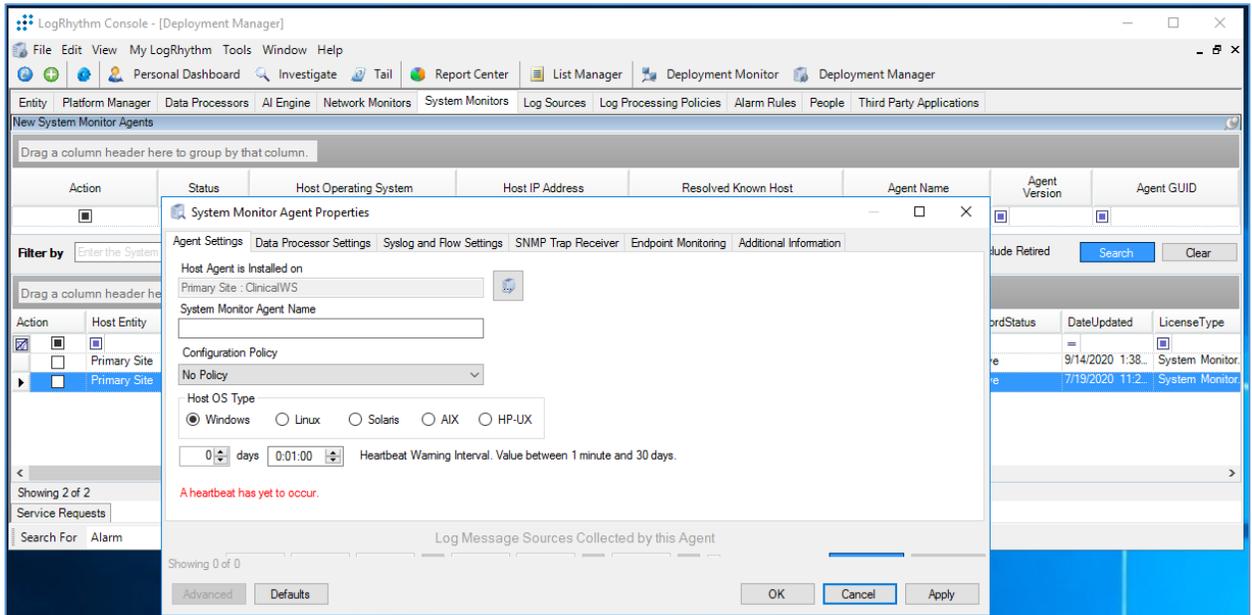
- Name:** ClinicalWS
- Host Zone:** Internal (selected), DMZ, External
- Operating System:** Windows
- Operating System Version:** Windows 10
- Host Location:** (Empty field)
- Brief Description:** (Empty text area)
- Host Risk Level:** 0 None (no risk)
- Windows Event Log Credentials:**
  - Use specified credentials
  - Password:** (Empty field)
  - Username (domain\username):** (Empty field)
  - Confirm Password:** (Empty field)

Buttons: OK, Cancel

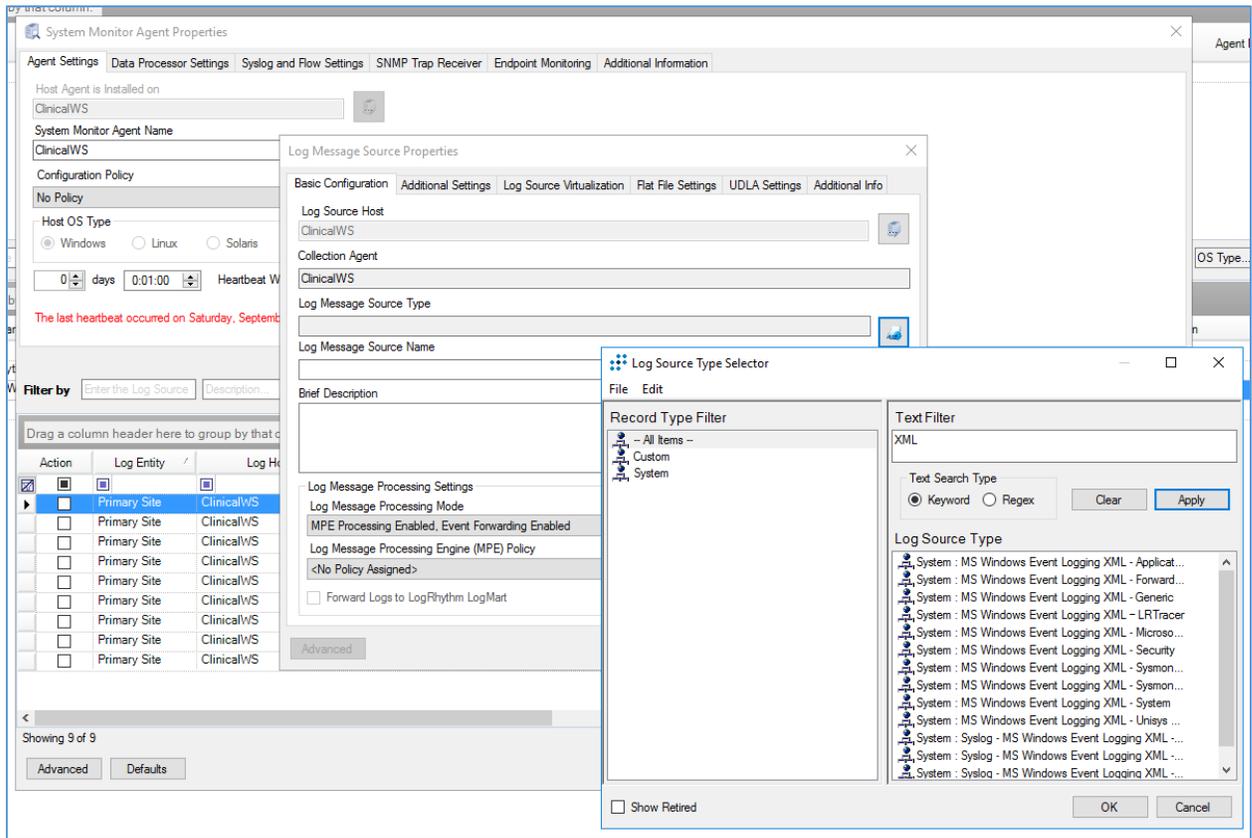
- 1220 5. Navigate to the **Identifiers** tab, provide the following information in the appropriate fields, and  
1221 click **Add**.
- 1222 a. **IP Address:** 192.168.44.251
- 1223 b. **Windows Name:** clinicalws (Windows Name)



- 1224 6. Add the **ClinicalWS** as a new system monitor agent by navigating to the **System Monitors** tab,  
1225 right-clicking in the empty space, and selecting **New**.
- 1226 7. In the System Monitor Agent Properties window, click the button next to **Host Agent is Installed**  
1227 **on**, and select **Primary Site: ClinicalWS**.



- 1228 8. Go to **System Monitors**.
- 1229 9. Double-click **ClinicalWS**.
- 1230 10. Under **LogSource** of the **System Monitor Agent Property** window, right-click in the empty space,  
1231 and select **New**. The **Log Message Source Property** window will open.
- 1232 11. Under the **Log Message Source Property** window, click the button associated with **Log Message**  
1233 **Source Type**. It will open the **Log Source Selector** window.
- 1234 12. In the text box to the right of the **Log Source Selector** window, type **XML**, and click **Apply**.
- 1235 13. Select the **Log Source Type** and click **OK**.



## Appendix A List of Acronyms

<b>AD</b>	Active Directory
<b>CPU</b>	Central Processing Unit
<b>DHCP</b>	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
<b>DNS</b>	Domain Name Service
<b>FMC</b>	Firepower Management Center
<b>FTD</b>	Firepower Threat Defense
<b>GB</b>	Gigabyte
<b>HDO</b>	Healthcare Delivery Organization
<b>IP</b>	Internet Protocol
<b>ISO</b>	International Organization for Standardization
<b>IT</b>	Information Technology
<b>NAT</b>	Network Address Translation
<b>NCCoE</b>	National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence
<b>NIST</b>	National Institute of Standards and Technology
<b>OVA</b>	Open Virtual Appliance or Application
<b>PACS</b>	Picture Archiving and Communication System
<b>RAM</b>	Random Access Memory
<b>RPM</b>	Remote Patient Monitoring
<b>SFC</b>	Stealthwatch Flow Collector
<b>SIEM</b>	Security Incident Event Management
<b>SMC</b>	Stealthwatch Management Center
<b>SP</b>	Special Publication
<b>TB</b>	Terabyte
<b>URL</b>	Uniform Resource Locator
<b>vCPU</b>	Virtual Central Processing Unit
<b>VLAN</b>	Virtual Local Area Network
<b>VM</b>	Virtual Machine
<b>XDR</b>	Extended Detection and Response

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