

Biggest Health Data Hacks of 2016



Cybercriminals were able to break into records of nine providers and a business associate in 2016. The number of records accessed was down significantly from 2015, when cyberattacks hit large insurers.

The [Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Health and Human Services](#) has compiled a list of the top 10 healthcare data breaches of 2016.

1. Banner Health (3.62 million affected individuals): Hackers accessed data of patients, health plan members and beneficiaries, providers, and people who bought food and beverages with a payment card.
2. NewKirk Products (3.47 million affected individuals): Newkirk is a vendor that issues identification cards for payers in the healthcare insurance industry. Its records were hacked this summer.
3. 21st Century Oncology Holdings (2.21 million affected individuals): The information was exposed when a network server was hacked late in 2015, but the incident was only reported in the spring.
4. Valley Anesthesiology and Pain Consultants (882,590 affected individuals): Data was hacked through a network server. Valley has more than 300 providers serving multiple hospitals across the greater Phoenix metropolitan area.

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5. Bon Secours Health System (651,971 affected individuals): Breach occurred when a business associate inadvertently made protected health information accessible via the internet.
6. Peachtree Orthopaedic Clinic (531,000 affected individuals): Network server was hacked, with information on the attack released this fall.
7. Radiology Regional Center (483,063 affected individuals): Information was released following the loss of paper/film records from a truck.
8. California Correctional Healthcare Services (400,000 affected individuals): Health records were put at risk after the theft of a laptop computer.
9. Central Ohio Urology Group (300,000 affected individuals): [Data](#) was compromised following the hack of an internal file server on the organisation's network.
10. Premier Healthcare LLC (205,748 affected individuals): Protected health information was put at risk when a laptop computer was stolen.

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