



# NAVIGATING CYBERSECURITY CHALLENGES IN HEALTHCARE: CYLCOMED PROJECT

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- Overview of Healthcare challenges and bleak stats
- Project Architecture and Toolbox
- Legal and Ethical Challenges



**CYBERATTACK**

## The cyberattack that has paralysed Barcelona's Hospital Clínic: "No ransom will be paid"

**Major Catalan public hospital hopes to resume some activity progressively from Tuesday after serious ransomware attack**

**Nura Portella**  
Photo: **ACN**  
Barcelona, Monday, 6 March 2023, 13:07  
Updated Tuesday, 13 February 2024, 09:46  
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## Why Hospitals Are the Perfect Targets for Ransomware

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### HSE cyber attack: More than 470 legal proceedings issued against health service after ransomware hit

Leak by Conti, the Russia-based crime group, compromised personal data of almost 100,000 staff and patients

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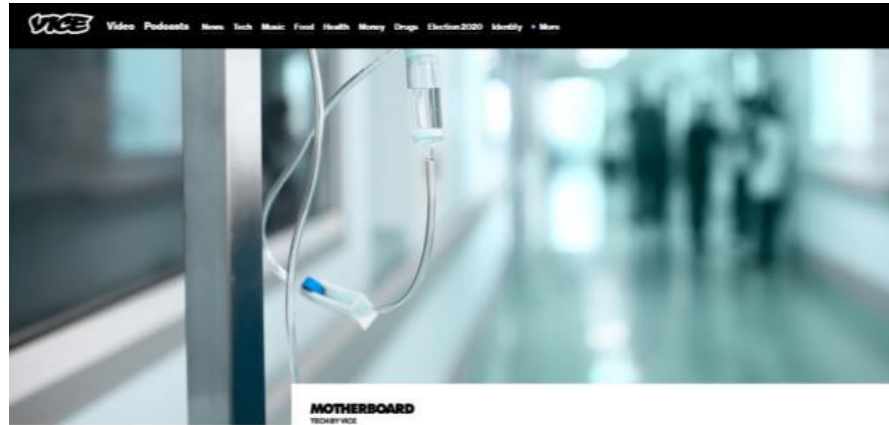
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## FDA Warns Of Dangerous Cybersecurity Hacking Risk With Connected Medical Devices

**Zak Doffman** Contributor @ Cybersecurity  
*I write about security and surveillance.*



## The Spreading Epidemic of Hospital Ransomware

Ransomware including the new Samsam has been disrupting healthcare providers across the globe.

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## First death reported following a ransomware attack on a German hospital

Death occurred after a patient was diverted to a nearby hospital after the Duesseldorf University Hospital suffered a ransomware attack.

**2023 DATA BREACH REPORT**

The Annual Data Breach Report explores a dramatic increase in reported data compromises and the underlying trends behind the growth. 2023 represented an all-time high for data compromises reported in the United States.

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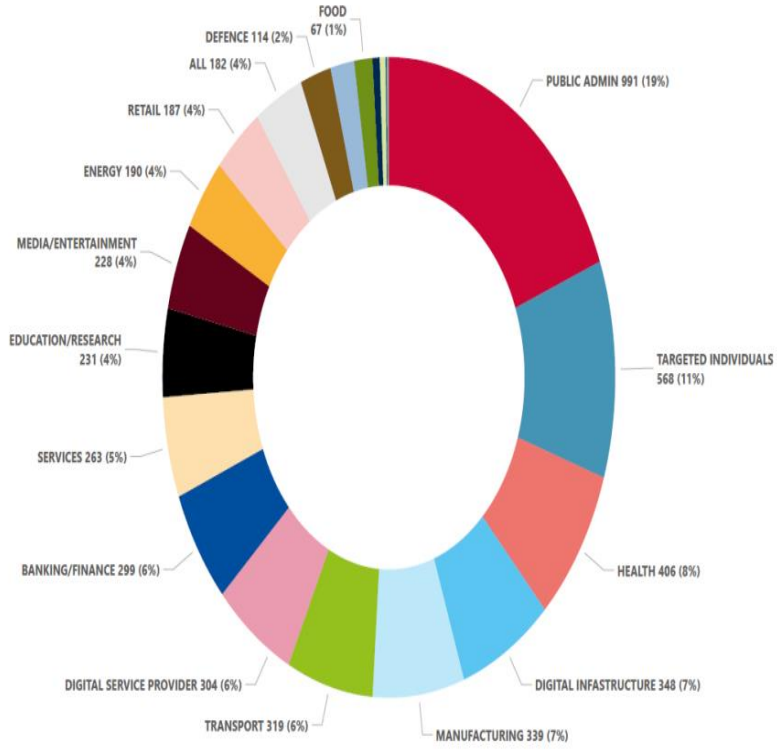
## ENISA THREAT LANDSCAPE 2023

**THE 2024 STUDY ON CYBER INSECURITY IN HEALTHCARE: THE COST AND IMPACT ON PATIENT SAFETY AND CARE**

Independently conducted by:

**Ponemon INSTITUTE**

### Top Compromises by Industry



**92%**

of organizations in this research had at least one cyberattack over the past 12 months

**\$4.7M**

is the average total cost for the single most expensive cyberattack experienced over the past 12 months

**\$1.47M**

in disruption to normal healthcare operations was on average the most significant financial consequence from the cyberattack



# WHAT IS AT STAKE?



- BREACH OR THEFT OF DATA
- DISRUPTION OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES
- PATIENT/HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL SAFETY
- REPUTATIONAL HARM
- FINANCIAL LOSS

A person wearing a dark hoodie is holding a large, illuminated sign that reads "DATA BREACH" in bold, white, block letters. The background is dark blue with vertical columns of binary code (0s and 1s) and a glowing blue light effect behind the sign.

**DATA  
BREACH**

**BREACH OR  
THEFT OF DATA**



A photograph of a desk setup. In the foreground, a silver laptop is open. The screen shows a blue background with a red banner at the top that says "WARNING" and a red shield icon with an exclamation mark. Below the banner, the text "Virus Detected" is visible. A black stethoscope is draped over the laptop keyboard. To the right of the laptop, a white smartphone is lying flat, displaying a red screen with white text. In the background, a white coffee cup sits on a saucer. The entire scene is set on a dark wooden desk.

# DISRUPTION OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES





# PATIENT SAFETY

**REPUTATIONAL  
HARM**



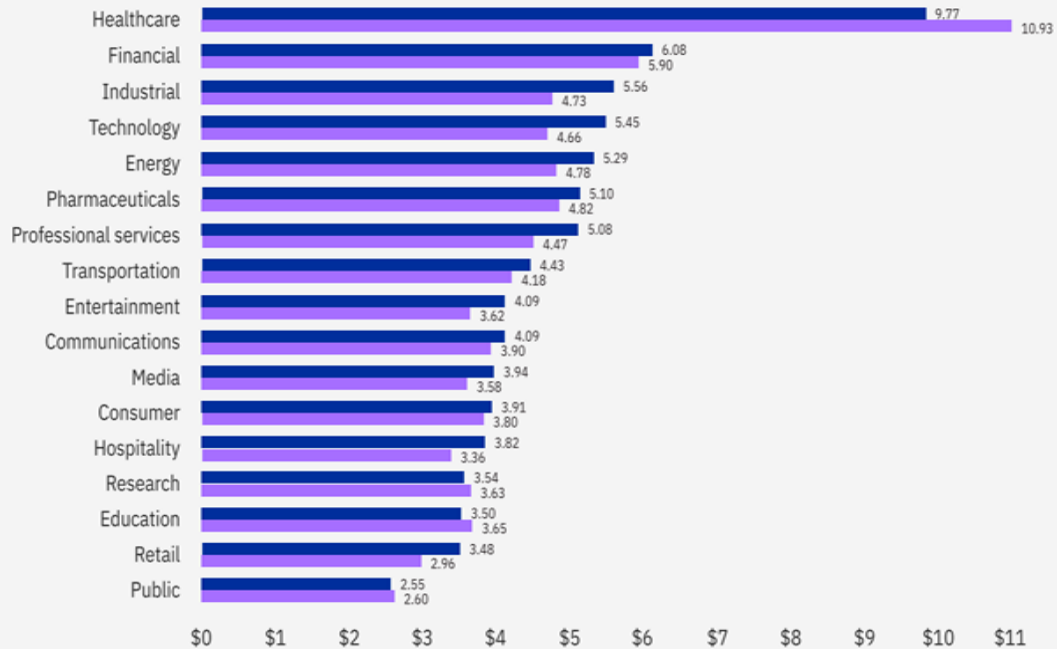
**REPUTATION**



# FINANCIAL LOSS

## Cost of a Data Breach Report 2024

Cost of a data breach by industry



# WHY HEALTH SECTOR ?

## WHY IS HEALTH SECTOR VULNERABLE ?

- Financial Gain
- Easy Target
- Connected Medical Devices (Legacy Devices)
- Human Factor





# FINANCIAL GAIN

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# EASY TARGET

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- **CONNECTED MEDICAL DEVICES (LEGACY DEVICES)**



# HUMAN FACTOR





## Objectives

1

Identification of ethical, legal and regulatory frameworks and challenges and providing recommendations to extend cybersecurity guidelines for CMDs from the legal and ethical perspective

2

Complete review of CMD cybersecurity standards, guidelines and best practices, issuing intermediate and final Recommendations to extend cybersecurity guidelines for CMDs

3

Adoption-ready cyber risk management methodology and tools for CMD and novel technologies (AI, 5G, Blockchain, Cloud computing)

4

End-user driven design and implementation of cybersecurity toolbox for CMDs

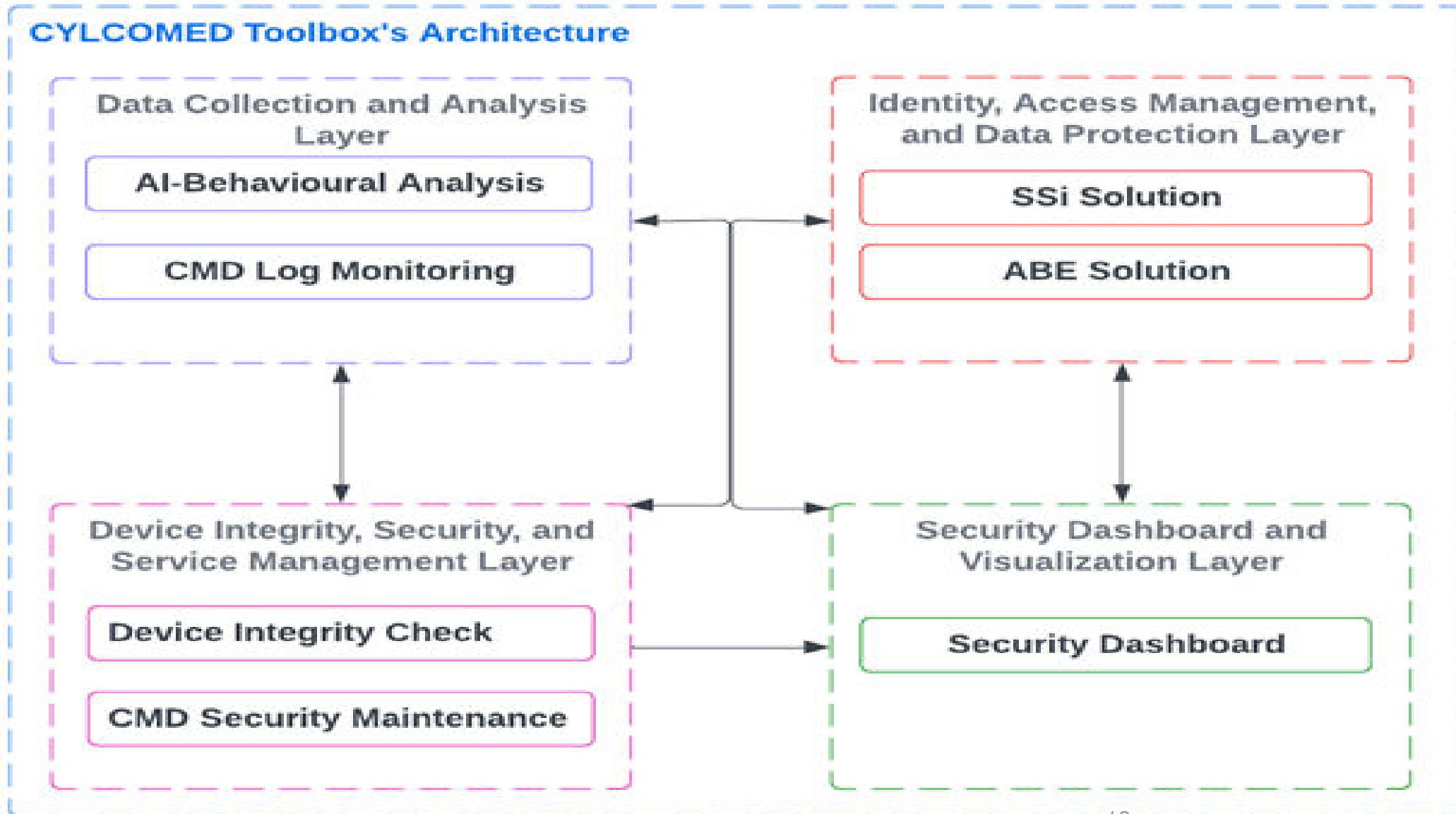
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Toolbox integration and validation in real-world telemedicine and hospital infrastructures

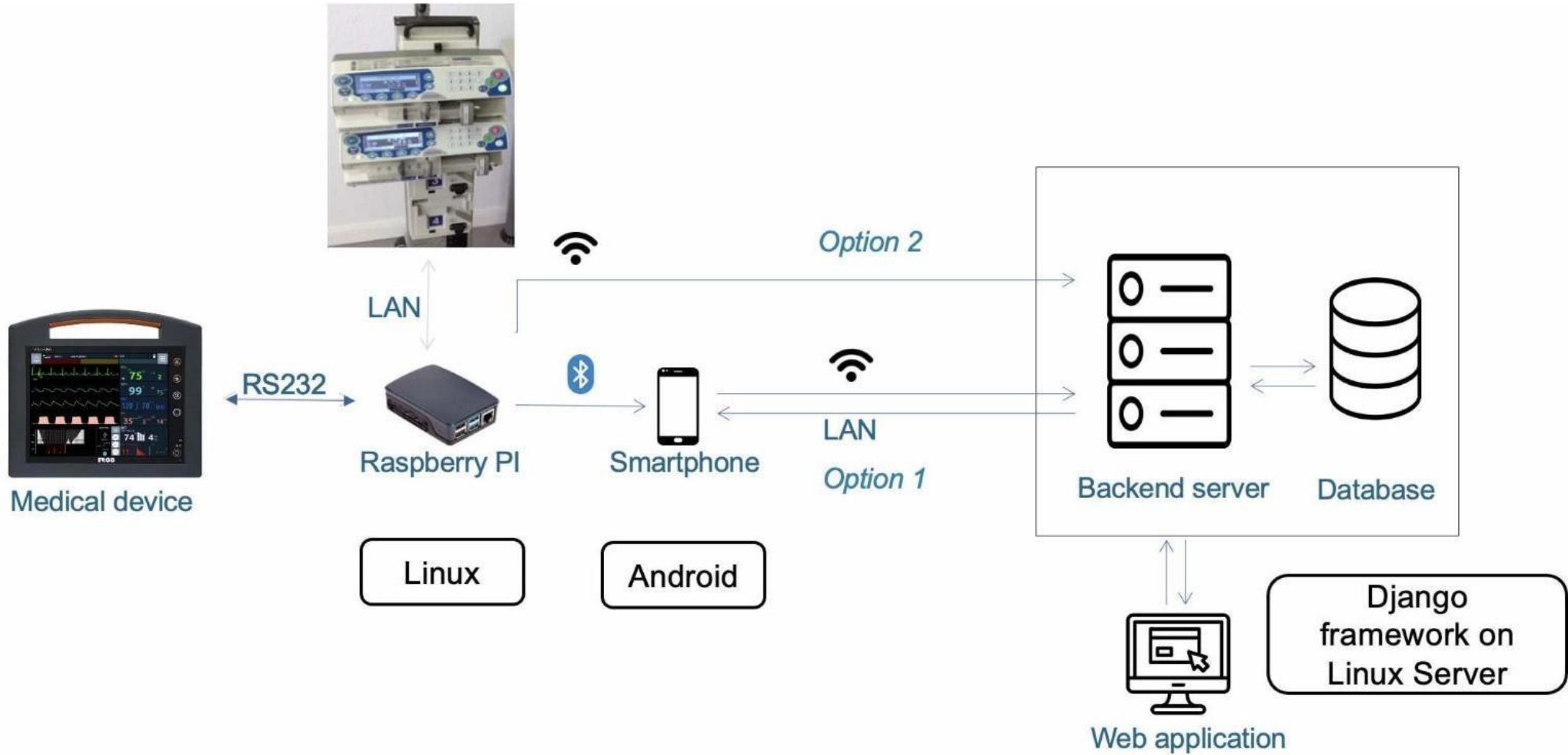
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Maximise impact through communication, dissemination, exploitation and training for adoption

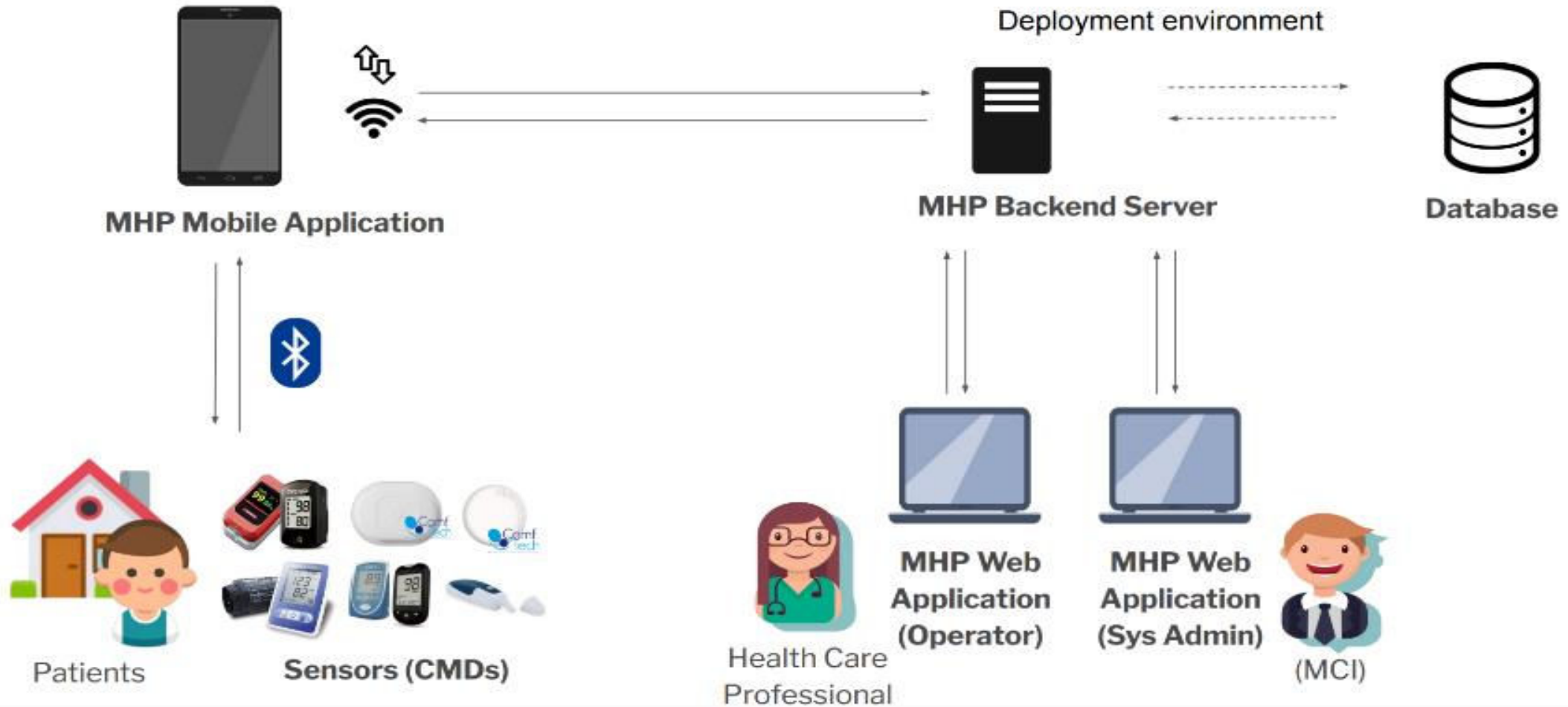
## CYLCOMED Toolbox's Architecture



# PILOT 1 - "CYBERSECURITY IN HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR COVID-19 ICU PATIENTS"



# PILOT 2 - CYBERSECURITY FOR TELEMEDICINE PLATFORMS





# PILOT 2 - *CYBERSECURITY FOR TELEMEDICINE PLATFORMS*

<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>Area of involvement</b>	<b>Pilot scope</b>
Clinicians	Clinical	Usability/acceptability
Patients	Clinical	Usability/acceptability
Ethical committees	Clinical	Alignment with ethics and regulation but response is yes/no
Healthcare administrators	Clinical	Cybersecurity strategies
HIS technicians	Clinical / Technical	Intervention in case of threat
Researchers and Developers	Technical	Future development and innovation
Technology providers	Technical	Design and implementation
Medical Device Manufacturers	Technical	Design and implementation

## Overview of Legal and Ethical Frameworks CYLCOMED

### Data Laws

Data Protection Law  
(**GDPR**)

Data Act

European Health Data  
Spaces Proposal (**EDHS**)

### Cybersecurity Laws

Cybersecurity Act (**CA**)

Network and Information  
System Directive (**NIS2**)

Radio Equipment Directive  
(**RED**)

Cyber Resilience Act (**CRA**)

### AI Law

Artificial Intelligence  
Act (**AI Act**)

Soft Law Instruments  
(e.g AI HLEG)

### Medical Devices Laws

Medical Device Regulation  
(**MDR**)

In Vitro Medical Device  
Regulation (**IVDR**)

Soft Law Instruments  
(e.g MDCG)

## Ethical Requirements

Principles of Bioethics, Declaration of Helsinki, ICH GCP, CIOMS, CTR

# LEGAL CHALLENGES

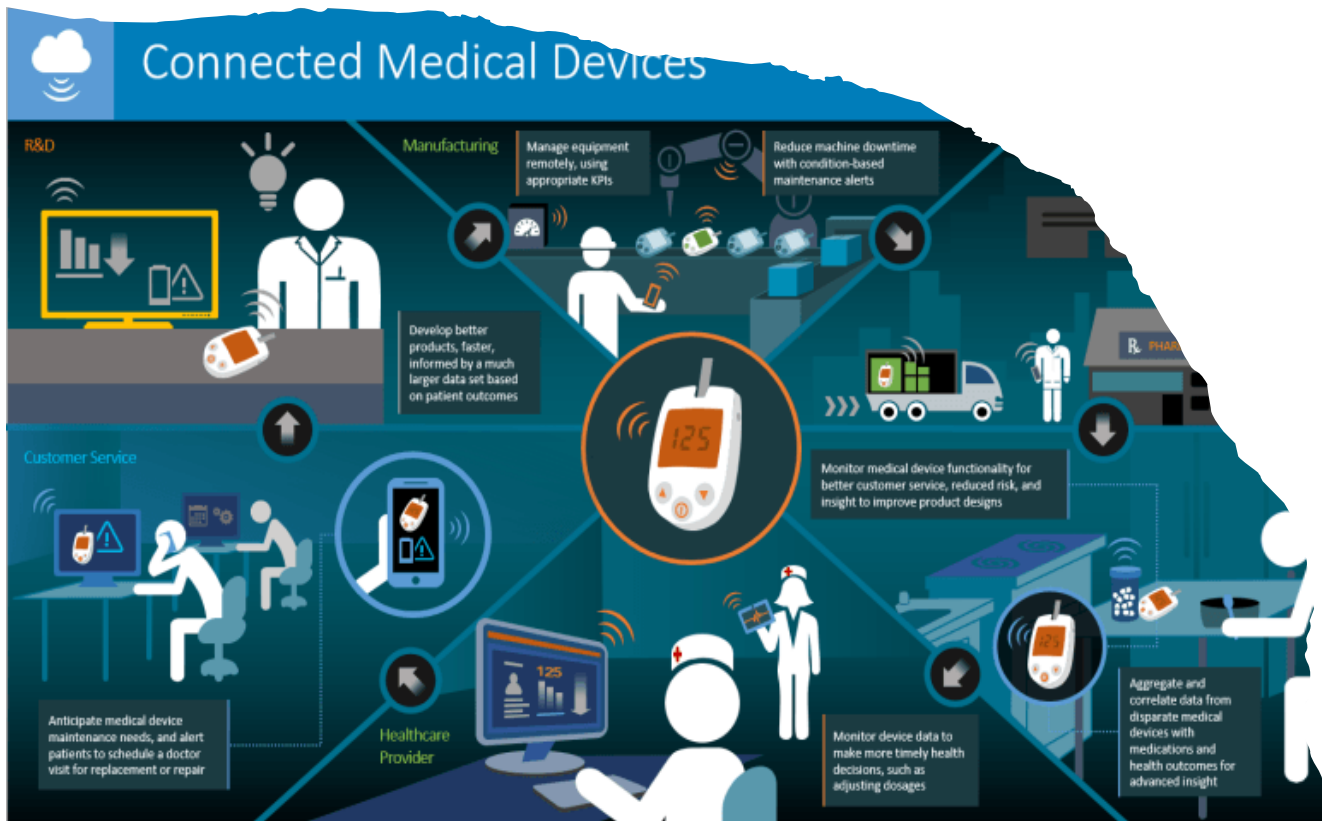
Complex and fast  
evolving  
regulatory  
landscape

Regulatory  
overlapping

Fragmentation  
risks

Regulatory  
uncertainty

# MDCG 2019-16 GENERAL OBSERVATIONS



Not legally binding

Superficially addresses connection between soft law instrument and hard law

does not include explicit definitions nor reference to terms such as "cybersecurity," "security-by-design," and "security-by-default."

Fails to further clarify notion of "Cybersecurity is shared responsibilities"

No reference to ethics

"Outdated"

# Cybersecurity Toolbox for Connected Medical Devices



## KU Leuven: Legal and Ethical Partner in CYLCOMED Project

- **Role:** Ensures ethical and legally compliant use of innovative solutions to enhance the cybersecurity of connected medical devices (CMDs).
- **Expertise:** Develops an ethical and legal framework addressing privacy, data protection, CMD regulations, and cybersecurity legislation.
- **Track Record:** Renowned for expertise in AI, autonomous systems, data protection, eHealth, ethics & law, intellectual property, media, telecommunications, and cybersecurity. Longstanding partner in large international and interdisciplinary research projects.



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