



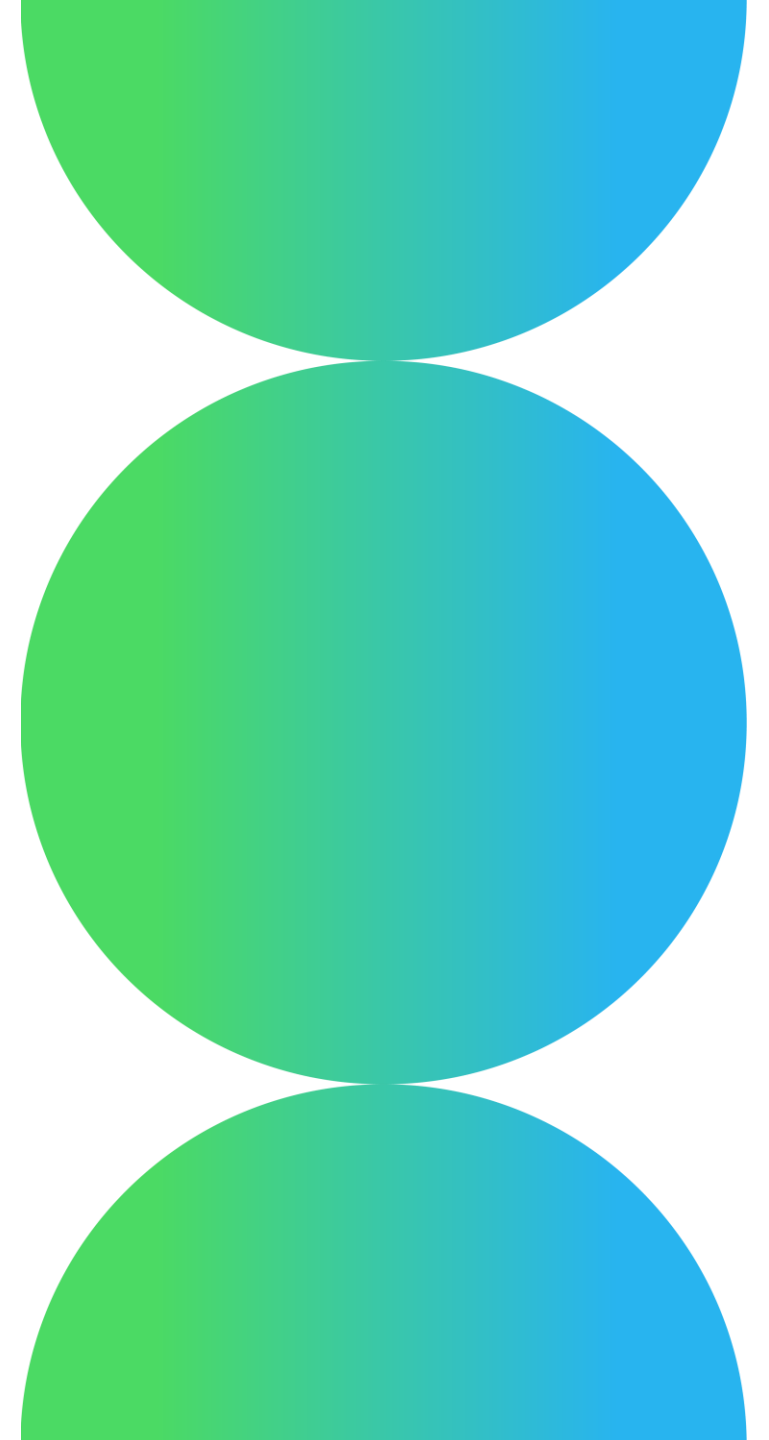
BRINGING ORDR TO CHAOS

HIPAA/HITECH New Rules: More Than Just a Checklist

Use the latest rules as an opportunity to enhance security.

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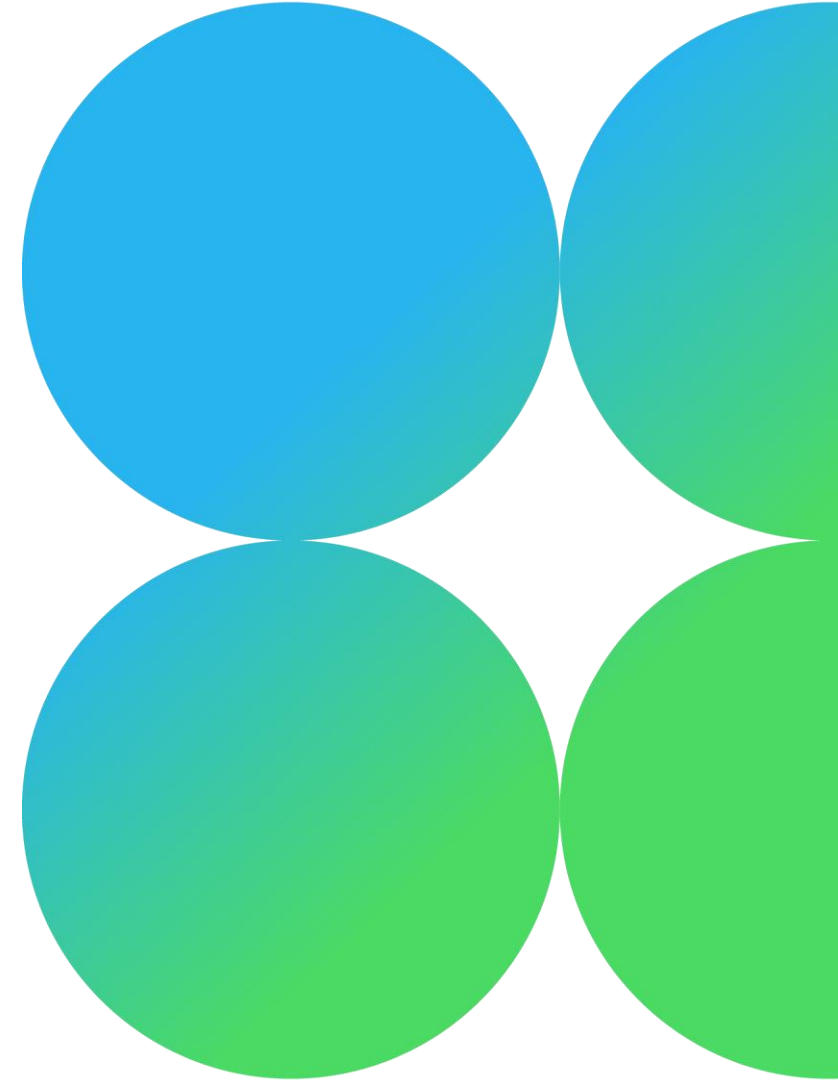
- 20-year Air Force veteran: Korean linguist then CIO
- Scripps, Seattle Children's, Sutter
- Imprivata and now ORDR!
- CHIME/HIMSS member since 1993

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What's the Latest

- Released for comment (Jan 6) → Paused by Trump administration
- Once unpaused, compliance required in 180 days
- Industry opposition: CHIME, AHA, AMA, and others
- Reality check: Rules would improve healthcare security, but organizations are delaying action

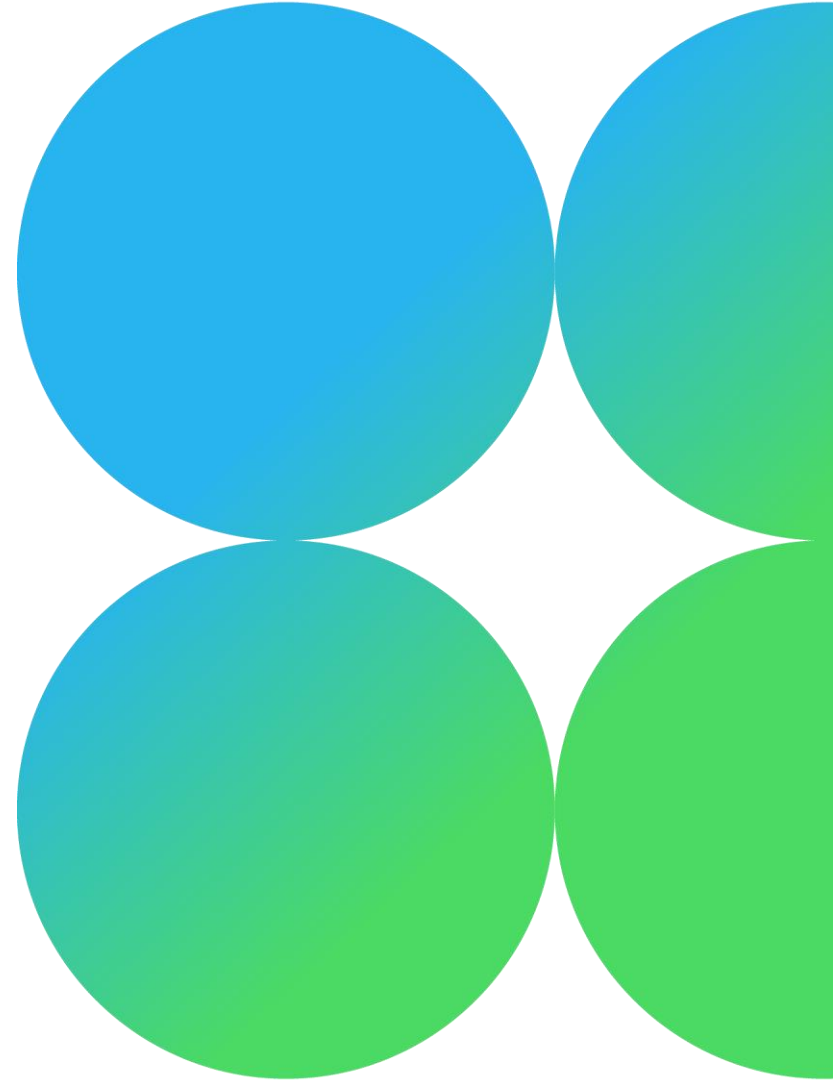


Why Do They Matter

- **Similar to existing rules, but with enforcement teeth**
- “Addressable” controls now required (OCR enforceable)
- “You shall” replaces “You should”

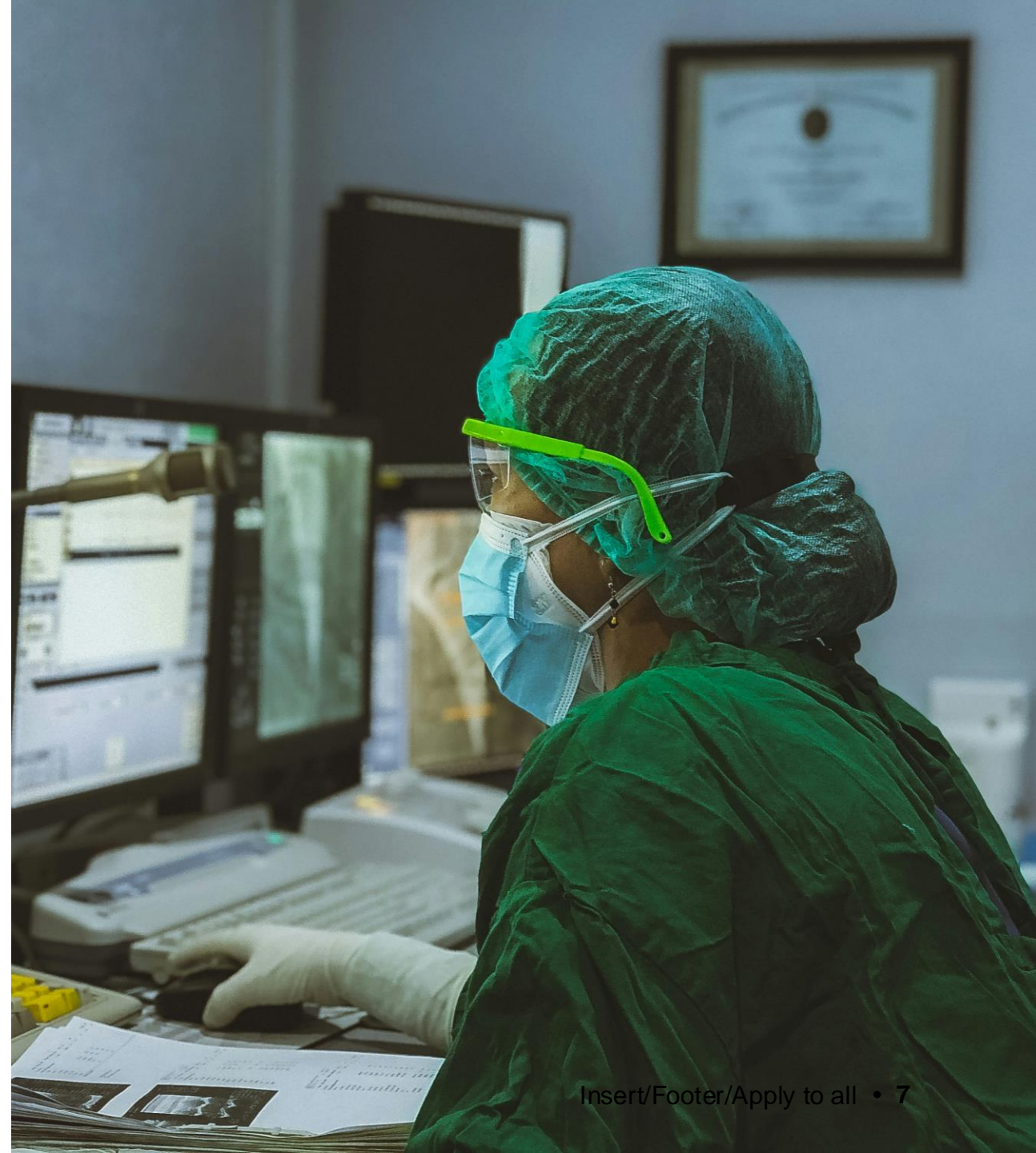
- **Clear rationale behind each rule**
- Explains "why" behind each rule with real-world examples

- **Preemptively addresses common objections**
- Includes **cost-benefit analysis** for internal buy-in (verify figures)



Quick Impressions

- **It's long – 450+ pages**, covering:
 - Administrative safeguards
 - Technical controls
 - Failure examples (justifying changes)
 - Cost-benefit analysis (shows immediate ROI)
- **Bottom line:** It's all about **protecting ePHI!**



Top “Must-Do’s” for CTOs/CISOs

Map real-time ePHI flow

with full asset inventory (IT, IoMT, IoT, OT)

- **Monitor** vulnerabilities, installed software, users, & locations
- **Align with new rules:** Anything affecting ePHI must be mapped

Segment systems

clinical (ePHI) from non-clinical & other clinical systems

- **Isolate** critical systems to **reduce attack blast zones**
- **Example:** EHR & CV systems **must not share** network zones

Real-time vuln/patch status

Of every connected device within your organization

- **Ensure** compliance with CVE patching requirements
- **Prioritize remediation** based on asset risk & exposure

Start with Inventory

“While maintaining an accurate and thorough inventory of technology assets is not currently an explicit requirement of the Security Rule, it is clearly a fundamental component....”

ALL things in real time

Devices

- What they are
- Vuln/patch level
- Who owns it

People: Unique identifiers for both people and devices

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ePHI

Where is it?

How does it move within your organization?

- Where are the start/end points
- Which network gear does it go through
- Is it encrypted at all points in the journey

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Vulnerabilities/Patches

- Inventory must include vulnerability data for compliance
- Traditional scanners miss OT, IoT, IoMT — know your gaps
- HHS mandates remediation for Critical (15 days) & High (30 days) CVEs

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Final Thoughts

- The New Rules are a win for healthcare IT and the customers we serve.
- Inventory is your keystone — if it's only 70% accurate... well, good luck. (CMDB?)
- With real-time, accurate inventory, the New Rules aren't onerous—they're necessary.

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